Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Teresa de Freitas

Meditation on "Veni Creator Spiritus"

Arr. Paul Fey

Welcome

Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

* Call to Worship

Dr. Randy Kirby

All together in one place;

they heard the rush of a violent wind;

it filled the entire house.

Divided tongues, as of fire,

appeared and rested on each of them;

they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Let us worship the Lord of Pentecost!

* Hymn 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

* Confession of Sin

Spirit of God, we build walls and barriers.

We assume and stereotype.

We devalue diversity and stick with what is comfortable and familiar.

Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to cross borders and boundaries of difference.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit that gathers us together and calls us to build beloved community.

* Response 581

Glory Be to the Father

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

Baptism & Welcome of New Members

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Romans 8:14-17

Anthem

Ryan Graebert, cello, Savannah Lucas, flute

Holy Spirit (with Gabriel's Oboe)
Arr. Paul Campbell

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

Sermon

Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

Moment for Reflection

Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My Heart
Arr. by Carol Tornquist

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended
into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Announcements & Celebrations

Offering

Amen.

Offertory

Sanctuary Choir, Ryan Graebert, cello

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God Arr. by Lloyd Larson

* Doxology 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sending to share the Word

* Hymn 408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

* Benediction

* Benediction Response The Lord Bless You and Keep You The Lord bless and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious, gracious.

The peace. Shalom. Shalom.

Postlude

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
Setting by Richard Elliott

*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, by John, Rebekah, and Scott Cresenzo in celebration of the baptism of Jack Pearson Cresenzo.

JOYS AND CONCERNS THIS WEEK:

Acey Worthy

TWAM 2025 Mexico Mission Participants

Youth: Drew Aron, Lucy Barr, Emma and Hannah Blackwell, James Brincefield, Sawyer Burton, Fletcher and Hines Busby, Nick Clement, Charles and Robert Coleman, Rachel Fisher, Luke Fowler, Sam and Anna Kate Goodman, Lily Hammill, Georgia Heilig, Grant Hill, AJ Jarrell, Lucy Jones, Ebbie and Nolt Lescoe, Lexi Littleton, Ella Lockhart, Ava and Mady Morris, Emma Ott, Tripp Shelton, Marlee Speir, Tack Thurman, Henry and Virginia Walser, John Webb, Meredith Williams, Cora Wymbs, Ashley and Luke Yang

Leaders: Fred Bryan, Cindy Coleman, Kia and Troy Creamer, James Demmel, Salem Fleming, Josh Musser Gritter, John Grubb, Bekah Summit

CONTINUING CONCERNS:

Fred Aggers, Bill Baker, Melanie Sink Bailey, Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith's mother), Jim Goodman, Scott Hay, Vonnie Jordan (Mike Jordan's mother), Richard Miller, Tom Overcash, Reba Parsons, Jeff Reaves (Angela Galloway's brother), Jessica Settineri, John Smith, Ebbie Whisenant

^{*} Assurance of Forgiveness

^{*} Prayer of Dedication

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays: Jan Kichefski, Cheryl Kurey, Lynn Bertram, Salem Fleming, David Potts, Scott Leary, Bill Schnuit, Howard Kessler, Bess Bryan, Jack Fisher

Anniversaries: Denny and Karen Wenker, Jeff and Betsy Wetmore

CHURCH LIFE

MINISTRY FOCUS - DEEPLY ROOTED

Baptism: This morning, John and Rebekah Cresenzo present their son, Jack Pearson Cresenzo, for baptism during the 11:00 worship service. Jack's older brother is Scott. The Cresenzo family will also be joining our family of faith this morning.

Grow in Faith: Vacation Bible School begins June 16! Register your children now (purple QR Code).



Grow in Faith: We need several more Shepherds for VBS, even if it's only for one or two days! June 16-19, 5:00-7:30 pm, dinner included!



Grow in Faith: Would you like to help with Vacation Bible School but are unable to volunteer? **Consider donating Food Lion gift cards** of any amount to help offset the cost of providing meals or sign up to prepare an item like mac and cheese. Donations can be given to Noel Adams or Robin Fisher.

Grow in Faith: Summer Sunday School begins on June 15. Children Pre-K through $5^{\rm th}$ grade check-in room 206. Adult unified class in Fellowship Hall.

Worship: Our Summer Unified Worship schedule begins with TWAM Report Sunday, June 15, at 11:00 in Lewis Hall. Then continues through July 27 with our unified services at 11:00. We will switch between the Sanctuary and Lewis Hall each week.

Worship: Summer Come as You Are Choir is back! Everyone is invited to join us for a brief rehearsal at 10:15 on Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary to practice an easy offertory to be sung that day. Come and experience the joy of singing together without a big commitment of time! Dates: June 22, July 6 and 20, and August 3.

Worship: First Pres Concert Series! Friday, June 20, 6:00 pm, in the Lewis Hall. Enjoy the Elektra Winds in concert. They are a premier woodwind ensemble! Don't miss this wonderful music.

MINISTRY FOCUS - CORE

Communications: First Pres now has an APP for that!

Keep up with events and times, registrations, giving, and more! Go to your smartphone's APP Store and download Ministry One (look for the purple cross icon) or use the QR code. Then set your church home for First Pres Salisbury. It's as easy as that!

MINISTRY FOCUS - BRANCHING OUT

Showing Up: RSS Summer Meals Program – The Summer Meals Program begins June 2. We need 2-3 volunteers daily to host the families that attend. June 2-July 25. Remember, the office will need a current copy of your driver's license. Sign up now to help!

MomCo: Red Cross Babysitters Training! We will host a Red Cross training day for all interested in getting certified for babysitting on Saturday, June 21, 10:00 am until 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Participants must be at least 11 years old. To register, contact Susan Muth at susandmuth@gmail.com. The cost is \$45, and scholarships are available.

THIS WEEK 8:30 Worship – Lewis Hall June 8 Sunday School 9:4511:00 Worship – Sanctuary 12:15Session Meeting June 9 11:15 RSS Summer Meals begin 5:00 Fund Team 10:00 June 10 Staff 6:00 Stephen Ministers 9:00 Yoga June 11 7:00 Choir LCW Rehearsal 6:30 June 12 Sunday School June 15 9:45Unified Worship – Lewis Hall 11:00



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June 8, 2025 11:00 am

Pentecost Sunday



Mission Priorities

Spirit-Centered Discipleship Hands-on Local Mission Friendships Across Differences Embracing the Unchurched