



Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude	
Welcome	Dr. Randy Kirby
* Call to Worship	Dr. Bill Hoyle
* Song Open	<i>God So Loved the World</i> Adam Lancaster Charles Billingsley
* Confession of Sin	
Assurance of Forgiveness	
* Response	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i> John Stafford

Proclamation of the Word

Children’s Message	Megan Shaw
Prayer of Illumination	
Scripture: Jeremiah 2:4-13	
Scripture: Luke 14:1, 7-14	
Sermon	Tony De La Rosa
Moment for Reflection	

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith	
Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer	
Announcements & Celebrations	
Offering	
Offertory	<i>Invited</i> Jeff Owen Mike Donehey
Doxology	<i>Doxology (God Be Praised)</i> Louis Bourgeois Thomas Ken
Prayer of Dedication	

Sending to share the Word

* Song	<i>Love Come Down</i> Casey Darnell Heath Balltzglier
* Benediction	
Postlude	
*Those who are able are invited to stand.	

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Megan Shaw, Elayne McCoy, Rosalie Laughlin, Suzanne Krumroy (Judy Mabe’s friend), Corky Waugh, George Fisher

Josh Page on the death of his father, John Page.

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Fred Aggers, Preston Askew, Bill Baker, Barbara Corriher (Jan Corriher Smith’s mother), Linda Davis, Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith’s mother), Scott Hay, Vonnie Jordan (Mike Jordan’s mother), Wib Manuel, Ellen Muire, Tom Overcash, Reba Parsons, John Smith, Virginia Walser, Pat Weber

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays: Margaret Harris, James Mead, Cory Menees, Libby Gish, George Fisher, Maggie Alexander, Birdie Summitt, Kathy Lawrence, McKenzie Stevens, Allison Swaim, Anne Saunders, Bill Shaw, Jody Blackwell, Delaine Fowler, Adair Doran, Lizzie Fisher

Anniversaries: Bill and Sybil Baker, Will and Alex Paul

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Trevor Williams by Gail Hounshell.

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.

CHURCH LIFE

DEEPLY ROOTED

We welcome Tony De La Rosa this morning. Tony is a Ruling Elder and a seasoned church executive in the Presbyterian Church (USA), and presently serves as the Executive Presbyter for Salem Presbytery in northwestern North Carolina.

Grow in Faith: First Kids is right around the corner and is looking for help with cooking and serving the meals. Groceries will be provided. They are also looking for shepherds. Contact Megan Shaw, our Children’s Ministry Director, if you are willing to help.

Grow in Faith: It’s time to register for First Kids! 3-year-olds through 5th grade are welcome (3 and 4-year-olds must be potty trained). We will begin on Wednesday, September 10, 5:30-7:00 pm, and meet weekly. Dinner provided. Cost and more information are available on the registration form.

Welcome Back Sunday! We will welcome back Revs. Josh and Lara Musser Gritter on Sunday, September 14. We will celebrate everyone’s return. Sunday School leaders and members, worship leaders, choirs, musicians, and you to the pews! Also, stop by Fellowship Hall, 9:30-10:30, for light continental refreshments before heading to class.

MINISTRY FOCUS

Grow in Friendship: Presbyterian Women's Bible Study will kick off on Monday, September 8 at 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Our Prayer Shawl group will meet on Tuesday, September 9 at 10:30.

CORE

Staff: Don't assume we know! Your staff wants to care for you. Births, weddings, deaths, illnesses, hospitalizations, etc.

BRANCHING OUT

Showing Up: Rowan Helping Ministries Food Pantry Sunday is next Sunday, September 7. Please bring in donations of peanut butter, cereals, and canned goods to help restock their shelves.

Race & Justice: The book discussion groups of our R&J Team resume this fall with selections that broaden our scope. The Sunday evening group will read *Overlooked: A Celebration of Remarkable, Underappreciated People Who Broke the Rules and Changed the World*. Discussions will be on Zoom at 7:00 pm beginning September 7. Participants purchase their own books. Please contact Beffie Cook at egravescook@yahoo.com or Esther Atkins Smith at estheratkins@gmail.com if you plan to attend. The Wednesday group will begin on September 10 at 7:00 pm, discussing the book *Everyone Who Is Gone Is Here: The United States, Central America, and the Making of a Crisis*. Again, discussions will be on Zoom, and participants will purchase their own books. Please notify Barrie Kirby at barrie.m.kirby@gmail.com or Monica Green at monica.green1948@gmail.com if you wish to participate.

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MomCo: Join us on Saturday, September 13, 10:00-12:00 in the courtyard for the MomCo kick-off event. Bring the whole family and enjoy a bounce house, crafts, activities, refreshments, and more! Email firstpresmomco@gmail.com for more information.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Aug 31	8:30	Worship - Lewis Hall
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship - Sanctuary
Sept 1	10:00	Church Office Closed
Sept 2	10:00	Staff
	5:30	Showing Up Team
Sept 3	9:00	Yoga
	5:15	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Sept 4	6:30	LCW Rehearsal
Sept 7	8:30	Worship - Lewis Hall
	9:45	Sunday School, Child Protection Training
	11:00	Worship - Sanctuary



First Kids Registration

First Presbyterian Church

Where God's Love is Alive for Mission

August 31, 2025
8:30 am

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today.



MISSION PRIORITIES

Spirit-Centered Discipleship
Friendships Across Differences

Hands-On Local Mission
Embracing the Unchurched



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