FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Monday	09	5:00 pm	Male Chorus Rehearsal
Tuesday	10	5:00 pm	Combined Choir Rehearsal
		6:09 pm	Finance Ministry
		6:45 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	11	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
		7:00 pm	Bible Study
Thursday	12	1:00 pm	Health Ministry
		5:00 pm	Combined Choir Rehearsal
Friday	13	9:00 am	Mammography Bus
		5:00 pm	Male Chorus Rehearsal
Saturday	14		OPEN
Sunday	15	9:30 am	Sunday School
		11:00 am	Worship Celebration
			1st Year Pastoral Anniversary
			Rev. Dr. A.W. Fullwood

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FAITH | COMMUNITY | PURPOSE

A PEOPLE
A PLACE
A PURPOSE

LIVING WITH AN ATTITUDE OF *Gratitude*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026

November 8, 2026 11:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Celebration
Worship Leader — Rev. Dr. Paulette Kearney

*CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . *Rev. Dr. Paulette Kearney*

*OPENING SELECTION. . . . . *" O I Want To See Him" #41*

*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. Dr. Paulette Kearney*

CHORAL RESPONSE . . . . . *"I'm Free"*

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS . . . . . *Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston*

Announcements

* *Denotes To Stand*

OFFERTORY APPEAL & PRAYER. . . . . *Rev. Dr. Paulette Kearney*

DOXOLOGY. . . . . *Congregation In Unison*

PREPARATION SELECTION . . . . . *"Jesus Saves"*

REMARKS
Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

HOLY SCRIPTURE READING . . . . . *Rev. J. Alexander Leaston*
Philippians 4:10–13

PRE-SERMONIC. MEDITATION SELECTION
"Blessed Quietness"

SERMON
Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

*SONG OF INVITATION. . . . . *Male Chorus*

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP . . . . . *Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston*

CLOSING SONG. . . . . *Male Chorus*

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

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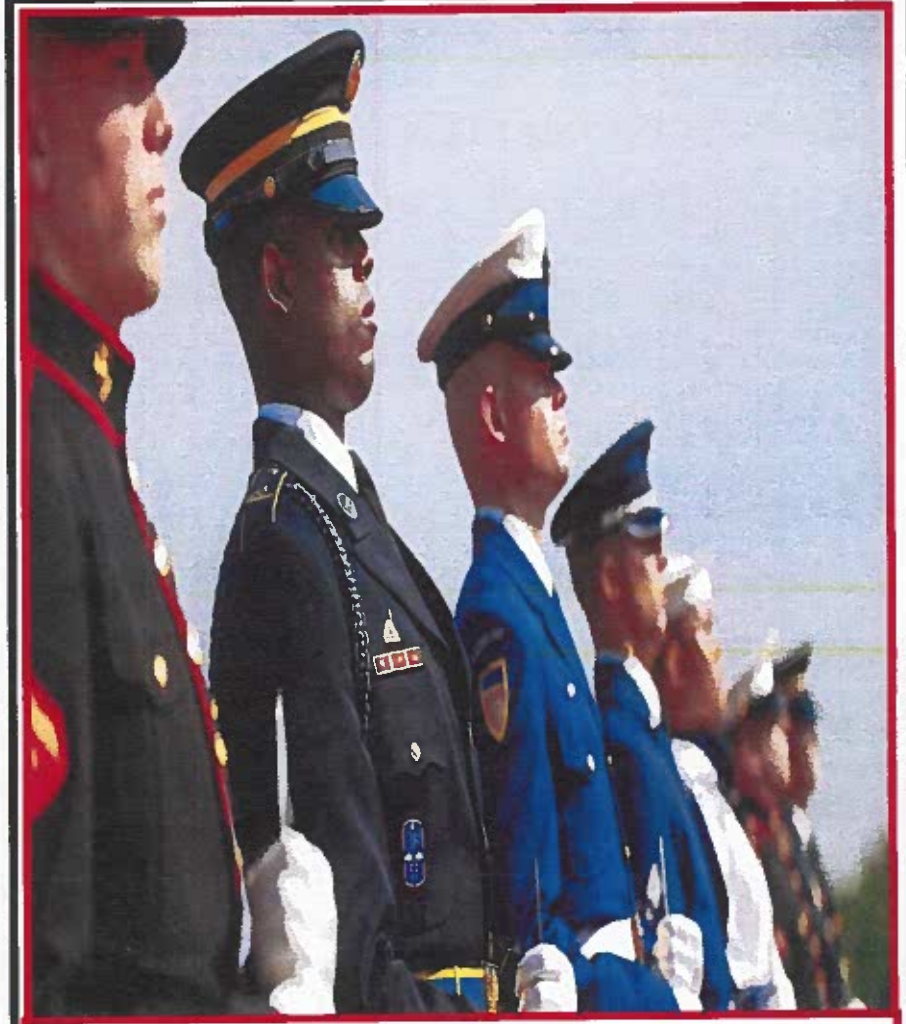
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REMEMBERING YOUR BRAVERY!

THANK YOU FOR PROTECTING MY FREEDOM

HAPPY VETERANS DAY!

