



## 5th Sunday in Lent

### Worship of the Living God

### Gathering around the Word

Prelude		Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer	
Welcome & Greeting	Rev. Josh Musser Gritter	Announcements & Celebrations	
†Call to Worship	Rev. Hannah Ostlund	Offering	
†Song	<i>Fall Afresh</i> Jeremy Riddle	Offertory	Praise Team
			<i>Come Alive (Dry bones)</i> Lauren Daigle   Michael Farren
Confession of Sin		†Doxology	<i>Doxology (God Be Praised)</i> Louis Bourgeois   Thomas Ken
		†Prayer of Dedication	

Assurance of Forgiveness

†Response *Glory Be*  
Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash

### Proclamation of the Word

Children's Message Stephen Bullock

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-6

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:7-14

Sermon Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

Moment for Reflection

### Responding to the Word

†Affirmation of Faith Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

### Sending to share the Word

†Song *Great Are You Lord (All Sons and Daughters)*  
David Leonard | Jason Ingram

†Benediction

Postlude

†Those who are able are invited to stand.



**The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God, and in honor of Del and Carol Denny's 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.**

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

Jenn Selby, Clay Burleson, Nadine Potts, Acey Worthy, Marcia Reamer, Jim and Betty Carli, Ruth Purser (Kathy Sanborn's mother), Billy Canup (Cindy Coleman's father), Alexander Freeman (Missionary trip in the Philippines)

### CONTINUING CONCERNS

Deborah Alexander, Preston Askew, Bill Baker, Ron Church, Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith's mother), Bill Garraty (Jennifer Hudson's father), Scott Hay, Carter Jenkins, Rosalie Laughlin, Wib Manuel, Betty Mohs, Reba Parsons, Kelly Potts (David and Nadine Potts' son), Frank Saunders, John Smith, Jeanette Whitley

### BIRTHDAYS

Victor Wallace, Vijay Michael, Ellen Dalrymple, Katie Bullock, Cindy Dailey, Dottie Thomason, David Carmichael, Carole Simmons, Megan Easter, Libby Folwer, Anna Harrington, Katie Menees, James Brincefield, Ryan Honeycutt, Martha Lassiter, Wib Manuel, Trey Bergsma

### ANNIVERSARIES

Scott and Ellen Whittington, Bill and Paula Troxler, Ryan and Meredith Honeycutt, Brandon and Teen Aron

## Ministry Focus

### WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE,

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

Learn more at [www.firstpresssalisbury.org](http://www.firstpresssalisbury.org) or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

**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

**WORSHIP:** This morning, John and Susan Muth present their son, John Michael, for baptism.

**WORSHIP:** This morning, we welcome our Director of Music Ministries, Teresa de Freitas, to our family of faith at First Pres.

**GROW:** Lenten Prayer Breakfasts each Wednesday at 7:00 am in Lewis Hall during Lent. Join us for the best homemade breakfast in town. Schedule of speakers: March 25: Dr. Sidney Davis, Zion Olivet Presbyterian, Charleston, SC, retired. 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.

## Ministry Focus

**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:** 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.

**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.



Easter Lily Sign-up

### WE HAVE A HEALTHY CORE

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Scholarships are available to high school seniors and undergraduate students. For more information, visit the church website. [www.firstpressalisbury.org/share/#youthministry](http://www.firstpressalisbury.org/share/#youthministry). Applications are due by April 24.

### GIVING UPDATE:

2026 Amount Pledged: \$1,115,246  
2026 Year-to-Date Received: \$216,684

### WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

**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 the Mary & Martha Classroom. Please bring a brunch dish to share. RSVP to the Church Office or Carolyn Glasgow at 704-433-7871.



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Life and Death



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

