



FIRST
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH

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A PLACE
A PURPOSE

Holy COMMUNION SUNDAY



SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 4, 2026

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



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VISION STATEMENT: *The disciples of First Congregational Church vision is to obediently follow the Lord Jesus becoming more Christ-like in character and effective in ministry to others. By the power of the Holy Spirit we pray to reach, reconcile and restore lives to Jesus Christ by proclaiming the glorious Gospel of the Kingdom. Our vision will be realized when we have reached Christ-like maturity, the Gospel has been proclaimed in all the world, and the Kingdom of God has been fully established in the new age.*

MISSION STATEMENT: *The mission of First Congregational Church is to obey Christ's command to seek and save the lost; to preach and teach the Word of God; to make and empower disciples through increasing and promoting our love for God and His word; to help meet the needs of human kind by "loving God with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our minds, so that it will mold and fashion our lives, and to love our neighbor as ourselves."*



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October 4 2026

11:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Celebration
Worship Leader — Rev. Carolyn Ingram

- *CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Carolyn Ingram
- *OPENING SELECTION..... Congregation in Unison
- *INVOCATION..... Congregation in Unison

*Gracious and loving God,
we thank You for bringing us together.*

*We have come to worship You,
to hear Your Word,
and to be renewed by Your Spirit.*

*May everything, we say and do
bring glory and honor to Your name.*

*Have Your way in this place,
and have Your way in us.*

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER..... Rev. Carolyn Ingram

CHORAL RESPONSE Cunningham-Ingram Gospel Choir

RECOGNITION OF
VISITORS Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

Announcements

***Denotes to stand**

OFFERTORY

APPEAL & PRAYER.....

DOXOLOGY.....Congregation in Unison

PREPARATION

SELECTION Cunningham-Ingram Gospel Choir

Pastoral Remarks
Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

HOLY SCRIPTURE

READING Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston
Leviticus 6:8-13

PRE-SERMONIC. MEDITATION

SELECTION Cunningham-Ingram Gospel Choir

SERMON

Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

SONG OF

INVITATION Cunningham-Ingram Gospel Choir

CALL TO

DISCIPLESHIP Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

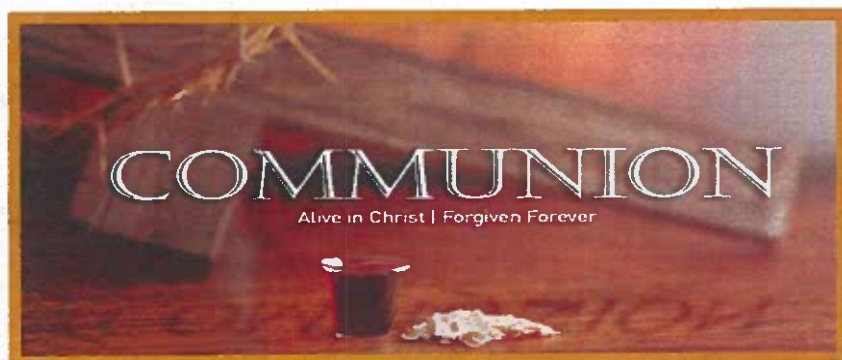
Sister Janice Vick-Pianist
Brother Todd Freeman-Drummer
Cunningham-Ingram Gospel Choir

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

HOLY COMMUNION OBSERVANCE



INVITATION TO
HOLY COMMUNION... ..*Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston**

APOSTLES' CREED*Congregation in Unison*

COMMUNION
PRAYER.... ..*Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston*

PARTAKING OF
BREAD AND CUP..... ..*Congregation in Unison*

* CLOSING
SONG *Cunningham/Ingram Gospel Singers*

* THE BENEDICTION*Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston*

*Sister Janice Vick, Pianist
Brother Todd Freeman, Drummer*

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

**Congregation in Unison*

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the creator of heaven and earth,
and
in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried.
He descended into hell; the third day
He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and
sits at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty,
whence He shall come to judge
the living
and
the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and
life everlasting.
Amen.*

