

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
In Humility, Our Savior
arr. James C. Kasen

WELCOME & GREETING Rev. Hannah Ostlund

† CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Lara 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 #817 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

CONFESSION OF SIN
Calling God, you have designed every one of us in your image. Each time you call us into new and unfamiliar places, we want to follow as willingly as Abram and Sarai. Yet too often we are stuck in complacency, seeking control over putting our faith fully in you. Forgive us for our comfort that keeps us rooted. Forgive us for our selfishness. Forgive us for turning away from you in sin. Lead us, O Lord, into the new life through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we pray.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† 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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 11:8-13, p. 211

SCRIPTURE Genesis 12:1-5a, p. 9

SERMON Rev. Hannah Ostlund

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
arr. Carol Tornquist

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Rev. Josh 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Lenten Carol*
Marc Robinson
Sanctuary Choir, Barry Sang, French Horn

† HYMN #509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*
vv. 1, 3

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The living Christ encounters us in the ordinary elements of Communion. The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended by Christ and is open to all – believers and doubters, young children and adults, members and non-members. To highlight this gracious welcome of all, only non-alcoholic juice is served, and gluten-free bread is available. If you would like to refrain from the feast, you may cross your arms, and a blessing will be offered to you. If you cannot come forward, a minister will serve you in your seat. If you feel so moved to respond, people often reply with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION
Be Thou My Vision
arr. Heather Sorenson

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING TO SHARE THE WORD

† HYMN #450 *Be Thou My Vision*

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
Rigaudon
Andre Campra



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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Jeanette Whitley, Jean Wurster, Bill Garraty (Jennifer Hudson's father), Betty Mohs, 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: Steve Fisher, Louette Honbarrier, Sarah Kizziah, Rosalie Laughlin, Donna Beaver, Kathy Ridenhour, Gwynne Shoaf, Doug Loeblein, Karl Hales, Owen Messinger, Matilyn Nagy, Grace Yatawara

ANNIVERSARIES: Acey and Carol Worthy, Doug and Janet Loeblein

WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED

COMMUNION ELDER: Cathy Adams

GROW: Lenten Prayer Breakfasts each Wednesday during Lent. Join us for the best homemade breakfast in town. Schedule of speakers: March 4: Frank Strong. 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 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.

GROW: JOY will have a Catawba College 'Behind the Scenes Tour' of the Drama Department and Sports Complex on Friday, March 13. Meet at the Hendrick Little Theater on campus at 9:30. Lunch will be at DJs. Call the church office to let them know you will attend.

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

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

SERVE: The Helene Recovery Team plans to take quarterly work trips to Western NC to assist with homes affected by the hurricane. The next trip is April 6-10. Lodging and meals are provided at the Montreat Conference Center. Call Bob Harris (704-202-5877) or Mike Drinkard (770-283-9046) with questions.

SERVE: Former Girl Scouts and/or Leaders, we are having a Reunion, March 24, 10:00-12:00, in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a Brunch dish to share. RSVP to the Church Office or Carolyn Glasgow at 704-433-7871.

For more details on events: Visit our website at www.firstpressalisbury.org

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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



2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 2026

11:00 am | Sanctuary

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