

*A Brief Overview*  
*First Presbyterian Church, Belmont, NC*

First Presbyterian Church in Belmont, North Carolina, is a congregation of believers who proclaim the Christian Gospel with integrity and conviction through empowerment by the Holy Spirit as well as challenging this congregation of believers by offering inspirational worship opportunities through ordained and professional staff. The church has sought in its recent history to inspire the community around it as well by offering that community numerous opportunities to experience the gifts of music, education, and Bible study through various staff members.

FPC has approximately 800 members to date with church attendance on any given Sunday around 200. Outdoor worship was implemented in 2016 on the spacious grounds of the church during the warm months, adding variety to the worship options. The church utilizes a wide variety of musical instruments and traditional church instruments to minister to the individuals that make up its membership. There is a welcoming and encouraging attitude towards the community of Belmont and those who have special talents that want to share them with the congregation. The largest age group in the church is the 26-45 year old group of adults and the second largest group is in the under 25-year-old category. The church also has an active day school program that experiences the benefit of a Christian learning environment and a highly interactive program put on by church staff.

The Mission Statement of the church is as follows, which we believe serves the higher purpose of the Christian faith: “Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are a caring fellowship of Christian believers. In gratitude to God, we enthusiastically seek to glorify God and serve Jesus Christ in our daily lives; proclaim the Gospel; and minister prayerfully to all God’s people through worship, education, fellowship, and service.” The Session of First Presbyterian Church Belmont adopted this mission statement in early 2000.