

First Presbyterian Church

October 13, 2024

11:00 am



Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Teresa de Freitas

How Great Thou Art

Arr. By Larry Beebe

Welcome

Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

* Call to Worship

Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth,

worship the Lord with gladness.

Come before him with joyful songs,

for it is God who made us, and we are his.

We are God's people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,

and God's courts with praise.

Let us worship the Lord.

* Hymn 714

God of the Fertile Fields

* Confession of Sin

**God our Father,
if we are honest, we do not always want to pray.
Nor do we want to be still and to listen for your voice.
We see only the here and now
and idolize the powers of this world.
We prefer to pursue our own will,
secure our own resources,
and glorify our own ability.
Open our ears, living one, and teach us to pray.
Not so that we have the right words,
but so that you may encounter us
and transform our lives.**

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Response 581

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.***

Proclamation of the Word

Children's Message

Meredith Honeycutt

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-29

Scripture: Exodus 16:2-3,11-21

Sermon

Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

Moment for Reflection

Trust and Obey
Arr. By Carol Tornquist

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith

The United Church of Canada

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,**

**to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.**

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice
and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Announcements & Celebrations

Minute for Ministries

John Cave

Offering

Offertory

Sanctuary Choir
Flute: Savannah Lucas
Jean Wurster

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Arr. By Mack Wilberg

* Doxology 654

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.***

* Prayer of Dedication

Sending to share the Word

* Hymn 694

Great God of Every Blessing

* Benediction

* Benediction Response

Farewell, Good Friends!

Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends! Shalom, shalom!

Till we meet again, till we meet again, shalom, shalom.

Postlude

Hanover
Setting by Charles Callahan

*Those who are able are invited to stand.
Bold indicates words spoken in unison.

**The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Kinder Grubb, Jr., by John and Kyna
Grubb and Troy, Kia, and
Jack Kinder Creamer.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Everyone affected by Hurricane Helene, Bill Baker, John McLaughlin, Daniel and Amy De Graaf (Dan and Karen De Graaf's son and daughter-in-law)

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Fred Aggers, Frank Eason, Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith's mother), Scott Hay, Richard Hudson, Tricia Johnson, Vonnie Jordan (Mike Jordan's mother), Doug Lynch (Roxanne Myer's brother-in-law), Andy Rowland (Jared Rowland's father), John Smith, Ryan Snyder, Ebbie Whisenant, Sharon Whittington

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays: Lara Musser Gritter, Emerson Lee, Larry Gish, Elle Blankenship, Briana Saelinger, Antonio Cervantes, Jake Alexander, Megan Adams, Carter Jenkins, Jay Fowler

Anniversaries: David and Karen Carmichael, John and Susan Muth, Austin and Savannah Lucas

MINISTRY FOCUS – DEEPLY ROOTED

Welcome! We welcome all new and returning visitors to First Pres. We are glad you're here and hope you feel God's presence as you worship and fellowship among this community of believers. Children are always welcome in worship. However, if your little one needs some time to wiggle or play, a nursery is available for infants-4 Pre-K. Please see an usher for more information.

Music! Our First Pres Concert Series continues this month. Please bring the family on Friday, October 18, at 7:00, in Lewis Hall for some fantastic music by The Salisbury Swing Band! Refreshments will be served.

Growing in Faith: Ladies of all ages – if you are looking for a Sunday School class but just don't have time for a 6-8-week Bible study, consider joining our Sisters Sunday School class this fall! They have changed their format to single Sunday lessons and/or guest speakers with one topic. Perfect for a busy mom, a college student, a grandmother, etc. who wants to connect but cannot attend every Sunday. Try Sisters from 9:45-10:30 in Room 202 (beside Dr. Kirby's office).

Music: We now have childcare for Sanctuary Choir and Handbell rehearsals on Wednesdays! Contact Teresa de Freitas at 704-636-1321 to join!

Grow in Friendship: The JOY group (55+) is having lunch at the lake at Carol and Scott Hay's house (1210 Crane View Rd) on Monday, October 21, at 11:30. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. There is a limit of 40, so make reservations with the church office early!

CORE

Media & Communications: First Pres White pullovers & White NIKE dry-fit ball caps are available for pre-paid orders only. \$25 each. Canvas tote bags and coffee mugs are also available for \$5. Use the QR Code to order.



Support: Your Church Office needs YOU! The office needs volunteers to help with counting and for the receptionist's desk. Just a few hours a month helps our staff greatly. Contact Christina or Christine for more information or to volunteer.

Maxwell Chambers Trust: The semi-annual meeting of the Maxwell Chambers Trust will be held on Monday, October 21, at 6:00, in Everyman's classroom. We need all past and current Elders to attend in order to conduct business.

Giving: Sunday: October 27 is Giving Sunday. If you have not yet turned in your completed pledge card for 2025, please bring it to worship. Also, join us for a light breakfast 9:30-10:30 in Fellowship Hall.

BRANCHING OUT

Youth: MS Lock-In – Calling all MS youth, join us for a Lock-In Friday, Oct. 25, at 6:00 pm, until Saturday morning, Oct. 26, at 7:00 am. Fun, games, a trip to The Pit, and so much more. Registration and payment (\$35) are due by Oct. 17. We must have at least 15 youth sign up. Use the QR Code to sign up and pay.



Showing Up: You can help save lives! Join us on Tuesday, October 15, 2:00-6:00, in Lewis Hall, for our quarterly Red Cross Blood Drive. Use the QR Code to reserve your time.



Showing Up: 2 Cents a Meal offering will be collected at both services on October 20. Please remember to bring in your donations that help this vital ministry.

Hurricane Helene Relief: Two ways to help! One, write a check to First Pres and note at the bottom, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. **Two,** bring in donations of non-perishable food, pet food, infant formula, diapers/wipes, feminine hygiene products, trash bags, water, toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand sanitizer, hydration powder packets, Gatorade, mops, brooms, cleaning supplies, and mold remover cleaning products to the church office during October. These items will be taken weekly to a western church to distribute directly to those in need.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Oct 13	8:30	Contemporary Worship: Lewis Hall
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages, Youth Breakfast & Bible
	11:00	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
	5:00	Youth
Oct 14	7:00	RJM Book Study
	9:30	MomCo Team
	10:30	Prayer Shawl Team
Oct 15	5:00	Fund Management Team
	10:00	Staff
	2:00-6:00	Red Cross Blood Drive
Oct 16	5:30	Race & Justice Ministry Team
	7:00	EHD Group
	9:00	Yoga
	11:00	Prof Eppehimer's Study
	5:00	Handbell Rehearsal
	5:30	Property Maintenance Team
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal, RJM Book Study
Oct 17	7:30	Youth @ the Porch Bible Study
	7:00a	MS @ Juice Life
	6:30	MS Youth @ RHM, Life Center Worship Rehearsal
Oct 18	7:00	First Pres Concert Series-Swing Band
Oct 20	8:30	Contemporary Worship: Lewis Hall
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
	12:30	TWAM Meeting
	5:00	Youth
	7:00	RJM Book Study

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