

First Presbyterian Church

February 1, 2026

Lewis Preaching Sunday

Worship of the Living God

† Those who are able are invited to stand

Bold indicates words spoken in unison

Thank you for silencing your electronic devices.

Gathering Around the Word

An order of worship offers a meaningful and reliable structure for the church’s encounter with the living God. Over time, an order of worship helps to shape our faith and faithfulness as the people of God, becoming a pattern for how we live as Christians in the world.

Prelude

Prelude in G-minor

Paul Fey

Teresa de Freitas

Welcome & Greeting

Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

† Call to Worship

Come and worship the Living God!

We are here. We have come to worship in such a time as this.

Leading with faith, we trust God’s sovereignty to light our way.

Our God has not left us, but dwells in each of us.

Come, let us worship in unity and love.

† Hymn #267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Confession of Sin

Patient God, we confess that it is hard to come to you in times when our hearts are troubled, and our minds are running rampant. Each day, we struggle to wait in hope for your presence instead of relying on ourselves or the false promises of the world around us. In your gracious presence and among our fellow believers gathered here today, we confess our sins and the sins of this world. Help us, O Lord. Help us to turn toward you, our salt and our light. Awaken our hearts to your promised gift of new life and reconciling love in Jesus Christ for each of your beloved children.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children’s Worship Bulletin

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture

Proverbs 16:1-4 p. 564

Introduction of 2026 LPS Guest Pastor

Scripture

Esther 1:1-5, 10-19, p. 422

Sermon

Rev. Amos Disasa

Moment for Reflection

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

arr. Mark Hayes

Responding to the Word

Prayers of the People

Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

Announcements & Celebrations

Offering

Offertory

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty | Kristian Stanfill | Stuart Townsend

Sanctuary Choir & Praise Team

† Hymn #452

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Sending to Share the Word

† Benediction

Postlude

As It Is In Heaven

Matt Maher | Ed Cash



This morning, we welcome Rev. Amos Disasa to our pulpit. Rev. Disasa, this year’s Lewis Preaching Series guest pastor. He is the senior pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Dallas Texas.

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Ellen Muire, Betty Carli, Ron Church

Bob Steele on the death of his brother, Richard Steele.

Doug and Carolyn Glasgow on the birth of their grandson, Emmett Glasgow Attayek. His parents are Pete and Anna Glasgow Attayek, and his brothers are Chase and Cooper.

CONTINUING CONCERNS: Deborah Alexander, Preston Askew, Bill Baker, Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith’s mother), Suzanne Glasgow (Doug Glasgow’s sister-in-law), Scott Hay, Rosalie Laughlin, Wib Manuel, Ellen Muire, Reba Parsons, Frank Saunders, John Smith

BIRTHDAYS: Glenn Phillips, Alex Robinette, Burt Brinson, Robin Hendrick, Robert Settineri, Jim Goodman, Harry Fink, Hines Busby, Steve Safrit, Mike Jordan, Ebbie Whisenant, Brooke Smith, Bob Glassgow, Katelyn Byrd, Anne Marie Martin, Ava Morris, Ethan Ott, Maureen Steever, Campbell Aron, ED Cook, Clay Burleson, Joan Horner, John Messinger

ANNIVERSARIES: Jay and Libby Fowler, Tom and Felipe Fisher

WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED

GROW: New Member classes will be held in Pastor Lara's office on Sundays, February 8 and 15. Feel free to join if you'd like to learn more about the Presbyterian Church and faith, or if you know of anyone interested in joining the church.

GROW: JOY (Just Older Youth) will tour Historic Salisbury with Karl Hales on Friday, February 13. Morning tour: arrive at 9:45. Lunch at Go Burrito at 11:45. Afternoon tour: arrive at 12:45. Seating is limited, so rsvp to the church office soon!

WE HAVE A HEALTHY CORE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, February 8, at 10:40, in Lewis Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the 2026 budget and elect new leaders.

WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

DAY SCHOOL: Registration for the 2026-2027 Day School year is now open to everyone.

COMMUNITY: The Race & Justice Team Study groups: The Wednesday group began on January 21 at 7:00 pm, with the book *Black Cake*. Contact Monica Green for the Zoom link. The Sunday group began on January 25 at 7:00 pm, with TED Talks and other videos on racial healing, inclusive culture, and others. Contact Beffie Cook for the Zoom link.

SHOWING UP: Yoga classes continue each Wednesday morning, 9:00-10:15, in Lewis Hall, led by certified instructor Felicia Stewart Hoyle. \$10 donation is suggested.

SHARE: MomCo (mothers of young children) will meet on Monday, February 9, at 9:30. Help us spread the word to all mothers of young children. For more information, contact Bridget Brown.