**Denotes to stand*

ANNA INTERCESSORY PRAYER OCTOBER 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>Peace and Unity in Our Country</i> <i>Mavis Weldon</i>	2 <i>Wisdom & Discernment in Our Daily Lives</i> <i>Gloria Wilder</i>	3 <i>Glorious Worship Service</i> <i>Emma Dorssett</i>
5 <i>Revival & Spiritual Awakening for the Church Universal</i> <i>Worship Leader</i>	6 <i>Proclaim The Gospel To The Unsaved</i> <i>Grady Walston</i>	7 <i>Pray God's Word For Intercessory Prayer List</i> <i>Linda Allen</i>	8 <i>God's Protection During our Daily Lives</i> <i>K. Whitaker</i>	9 <i>All Law Enforcement Officers</i> <i>Donald Ingram</i>	10 <i>Glorious Worship Service</i> <i>Sandra Dunn</i>
12 <i>Church Take The Gospel Outside The 4 Walls</i> <i>Worship Leader</i>	13 <i>Backsliders to Repent</i> <i>Grady Perkins</i>	14 <i>Pray God's Word For Intercessory Prayer List</i> <i>Linda Bowden</i>	15 <i>FCC Spiritual Maturity/Growth in the Lord</i> <i>Mardecia Bell</i>	16 <i>Persons in Prisons & Their Families</i> <i>Natale Perkins</i>	17 <i>Glorious Worship Service</i> <i>William Walker</i>
19 <i>Hedge of Protection Over Youth Worldwide</i> <i>Worship Leader</i>	20 <i>FCC Leaders to Seek the Wisdom of God</i> <i>Arnold Bell</i>	21 <i>Pray God's Word For Intercessory Prayer List</i> <i>Linda Wilson</i>	22 <i>Those Dealing With Homelessness</i> <i>Monica Jones</i>	23 <i>All Care Givers</i> <i>Norma Hodge</i>	24 <i>Glorious Worship Service</i> <i>Patrice Hinton</i>
26 <i>Protection & Safety of Our Elderly Nationwide</i> <i>Worship Leader</i>	27 <i>Prayer and Safety At Our Schools and Universities</i> <i>Lamonte Jones</i>	28 <i>Pray God's Word For Intercessory Prayer List</i> <i>Amelia Judd</i>	29 <i>Peace, Growth Wisdom Within The Life Of Our Church</i> <i>Bessie Bukhay</i>	30 <i>Praying For The Nations</i> <i>Lillian McNeill</i>	31 <i>Glorious Worship Service</i> <i>Mavis Weldon</i>

***I am the vine, ye are the branches:
He that abideth in me, and I in him,
the same bringeth forth much fruit:***

***for without me ye
can do nothing.***

John 15:5 KJV

Heavenly Father, we come before You with grateful hearts, thanking You for placing us together as a church family. Thank You for Your grace, mercy, and constant presence in our lives.

Lord, we ask that You knit our hearts together in Christian love. Help us to live with humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another. Heal any divisions, soothe any hurt, and let Your peace rule among us so that our unity points the world to Jesus.

For Spiritual Growth

Father, strengthen every member in our inner being by Your Spirit. Draw us deeper into Your Word. Give us a hunger to know You more, to mature in our faith, and to reflect Your truth in our daily lives, our families, and our workplaces

For Our Leaders and Service

Grant wisdom to our pastors, and ministry leaders. Give them courage, clear vision, and servant hearts. Equip every single member to use their unique gifts to serve one another and share the hope of the Gospel in our local community.

For Comfort and Provision

Lord, for those among us who are sick, grieving, tired, or facing financial and physical burdens, please draw near. Be their strength and provider, and let us be Your hands and feet to support them. In Jesus' mighty name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER MINISTRY-SISTER ANNIE HOLLOWAY

I N T E R C E S S O R Y



**Mrs. Patricia Avery, Miss Carnetta Blakely,
Mrs. Jessie Freeman, Deaconess Lossie Hackett,
Deacon Donzell Hunter, Mrs. Yvonne Johnson,
Mrs. Amelia Judd, Deaconess Geraldine Lee,
Mrs. Irene Marks, Mrs. Lillian McNeill,
Deaconess Beatrice Todd, Deaconess Victoria Walker**

Ms. Mary Allen, (Sister of Deacon Crinnle Allen)

Mrs. Constance Becoat, (Dearest Friend of Carolyn Johnson)

Mr. David Bradley, (Brother of Deaconess Victoria Walker)

Ms. Pauline Burton (Family Friend of Mrs. Lillian McNeill)

Mr. Dameon Everett, (Nephew of Mrs. Patsy Rowland)

Mr. Charlie Farnham (Family Friend of Mrs. Lillian McNeill)

Mr. Donald Freeman, Jr. (Son of Mr. Donald Freeman, Sr.)

