

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

† Those who are able are invited to stand

Bold indicates words spoken in unison

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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

Teresa de Freitas

Meditation on “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”
arr. Teresa de Freitas

WELCOME & GREETING

Rev. Hannah Ostlund

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

Lord, you have called us to the mountaintop.
Help us to open our hearts and spirits to receive your light.
The light of glory that welcomes us all and transfigures the world.
This glory meets us here. This glory gives us hope for tomorrow.
Come, let us encounter the shining glory of our Living God in worship.

† HYMN #193

Jesus, Take Us Up to the Mountain

CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us, O God, we confess that time and time again we are drawn in by the darkness of our sin and humanity, that we close our eyes to your shining light. We have heard your call to listen to Jesus, to share his peace and love with this world, but more often than not have chosen to turn away from the need around us. Forgive us, O God. Pull us from our patterns of despair and lead us toward the hope for tomorrow found in your light. Transfigure us by your Holy Spirit and send us out to be mirrors to your light in this world, we pray.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† RESPONSE #583

Glory to God

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Megan Shaw

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 130, p. 542

ANTHEM

Bell Tower Ringers

Toccata on King’s Weston
Mathew Compton

SCRIPTURE

Luke 9:28-36, p. 65

SERMON

Rev. Hannah Ostlund

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

Helen Rifas, Harp

Love Divine, All Love Excelling
Arr. Rhett Barnwell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

MINUTE FOR MINISTRIES

Dan Cagle, Serve

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Cantique de Jean de Racine
Faure | Rutter

Sanctuary Choir; Helen Rifas, Harp; Matt Box, Viola; Ryan Graebert, Cello; Corky Waugh, Double Bass; and members of the Salisbury Rowan Choral Society

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.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING TO SHARE THE WORD

† HYMN #192

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
Paul Fey



Welcome to First Pres

We are so glad you are here, “Where God’s Love is Alive for Mission.”
Learn more at www.firstpressalisbury.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

FRIENDSHIP PADS in your pews 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 narthex.
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.

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of their family, Susie and Tom Thurston
and Mary Rose and Joseph Sember, Sr., Dick Thurston, and in honor
of Linda Thurston, Geit Johnson, and Margaret Paylor
by Susan and Joe Sember.

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Billy Canup (Cindy Coleman’s father), Ellen Muire

Elizabeth Calvert on the death of her cousin, Walter Broadwell.

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

BIRTHDAYS: Lyn Beaver, Scott Cresenzo, Pace Fowler, Carolyn Glasgow, Mike Drinkard, Troy Beaver, David Jordan, Donna Thomas, Bill Baker, Deah Scott, Lottie Behrooz

ANNIVERSARY: Karl and Lynn Hales

WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED

GROW: Lenten All In Group Series, February 22-April 5. We will follow and discuss our pastors' sermon series through Lent. Please sign up on the clipboard being passed this morning, or call the church by noon tomorrow.

WORSHIP: Wednesday, February 18, is Ash Wednesday. Join us for a brief worship service either at 7:00am during our Lenten Prayer Breakfast in Lewis Hall, or at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. Both services will include the imposition of ashes.

GROW: Lenten Prayer Breakfasts begin next Wednesday, February 18. Join us for the best homemade breakfast in town. Schedule of speakers: February 18: Ash Wednesday with Pastors Josh, Lara, and Hannah; February 25: Rev. Hannah Ostlund; March 4: Frank Strong; March 11: Pastor Derrick Hawkins; March 18: Rev. Rickey Johnson; March 25: Dr. Sidney Davis; and April 1: Monica Green and the Jubilee Community Choir. Cost: Adults \$7, Children/Youth \$3, and children under 4 are free. Sign up weekly on the friendship pads, or call/email Christine in the church office.

MUSIC: Save the Date! The Bell Tower Ringers Festival Concert is set for Saturday, March 14, at 4:00, in Lewis Hall. Don't miss this mass-bell concert!

WORSHIP: Save the Date! Rev. Hannah's Service of Installation will be held on Saturday, March 21, at 3:00, in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow the service.

WE HAVE A HEALTHY CORE

STAFF: Please be aware that your pastors and staff will never text or email you to solicit money, gift cards, or run errands. Other things to watch out for: emails not ending with @firstpressalisbury.org or emails/texts about 'a private matter.' Please, do not respond to these phishing emails and texts.

WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

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

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

SERVE: Get ready, Feed the Fish begins next Sunday, February 22, the 1st Sunday in Lent! Let's see who can grow the biggest fish this year!

SHARE: We are still collecting new and gently used winter coats of all sizes through February 22. Collection bins are located in the Lewis Hall foyer. Let's help those in need at RHM to stay warmer this winter.



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Sermon Notes

Use this space to jot down key ideas, questions, or insights.

- *What verses or themes stood out to you?*
- *What is God saying to you to today?*
- *How can God's Word today shape your daily life and prayers?*

Service of the Lord's Day

God's Hope for Tomorrow



TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

February 15, 2026

11:00 am | Sanctuary

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