

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
Prelude on "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
arr. Paul Fey

WELCOME & GREETING

Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

Through Adam, sin entered the world and death through sin. Death came to all people because all sinned. **Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.** God called Abram from his father's house to an unknown land of promise.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Through Moses, God provided water from a rock to a grumbling and thirsty people. **Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

God looked not upon appearance but upon the heart and called the shepherd boy David to be King. **Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.** Through Ezekiel, God promised to bring life back into bones long dead and set the Holy Spirit upon us. **Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

† HYMN #415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

CONFESSON OF SIN

Salem Fleming

Creative God, you delight in shaping our world in harmony, making order out of the chaos. You have even invited us to participate, yet too often we give in to the temptation to disrupt your order through sin. We are consumed by our wanting and turn our hearts and minds away from your will. We trust neither your goodness nor your mercy. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. Call us by your goodness and mercy to turn once more to the living presence of Jesus Christ, we pray.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Megan Shaw

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

My Savior's Love
arr. Carol Tornquist

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Hannah Ostlund

The Brief Statement of Faith

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

A Lenten Walk
arr. Hal H. Hopson

Sanctuary Choir, Patsy Wilson, Handbell, Lynn Miller, Chimes, Jean Wurster, Keyboard.

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

Genesis 3:1-10, p. 2

Genesis 3:11-24, p. 3

Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

SENDING TO SHARE THE WORD

† HYMN #757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"
arr. 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 appreciation for all the people who are involved in the music ministry of our church by Lynn and Richard Miller.

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Mark Grover, Dot Beisel and Mike Boyer (Asey and Carol Worthy's family), Ellen Muire

CONTINUING CONCERNS: Deborah Alexander, Preston Askew, Bill Baker, Betty Carli, Billy Canup (Cindy Coleman's father), 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: Cathy Chandler, Ava Harrington, Bob Harris, Pam Thompson, Richard Miller, Susan Muth, Nora Coleman, Tim Norman, Teen Aron, Ruby Walser, Scott Johnson, Lucas Shaw, Ron Brooks, Dyke Messinger, Adam Drye, Deborah Alexander, Walker Shelhorn

ANNIVERSARY: Bob and Jan Lewis

WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED

GROW: Lenten Prayer Breakfasts each Wednesday during Lent. Join us for the best homemade breakfast in town. Schedule of speakers: 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.

GROW: New Men's Bible Study! Pastor Josh begins a new weekly Tuesday morning Bible Study for men on March 3, at 6:30am. Josh says, "My earnest hope for this Bible Study is that it will be a place for men of different generations to find brothers in Christ who will encourage them in the life of faith."

GROW: Sisters in Christ invites all women to a 4-week Lenten Bible Study on *The Promise and Power of Easter*, by Christine Caine. Join them on Sundays, March 1, 8, 15, and 22, at 9:45, in the Sisters in Christ classroom.

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.

WORSHIP: It is time to sign up to sponsor the flowers for our worship spaces this year. If you are interested, please call Margaret Harris at 704-213-2321. Help us make our worship spaces more beautiful.

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: Feed the Fish continues through Palm Sunday. Let's see who can grow the biggest fish this year!

SHARE: Next Sunday, March 1, is our day to bring in canned goods, cereals, and peanut butter to help stock the shelves at Rowan Helping Ministries.

For more details on events: Visit our website | Use QR Code below

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Events



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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 today?
- How can God's Word today shape your daily life and prayers?

Service of the Lord's Day

Life and Death



1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 22, 2026

11:00 am | Sanctuary

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