4th Sunday in Lent

Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting — Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

†Call to Worship — Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

†Song — *Love The Lord*
Lincoln Brewster

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

†Response — *Glory Be*
Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash

Proclamation of the Word

Children's Message

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 22:41-46

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Sermon — Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

Moment for Reflection

Responding to the Word

†Affirmation of Faith — Rev. Hannah Ostlund

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Announcements & Celebrations

Offering

Offertory — Blaine Smith
Your Heart (David)
Bernie Herms | Nichole Nordeman

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

†Prayer of Dedication

Sending to share the Word

†Song — *All To You*
Lincoln Brewster | Reid McNulty

†Benediction

Postlude

†Those who are able are invited to stand.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Kelly Potts (David and Nadine Potts' son), Acey Worthy, Carter Jenkins (Ryan and Suzanne Jenkins' son), Deborah Alexander, Ron Church, Jim and Betty Carli, David Zirt (Delaine Fowler's friend), Ruth Purser (Kathy Sanborn's mother), Jessica Aiken (David and Nadine Potts' granddaughter)

Jay Whittington and family on the death of his sister, Betsy Whittington Binswanger.

Grace and Riley Myers on the birth of their daughter, Romy Belle Myers, on December 23, 2025. Romy's grandparents are Tim and Jenny Steinman.

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Preston Askew, Bill Baker, Billy Canup (Cindy Coleman's father), Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith's mother), Bill Garraty (Jennifer Hudson's father), Scott Hay, Rosalie Laughlin, Wib Manuel, Betty Mohs, Reba Parsons, Frank Saunders, John Smith, Jeanette Whitley

BIRTHDAYS

Tom Fisher, Maria Bassett, Dotty Shantz, Meredith Swaim, Cindi Graham, Julie Fuller, Drew Weant, Camden Honeycutt, Matthew Dailey, Bridget Brown, Stephanie Cunningham, Mark Lee, Carol Waters, Zach Robinette

ANNIVERSARY

Trey and Keaton Bergsma, Mark and Brenda Byrd, Christopher and Taylor Cook, Del and Carol Denny

Ministry Focus

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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.

CHURCH LIFE

WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED

GROW: Lenten Prayer Breakfasts each Wednesday at 7:00 am during Lent. Join us for the best homemade breakfast in town. Schedule of speakers: March 18: Rev. Rickey Johnson, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. 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: Sisters in Christ invites all women to a 4-week Lenten Bible Study. Join them on Sundays, March 1, 8, 15, and 22, at 9:45, in the Sisters in Christ classroom.

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GROW: New Men's Bible Study! Pastor Josh is leading a new weekly Tuesday morning Bible Study for men at 6:30 am, in the Open Horizon classroom. 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."

WORSHIP: It's time to sponsor our Easter Lilies. All dedications and payments will be due by March 25. Use the QR Code or see Christine in the church office. Cost: $15 each.

GROW: JOY will celebrate Easter with the Day School on Tuesday, March 31, at 10:00 in Lewis Hall. Please RSVP to the church office.

GROW: New Members Lunch Sunday, March 29, 12:15-2:15, in Fellowship Hall. Have you been visiting First Presbyterian Church for a while? Do you consider First Pres your church home? Join Pastor Lara and other prospective new members for lunch to learn about the meaning of membership, what we believe, and how to grow and serve in faith together! Please RSVP to Pastor Lara or the church office to save your spot by March 25.

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.

Easter Lilies

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