



26th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude
Welcome Dr. Randy Kirby

* Call to Worship Rev. Lara Musser Gritter
Rejoice in the Lord always.
Again I will say, rejoice!
Let everyone come to know
your gentleness.
The Lord is at hand.
Be anxious for nothing, but in everything,
by prayer and supplication with gratitude,
make your requests known to God.
**And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
will protect your hearts and minds
through Christ Jesus.**
Let us worship God.

* Song *Forever*
Chris Tomlin

* Confession of Sin
**Eternal God, too often we settle for the
way things are. We become complacent
when life is good for us.**
**We embrace what is comfortable and
disengage from the work of necessary
change. We do not look for you at work
in our lives or the lives of others. We fail
to hope for a new day and a new world.**
**Forgive us. Have mercy upon us. Fill us
with the passion to live and work towards
a world made just and new for all.**

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Response *Glory Be to the Father*
John Stafford

Proclamation of the Word

Children's Message
Prayer of Illumination
Scripture: Ecclesiastes 2:24-26
Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17
Sermon Dr. Randy Kirby
Moment for Reflection

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith Rev. Josh Musser Gritter
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

Offering
Offertory Praise Team

Gratitude
Benjamin Hastings | Brandon Lake

* Doxology *Doxology (God Be Praised)*
Louis Bourgeois | Thomas Ken

* Prayer of Dedication

Sending to share the Word

* Song *Thank You Lord*
Don Moen | Paul Baloche

* Benediction
Benediction Response

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

JOYS & CONCERNS
Bob Bruce, CC Crofton, Ray Bowden (Eva Nelson's step-father), Jeff Matthews (Karl & Lynn Hales' friend), Ed Lewis and family

CONTINUING CONCERNS
Fred Aggers, Bill Baker, Daniel and Amy De Graaf (Dan and Karen De Graaf's son and daughter-in-law), Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith's mother), Richard Franklin, Atticus Hampton (Kathy Sanborn's friend), Scott Hay, Richard Hudson, Tricia Johnson, Vonnie Jordan (Mike Jordan's mother), John Laughlin, John McLaughlin, Andy Rowland (Jared Rowland's father), John Smith, Ryan Snyder, Ebbie Whisenant, Jay & Sharon Whittington, Jean Wurster

CELEBRATIONS
Birthdays: Stewbo Adams, Mike Morris, Liza Fisher, Fred Aggers, Marjie Aggers, Randy Chandler, Merritt Menees, Maggie Behrooz, Dennis McCoy, Ozzie Reynolds, Ashley Honbarrier, Linda Thurston, Meredith Poor, Blaine Shellhorn

Anniversaries: John and Melissa Harrington, Harold and Susan Mesimer, Mark and Teresa Ruffy, David and Carole Simmons

The flowers today are given to the glory of God
and in memory of their dear mothers,
Jennie Norman and Ruth Thabet,
by Jim and Barbara Norman.

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 children 4 and younger. Please see an usher for more information.

Grow in Friendship: JOY Thanksgiving with Day School. Join us on Thursday, November 21, at 10:00 in Lewis Hall for a Thanksgiving celebration with snacks and crafts. RSVP to the church office by Nov. 18.

Care: Blessing Bunch Annual Christmas Gathering will be held on Friday, November 22, at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall. We will be writing Christmas cards for our military and others.

Hanging of the Greens: Please join us on Saturday, November 30, 9:00-11:00. Meet in Lewis Hall narthex for itinerary. Help bring the beauty of Christmas to the campus! Adults, middle and high schoolers are welcomed!

Grow in Friendship: JOY Christmas Party Meet will be at the Gable's clubhouse on Sunday, December 8 at 4:00. It will be a potluck dinner. Bring a \$5 wrapped gift to exchange. Limited to 50, so please RSVP to the church office soon.

Grow in Faith: Countdown to Christmas will be held on Sunday, December 1, 9:45 in Fellowship Hall. with Advent Wreaths, applesauce ornaments, cinnamon crosses, and children's crafts. If you have your previous wreath forms, please bring them.

CORE

Giving: As of November 13, we have received 159 pledges for a total of \$819,870.00.

BRANCHING OUT

Embracing the Unchurched: MomCo is now at First Pres! Formerly MOPS, First Pres is now offering a time for moms to meet together for brunch, fellowship, speakers, activities or crafts while their children are enjoying playtime with sitters just down the hallway. MomCo meets twice a month on Mondays, 9:30-11:30, and is open to all moms. For more information, contact Alex Paul at abhudson91@yahoo.com.

Reach & Grow in Faith: Day School & First Kids want to Make a Difference for Hunger by collecting food. Now through November 25, please bring in canned goods to help. Our goal is 1,000 cans!

TWAM: Soup Supper & Worship will be held on Sunday, November 24, at 5:00, in Lewis Hall. Join us for a homemade soup supper and stay for an informal worship of Thanksgiving. All donations for the evening go to support the TWAM Mexico Mission Trip 2025.

Share: We need church members to join us on the trolley for a fun time in the Salisbury Christmas parade on Wednesday, November 27. Blaine Smith will lead the carols. We will need some young people (6 to 8) to walk beside the trolley to hand out goodies and two people to carry our banner. Please contact David Carmichael (704-640-4417).

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

See the church website for full details on upcoming events!

Nov 17	8:30	Contemporary Worship: Lewis Hall
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages, Youth Breakfast & Bible
	11:00	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
	5:00	Youth
Nov 18		Newsletter deadline
	9:30	MomCo
	5:00	Fund Team
	7:00	Session
Nov 19	10:00	Staff
	7:00	EHD Group
Nov 20	9:00	Yoga
	5:00	Handbell Rehearsal
	5:30	First Kids
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Nov 21	10:00	JOY & Day School
	6:30	Life Center Worship Rehearsal, Church serving @ RHM
Nov 24	8:30	Contemporary Worship: Lewis Hall
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
	5:00	Soup Supper & Worship: Lewis Hall

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Where God's Love is Alive for Mission

November 17, 2024 at 8:30 am

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today.



MISSIONAL PRIORITIES

Spirit-Centered Discipleship
Friendships Across Differences

Hands-On Local Mission
Embracing the Unchurched

