



Palm Sunday

Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

Procession of the Palms

†Call to Worship Rev. Hannah Ostlund

†Song *Hosanna (Hillsong)*
Brooke Ligertwood

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 21:1-11

Scripture: John 6:60-69

Scripture: Revelation 3:14-22

Sermon Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

Moment for Reflection

Responding to the Word

†Affirmation of Faith

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Offertory Mia Mason
Via Dolorosa
Billy Sprague | Niles Borop

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

†Prayer of Dedication

Sending to share the Word

†Song *Holy Forever*
Chris Tomlin | Phil Wickham

†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 the Youth of First Pres, 2026 TWAM chaperones & participants, and the Youth Ministry Team, consisting of Pastor Josh Musser Gritter, Salem Fleming, Chris Mead, Troy Creamer, Cindy Coleman, Margaret Harris, & Andrea Smith by Ryan, Meredith, & Camden Honeycutt.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Wib Manuel, Ron Church, Acey Worthy, Jenn Selby, Clay Burluson, Nadine Potts, Marcia Reamer, Ruth Purser (Kathy Sanborn’s mother)

Ames and Jennifer Flynn on the birth of their grandson, Callum James Gelbaugh, on March 24. His parents are Colin and Anna Flynn Gelbaugh.

Cindy Coleman and family on the death of her father, Billy Canup, on March 22.

Ellen Whittington and family on the death of her sister, Karen Furey, on March 21.

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Deborah Alexander, Bill Baker, Jim and Betty Carli, Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith’s mother), Bill Garraty (Jennifer Hudson’s father), Scott Hay, Carter Jenkins, Rosalie Laughlin, Betty Mohs, Reba Parsons, Kelly Potts (David and Nadine Potts’ son), Frank Saunders, John Smith, Jeanette Whitley

BIRTHDAYS

Sybil Baker, Cynthia Randleman, Nancy Phillips, Cathy Adams, Frank Adams, IV, Lee Johnson, Christine Mowery, Gabe Dufour, Suzanne Jenkins, David Upton, Steve Coggin, Roxanne Myers, Bowie Leary, Sherry Bryan, Lauren Smith

ANNIVERSARIES

David and Donna Beaver, Dan and Karen De Graaf, Harry and Denise Fink

Ministry Focus

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE, “WHERE GOD’S LOVE IS ALIVE FOR MISSION.”
Learn more at 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

GROW: Our final Lenten Prayer Breakfast is this week. Join us on Wednesday at 7:00 am in Lewis Hall. This week, we welcome Monica Green and the Jubilee Community Choir. Adults \$7, Children/Youth \$3, and children under 4 are free. Sign up on the friendship pads, or call/email Christine in the office.

GROW: Our New Men’s Bible Study with Pastor Josh continues each Tuesday at 6:30 am in room 201.

Ministry Focus

GROW: JOY will celebrate spring on Sunday, April 12. Lunch at the Salisbury Country Club, then an afternoon concert with the Salisbury Swing Band, games, vendors, and flowers all in Hurley Park. Bring a chair! Cost: Lunch (no membership required). Seating at lunch is limited. RSVP to the church office soon.

WORSHIP: Share Your Experience - Focus Group Volunteers Needed! As part of The Five Senses of Worship services, we are gathering feedback from worshippers who have attended one or more of these special services. If you'd like to share your experience and help shape future worship at First Presbyterian, please consider joining a one-time Focus Group that will meet during the Sunday School hour on April 19. Participants will enjoy light refreshments and conversation as we reflect on how engaging all five senses can make worship more meaningful, memorable, and accessible. To volunteer, please contact the church office by April 6.

WE HAVE A HEALTHY CORE

GIVING UPDATE:

2026 Amount Pledged: \$1,152,466
2026 Year-to-Date Received: \$239,392

HOLY WEEK:

Palm Sunday, 8:30 and 11, join us as we triumphantly journey into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday, join us for a complimentary meal at 5:45 in Lewis Hall. Eat and fellowship together, then stay for our moving Maundy Thursday in the Sanctuary at 7:00. Childcare is available.

Good Friday, hear the Last 7 Words of Christ in worship at 7:00 in Lewis Hall. Childcare is available.

Easter Sunday, Sunrise Service with the Downtown Churches at 6:30 am in the Bell Tower Park (bring a chair). 8:30 and 11:00, join our celebration of the risen Lord. Feed the Fish finale, butterfly release, and decorating the cross will be held at 9:45 in the courtyard.

WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

SERVE: Next Sunday, April 5, is Food Pantry Sunday, our time to bring in canned goods, peanut butter, jelly, and cereals to help support Rowan Helping Ministries.

SERVE: Our quarterly Red Cross Blood Drive is set for Tuesday, April 21, 2:00-6:30, in Fellowship Hall. Go to www.redcrossblood.org to sign up.



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Life and Death



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Friendships Across Differences Embracing the Unchurched

