

# First Presbyterian Church of Ellerbe N.C., PCA

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11:00 A. M. Sunday, February 16, 2025

**Psalms 118:24** This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prelude  
Call to Worship John 4:24

\*Hymn – “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” No. 250  
\*Prayer of Invocation and Lord’s Prayer Mr. Layton  
Welcome and Announcements

\*Apostle’s Creed (located on inside back cover of hymnal)  
\*Gloria Patri No. 559

Children’s Sermon Rickie DeWitt, Ruling Elder  
Responsive Reading – #29 “New Heavens and a New Earth” No. 1252  
Rickie DeWitt, Ruling Elder  
Special Music First Presbyterian Church Choir  
Pastoral Prayer Mr. Layton

\*Hymn – “God Will Take Care of You” No. 426  
Offering  
\*Doxology No. 554  
\*Prayer for Offering & Illumination

Scripture: Ephesians 5:22-24

Sermon: “The Wife’s Witness” Mr. Layton

\*Hymn – “I Surrender All” No. 378

\*Benediction Mr. Layton

First Presbyterian Church welcomes you to our worship service. We are glad you have joined us to worship this Lord’s Day.

\*Standing if able

## SCHEDULE OF THE WEEK

### SUNDAY:

Sunday School ..... 10:00 AM  
Morning Worship Service ..... 11:00 AM  
Valentines Luncheon ..... Noon  
Evening Worship Service ..... 600 PM

### WEDNESDAY:

Revival Prayer (conference room) ..... 6:00 PM  
Session Meeting ..... 7;00 PM

### SATURDAY:

Trip to Solus Christus .....  
Central Carolina Presbytery (at RTS-Charlotte) ..... 9:00 AM

**PRAYER LIST:** President and other national leaders, the Persecuted Church and Christians worldwide, Samuel Austin, Beverly Sears Barber, Christian Barrett, Daniel Brown, Billy Carter, Mary Ellen Carter, Ted Carter, Vera Carter, Vergie Clark, Kevin Conner, Ronald Lee Cook, Kevin Craven, Tony Craven, Alli Cundy, Cindy Daniels, Sharon DeWitt, Ruby Dunn, Ellerbe First Responders, Carsyn Faile, Fred Fletcher, Mark Futrell, Deborah Greene, Jessica H., Becky Henderson, Pete Herron, Nancy Wallace Hunter, Melanie Johnson, Shirley Lovin, Donna McCormick, Bill McFayden, Patsy Dunn McIntyre, Julia McIntosh, Shannon McNeil, Ricky Monroe, Trevor Moss, Morgan North, Leo Poole, Sophia Potterfield, Barbara Sears, Doris Sears, Tina Sellers, Herman Stutts, Tim Ward, Mica Way, Amanda Watson, Donna White, Hayley White, Alan and Tanya Williams, Curtis Wright, unspoken requests.

**NURSERY:** See announcement in bulletin.....

**STATISTICS:** Attendance Last Sunday.....55  
Offering Last Sunday.....\$3,200.00  
Columns.....\$8,984.00  
Solus Christus Home.....\$ 815.00

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VISITORS:** Visitors are encouraged to fill out the guest cards in the pews and turn them in the offering plate. Visitors who are interested in church membership or would like a “pastoral visit” should simply let Pastor Layton or one of the elders know.

**PRELUDE:** While the prelude is played, we encourage everyone to silently prepare their hearts to worship God.

**NURSERY ANNOUNCEMENT:** Our nursery is available to infants and children up through four years old. If you wish to have your child stay in the nursery during church, please tell the greeter at the door and one of the nursery volunteers will be available for you. The nursery is located just beyond the door at the side of the organ. Please feel free to take advantage of our nursery.

**CATECHISM MEMORY QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WSC 24**  
How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet? **A.** Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

**RADIO SERVICE:** Our weekly worship service is being aired on radio frequency FM 87.9 within the immediate vicinity of the church. We invite those who are unable to worship inside to listen outside.

**REPAIRS TO COLUMNS:** Anyone wishing to give toward the repair of the columns in the front of the sanctuary should designate their check “church columns.”

**SOUPER BOWL FOOD DRIVE:** The Women’s Ministry is collecting non-perishable food for the annual “Souper Bowl” food drive. There is a box placed in the vestibule for the donations and the collection will run through February. All food collected will be delivered to our local food bank to be distributed to those in need in our area. Thank you for supporting this most worthy ministry.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT ELDERS:** A congregational meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. As per the PCA *Book of Church Order* chapter 24, the purpose of this meeting is to vote on the following men for the office of Ruling Elder: Chris Meacham, Mark Tyson, and Tommy White. Please continue in prayer as we continue in the process toward the election of new elders.

**PRAYER WITH THE PASTOR:** Each Wednesday from 6:00 – 6:55 PM Pastor Stan will be in the conference room for prayer with anyone who would like to join him. This time will be dedicated to praying for the church, including its members, officers, meetings, ministries, services, etc.. During February and March, a significant portion of this time will be dedicated to praying for our upcoming Revival services March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**VALENTINES LUNCHEON:** Everyone is invited to our annual Valentine’s Luncheon which will be immediately following the worship service. The Women’s Ministry is serving the meal in the fellowship hall.

**LOVE GIFT OFFERING:** The annual Love Gift offering will benefit Solus Christus, a residential steppingstone for women who desire freedom from substance abuse by transforming women through hope, healing, and recovery in Christ. The offering will remain open through today. Please make a note on your check that it is to be used for this purpose. For complete information about this ministry, visit [www.soluscristusinc.org](http://www.soluscristusinc.org).

**OPEN HOUSE AT SOLUS CHRISTUS:** Solus Christus is hosting an open house for our church on this Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lunch is included. The church bus will depart at 8:30 am and return at approximately 3:00pm. A total number of attendees is needed, so please RSVP to WM Secretary Jan Stivers by Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> (910-995-3975 or [kevinandjan90@gmail.com](mailto:kevinandjan90@gmail.com)). Donations of clean, gently used clothing along with hygiene products and make-up is being collected for delivery on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Donations may be left in the old fellowship hall main room. No products with alcohol (example: hand sanitizer) can be used. For complete information about this ministry visit [www.soluschristusinc.org](http://www.soluschristusinc.org).

**WOMEN’S MINISTRY MONTHLY MEETING:** The Women’s Ministry will next meet Tuesday, Feb 25 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. President Beth Meacham is providing the meal and leading the lesson. The next lesson is Lesson 4 *Controlling Our Appetites* from the book *Fruit of the Spirit/Mastering Our Passions*. If you need a copy of the lesson, please reach out to a WM officer. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Copies of the 2025 church directory are available in the vestibule.

**CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY:** Mark your calendars for a church clean-up day, Saturday, March 22 at 9:00 am. The Town of Ellerbe will have a dumpster truck at the church. Everyone is welcome to participate.

**PRESBYTERY MEETING:** Central Carolina Presbytery will meet this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte. Please keep the worship and work of presbytery in prayer.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** We rejoice with Victoria and George Bolger over the birth of Banks McCoy who was born this past Tuesday. We join big brother Miles in welcoming this joyful addition to the family.

**Memorials Given in Loving Memory of**

**Austin Bryant**

Bill and Janie Carter

**Naomi Stutts**

Bill and Janie Carter