



Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude		Announcements & Celebrations	
Welcome & Greeting	Rev. Lara Musser Gritter	Minute for Ministries	Chris Poor, Fund
†Call to Worship	Rev. Hannah Ostlund	Offering	
†Song Open	<i>The Way</i> Ben Smith Daniel Bashtal	Offertory	Praise Team
†Confession of Sin			<i>Mighty Fortress</i> Aaron Shust Paul Baloché
Assurance of Forgiveness		Doxology	<i>New Doxology</i> Louis Bourgeois Thomas Ken
†Response	<i>Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me</i> Paul M. Vasile	Prayer of Dedication	

Proclamation of the Word

Children’s Message	Megan Shaw	†Benediction
Prayer of Illumination		Postlude
Scripture: Psalm 31		Those who are able are invited to stand.

Scripture: Colossians 1:15-27

Sermon Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

Moment for Reflection

Responding to the Word

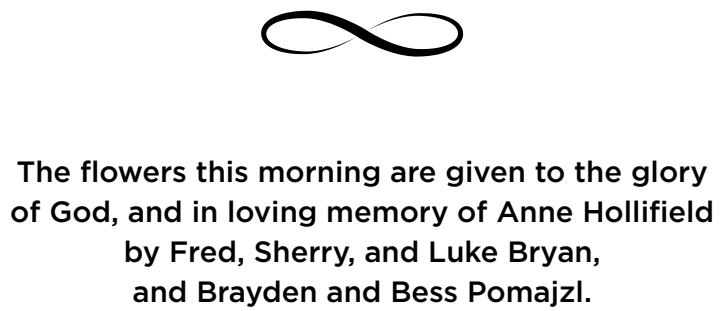
†Affirmation of Faith Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

God’s Hope for Tomorrow

Sending to share the Word

†Song	<i>Cornerstone</i> Edward Mote Eric Liljero
2 Cents-a-Meal	<i>During the singing of the song, please bring your 2 Cents a Meal offering to the front.</i>



The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Anne Hollifield by Fred, Sherry, and Luke Bryan, and Brayden and Bess Pomajzl.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Deborah Alexander, Ron Church

Lee and Tricia Johnson on the birth of their grandson, Emmett Atlee Smith. Emmett’s parents are Brooke and Ward Smith, and his older brother is Teddy.

CONTINUING CONCERNS

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

Al Dunn, Judy Craig, David Simmons, Meredith Burton, Blake Safrit, Kathy Sanborn, Rochelle Bost, Christina Lewis, Kendall Nagy, Kathryn Swaim, Liz Snyder, Linda Lyerly

ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin and Jessica Holman Settineri, Steve and Robin Fisher, Bill and Christie Carter, Richard and Lynn Miller

Ministry Focus

We are so glad you are here,
“Where God’s Love is Alive for Mission.”

Learn more at www.firstpresssalisbury.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

FRIENDSHIP PADS in your rows are for recording attendance and for visitors to share their information so that we can share about God’s work here.

CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY CLIPBOARDS are in the back of the room on the Welcome Table.

CHILDCARE (ages 4 and under) is available in the Nursery in our Family Life Center (see an usher for directions).

ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES are available from an usher.

CHURCH LIFE

WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED

DROP IN AND CHAT: January 18, 9:50-10:35, Pastor Lara’s office. Drop in to chat about the Bible, theology, worship, sermons, and your questions. Come with curiosity. Stay to grow deeper.

GROW: Mark your calendars now! **Lewis Preaching Sunday** is February 1. 9:45 unified Sunday School in Fellowship Hall, 11:00 unified worship in the Sanctuary, 5:00 program first in Lewis Hall with a free dinner to follow. Sign up during worship today or on Jan. 25 or call/email Christine. Our guest speaker is Rev. Amos Disasa, Senior Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas.

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WE HAVE A HEALTHY CORE

WELCOME: The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee is hosting a Meet & Greet TODAY, between services (9:30-10:45 AM) to welcome our new Associate Pastor of Formation and Mission, Rev. Hannah Ostlund. Join us for light refreshments, fellowship, and the chance to meet Pastor Hannah. We will gather in the narthex outside Lewis Hall.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, January 25, at 10:40, in Lewis Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the 2026 budget and elect new leaders.

GIVING: As of January 15: Number of pledging units (crosses): 192. Total pledged: \$1,094,396 (109 work gloves). We are at 81% of our goal!

WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

SHOWING UP: Sign up now for our next Red Cross Blood Drive, Tuesday, January 20, 2:00-6:30. Registration is on our website's Events page.

DAY SCHOOL: Priority Registration for 2026-2027 will open to current students and church members on January 26.

COMMUNITY: The Race & Justice Team Study groups: The Wednesday group begins on January 21 at 7:00 pm, with the book Black Cake. Contact Monica Green for the Zoom link. The Sunday group begins 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.

First Presbyterian Church

Where God's Love is Alive for Mission

January 18, 2026
8:30 am

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today.



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Spirit-Centered Discipleship
Friendships Across Differences

Hands-On Local Mission
Embracing the Unchurched