Mr. Randolph Frazier (Friend of Ms. Daisler Watson)

**Mr. Mrs. Howard & Jackie Haywood,
(Coworker of Mrs. Doris McKoy)**

Mrs. Mary Johnson, (Sister of Mrs. Lillian McNeill)

Dr. Nikki Johnson, (Friend of Mrs. Lillian McNeill)

Ms. Stephanie Knowlin, (Ms. Carnetta Blakely's Caregiver)

Mr. Paul Lee (Husband of Deaconess Geraldine Lee)

Mr. Raymond Perkins (Brother of Deacon Grady Perkins)

Mr. John Poole, (Brother of Mrs. Cheryl Dendy)

Mrs. Carolyn Hicks Perryman (Sister of Mr. Freddie Hicks)

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith (Cousin Mr. Jarvis Richardson)

P R A Y E R L I S T



REX MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS
for SCREENING MAMMOGRAMS



**Breast
Cancer**

**Awareness
Month**



First Congregational Church

ANNUAL PINK TEA

Saturday

OCTOBER 10, 2026

1:00 pm

*October is Breast Cancer Awareness month.
The annual Pink Tea will be held on October 10.
Current medical information regarding
the subject will be provided and
survivors of breast cancer
will be recognized.*

*We are also happy to announce that
First Congregational Church
will again be partnering with
UNC Rex Mammography Mobile Program
to offer screenings here at the church.*

*Registration forms for those interested can be found
on the table at the back of the church today .
If you have any questions, please contact
Dr. Hope Saulter
Health Ministry Coordinator*

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
PRESENTS

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR *Revival*

3 NIGHTS • ONE PURPOSE • ONE POWERFUL GOD



WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 7
Rev. Dr.
**BANKOLE
AKINBINU**
BAPTIST GROVE
CHOIR



THURSDAY
OCTOBER 8
Rev. Dr.
**HARRY L.
WHITE**
WATTS CHAPEL
CHOIR



FRIDAY
OCTOBER 9
Rev. Dr.
**DARIAN
BOUIE**
FIRST BAPTIST
CHOIR

POW'ERFUL PR'ACHING
ANointed WORSHIP
KINGDOM IMPACT

COME READY.
LEAVE CHANGED.

BRING A FRIEND
BRING YOUR GITH
COME EXPECTING!

SERVICE BEGINS RIGHTLY
AT 7:00 PM

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Church family, get ready because Revival 2026 is almost here, and we are expecting a powerful, spirit-filled time in the Lord!

Beginning **Wednesday, October 7**, we will welcome Rev. Dr. Bankole Akinbinu, Senior Pastor of Baptist Grove Church, along with the Baptist Grove Choir.

Then on **Thursday, October 8**, we will be blessed by Rev. Dr. Harry L. White, Jr., Senior Pastor of Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, along with the Watts Chapel Choir.

And we will close out on Friday, **October 9**, with Rev. Dr. Darian C. Bouie, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Raleigh, along with the First Baptist Choir.

Three nights, three powerful preachers, and three dynamic choirs!

Each night promises to be an exciting time of worship, preaching, praise, and renewal in the presence of the Lord. So, invite your family, invite your friends, and make plans now to join us because it is going to be an incredible three nights as we come together expecting God to move in a powerful way!

Prayer For Our Revival Ministers

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!
Romans 10:15 (NKJV)

Mighty God, we come before You lifting up all revival ministers. Pour out Your Holy Spirit afresh upon them. Grant them deep personal conviction, spiritual cleansing, and a renewed fire for Your Word.

Father, we seek and call upon You for revival. We ask You to bring about a supernatural work in our church, community, and region. We pray You'll make people hungry for God once again, beginning with us. And all for the sake of Your Kingdom.

We pray for our Revival Ministers; protect them from weariness, discouragement, and the pressures of this world. Give them uncommon boldness to preach the Gospel without compromise. Let a true spirit of repentance and revival begin in us as they preach the Word of God to Your people. Let it reach outward into our homes and communities.

Draw us, beckon us, and speak to us. Call us by name and convince us of Your love. Bring down spiritual powers that distract, tempt, numb, confuse, and deceive. Open our hearts and minds to Your Truth, Word and Way. Convict us of our sin and our need for our Savior.

Eclipse every other longing, desire, and pursuit. Bring back the wanderer, wayward and rebellious. Reach those who've never heard. Enlighten those who don't understand. Save the lost. Heal the broken. Rescue those far away.

Please use our church and our lives as catalysts for renewal, restoration and revival. We've heard of Your great works; please do them again in our day. And all for the glory, honor and praise of Jesus Christ, our crucified, resurrected, and returning Lord and King. In Jesus' name, Amen.

FCC Prayer Ministry—Sister Annie Holloway

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 5-11, 2026



Monday 05 5:00 pm Male Chorus Rehearsal

Tuesday 06 6:45 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday 07th thru Friday 9th

20256 REVIVAL

Fanning the Flames



Thursday 08 3:00 pm CIGS Choir Rehearsal

Saturday 10 9:00 am Trustee Ministry Meeting
1:00 pm Pink Tea

Sunday 11 9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am **Worship Celebration**
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