NOVEMBER 11, 2026





ARMY & ARMY RESERVE VETERANS

Barbara Barnes (AKA-Bobby)

Linwood Dunn

James Evans

Douglas Freeman

Alfredo Hicks

Larry Holden

Donzell Hunter

Donald R. Ingram, Sr.

Ralph Liriano

James McDougal

Donald Mial

Deborah Savage

Lisa Stewart

Grady Perkins

William Walker



*DECEASED

US MARINE CORP VETERANS

Crinnie Allen

Steven Bell

Benjamin T. Guess

Immanuel Bynum Guess

Christopher Williams

AIR FORCE VETERANS

Wades Judd

LaMonte Jones

Paul Lee

NAVY VETERANS

Phillip Hinnant



Please join us next
Sunday, November 15, 2026,
at 11:00 a.m.,
as we joyfully celebrate
Pastor Leaston's
First Pastoral Anniversary!

This special occasion is an opportunity to give God thanks for His faithfulness and all He has done in the life of First Congregational Church over the past year.

Our guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. A. W. Fullwood of Riley Hill Baptist Church. Come with grateful hearts and joyful spirits as we honor our pastor and praise God for what is yet to come!



COMING SOON TO FCC! — Building Community Together (BCT) Small Groups

FCC family, something exciting is on the horizon! First Congregational Church is preparing to launch Building Community Together (BCT), a small-group fellowship initiative designed to strengthen relationships beyond Sunday morning worship.

Groups will connect through Bible conversations, social gatherings, golf, bowling, walking, and more. Just as the early church gathered in fellowship, shared meals, and grew together in faith, our prayer is that we grow closer to one another and welcome others into our community.

Whether you have been part of FCC for years or are just getting to know us, there is a place for you! Stay tuned for more information.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE
FCC CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

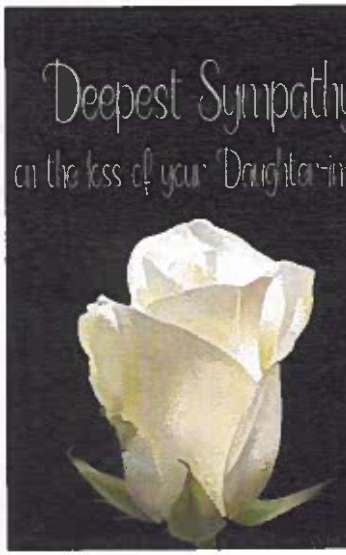
Nominations are now being accepted for the following positions for 2027.

Please obtain each individual's consent before submitting their name for nomination.

Sunday School Superintendent & Asst. Superintendent
Treasurer & Asst. Treasurer
Church Clerk & Asst. Clerk
Deaconess
Deacons
Trustees
Two Members at Large

Please submit all nominations to Deaconess Victoria Walker or Mrs. Carolyn Johnson no later than Sunday, December 6, 2026.

Thank you for participating in the FCC nomination process and helping our church community grow through faithful service.



Condolences to Our Church Families

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of Mrs. Cheryl Dendy, Rev. Carolyn Ingram, Mr. Alfredo Hicks, and Mr. Martin Banks, as they mourn the loss of their loved ones. Please keep these families close in your prayers.

Mrs. Cheryl Dendy and family mourn the passing of her nephew, Gregory Poole. The funeral service will be held at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at Pleasant Union Christian Church, 2321 Pleasant Union Church Road, Raleigh, NC. Visitation will precede the service at 11:30 AM. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Rev. Carolyn Ingram and family mourn the passing of her cousins, Helen Oakley, who passed away on October 29, 2026, and Mary Oakley, the funeral was Wednesday, November 4, 2026, both in Oxford, NC.

Mr. Alfredo Hicks and family mourn the passing of his brother-in-law, Joseph Graham, who passed away on Monday, November 2, 2026. **Public viewing:** Saturday, November 7, 2026, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Lee Funeral Home, 2500 Poole Road, Raleigh, NC. **Graveside service and interment:** Monday, November 9, 2026, at 1:00 PM at Caroline Biblical Gardens, 1530 Creech Road, Garner, NC.

Mr. Martin Banks and Family mourn the passing of his cousin's wife, Bonnie McMillan Haynes. The funeral was held on November 2, 2026, in Bear, Delaware.

May God's peace and comfort surround all three families, and may they be strengthened by the love and prayers of our church family.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LISTING

Mrs. Patricia Avery, Mrs. Lillar Barnes, Miss Carnetta Blakely, Mrs. Jessie Freeman, Ms. Sharon Guess, Deacon Donzell Hunter, Mrs. Yvonne Johnson, Mrs. Amelia Judd, Deaconess Geraldine Lee, Deaconess Beatrice Todd, Deaconess Victoria Walker

Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. 3 John 1:2 (NIV)

Ms. Mary Allen, (Sister of Deacon Crinnie 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. Charles Farnham (Family Friend of Mrs. Lillian McNeill)

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

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)

Harold & Kenneth Lilly (Friends of Deacon Grady Perkins)

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)