



## 2nd Sunday in Lent

### Worship of the Living God

### Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting Rev. Hannah Ostlund

†Call to Worship Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

†Song *Blessed Be Your Name*  
Beth Redman | Matt Redman

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

†Response *Glory Be*  
Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash

### Proclamation of the Word

Children's Message

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Hebrews 11:8-13

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-5a

Sermon Rev. Hannah Ostlund

Moment for Reflection

†Affirmation of Faith Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

### Responding to the Word

Prayers of the People

Announcements & Celebrations

Offering

Offertory *The Prayer*  
David Foster | Carole Bayer Sager  
Jessica Holman Settineri, Matthew Holman

†Doxology *Doxology (God Be Praised)*  
Louis Bourgeois | Thomas Ken

Communion

Communion Music *Communion*  
Brad Avery | David Carr

Prayer after Communion

### Sending to share the Word

†Song *The Blessing*  
Chris Brown | Cody Carnes

†Benediction

Postlude

†Those who are able are invited to stand.



**This morning's LCW service is a '5 Senses' worship experience. Together we will see, hear, smell, taste, and feel as we worship the Living God. Pay close attention to how your senses are integrated throughout our time together!**

Take the 5-question survey about this service.



### 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

## Ministry Focus

### WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE,

**"WHERE GOD'S LOVE IS ALIVE FOR MISSION."**

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**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.

### COMMUNION

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."

**Communion Elders:** Maggie Behrooz, Kia Creamer, Jon Nagy

## Ministry Focus

### WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED

**GROW:** Lenten Prayer Breakfasts each Wednesday during Lent. Join us for the best homemade breakfast in town. Schedule of speakers: March 4: Frank Strong; March 11: Pastor Derrick Hawkins. 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.

**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, call Margaret Harris at 704-213-2321. Help us make our worship spaces more beautiful.

### WE HAVE A HEALTHY CORE

**STAFF:** 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 have a quarterly work trip to Western NC to work on 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.



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Spirit-Centered Discipleship  
Friendships Across Differences  
Hands-On Local Mission  
Embracing the Unchurched

