



2nd Sunday of Easter

Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting Rev. Hannah Ostlund

†Call to Worship Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

†Song *No One Like Our God*
Corbin Phillips | Lincoln Brewster

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Offertory Blaine Smith

Let the Redeemed
Bobby Strand | Kalley Heiligenthal

†Doxology *Doxology (Amen)*
Louis Bourgeois | Phil Wickham

†Prayer of Dedication

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

†Response *Glory Be to the Father*
John Stafford

Sending to share the Word

†Song *Step By Step*
David (Beaker) Strasser | Rich Mullins

Welcome of New Members

†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 Berkley Loeblein and Jacob Greene's marriage, by Doug, Janet, Noah, and Nicholas Loeblein.

Proclamation of the Word

Children's Message Cathy Adams

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 138

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10

Sermon Rev. Hannah Ostlund

Moment for Reflection

Responding to the Word

†Affirmation of Faith Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Larry Glass (Mark and Ellie Grover's brother-in-law), Wib Manuel, Clay Burleson, Marcia Reamer

Doug and Janet Loeblein on the marriage of their daughter, Berkley, to Jacob Greene, on April 11.

Teresa Williams and family on the death of her husband, Bobby.

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Marjie Aggers, Deborah Alexander, Bill Baker, Betty Carli, Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith's mother), Jennifer Flynn, Bill Garraty (Jennifer Hudson's father), Scott Hay, Carter Jenkins, Rosalie Laughlin, Betty Mohs, Reba Parsons, Nadine Potts, Ruth Purser (Kathy Sanborn's mother), Frank Saunders, Jenn Gardner Selby, John Smith, Jeanette Whitley, Acey Worthy

BIRTHDAYS

Mandi Repsher, Antonia Barolini, Teresa Williams, Harold Mesimer, Tim Smith, Glenna Todd, John Harrington, Vick Bost, George Damtey, Carley Drye Robinson, Fletcher Busby, Evelyn Mead, Robert Ogden

ANNIVERSARY

Chris and Paula Mead, Colin and Cindy Dailey

Ministry Focus

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"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.

CHURCH LIFE

WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED

WELCOME: This morning we welcome the following to our First Pres family of faith: Betty Defreese (Diane Coggin's mother), Chris and Stacie LaRoche, Connie MacLean, and Beverly and Phillip McKinney.

WORSHIP: Don't miss our last "5 Senses in Worship" Sunday, April 19, at 8:30. We have enjoyed Daniel Heath's (our LCW pianist) doctoral project that has brought a deeper connection in worship for us through our 5 senses. We wish him well as he completes his doctoral thesis.

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

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GROW: Vacation Bible School 2026 registration is now OPEN! Join us on June 15-18, 5:00-7:30 pm, for a Snowball Mountain Challenge. VBS is open to all children currently in 3K through 5th grade.

GROW: VBS 2026 - It takes a village! We need youth and adult volunteers to help with VBS, June 15-18, 5:00-7:30 pm. Whether you can only help two nights or all five, we need you! Registration is now open for volunteers. For more information, contact Megan Shaw at 704-636-1321.

GROW: Dr. Trevor Eppehimer will lead a spring book study on *The Vanishing Church* by Ryan P. Burge. Join us on Wednesdays, April 15-May 13, at 11:00, in the Open Horizons classroom 201. Register by email: teppehimer@hoodseminary.edu

MUSIC: Our first concert of the 2026 Concert Series will feature the Lake Norman Orchestra. They will perform "Classical in Space" on April 19, at 2:00, in Lewis Hall. Please join us for this special time of music. Don't miss this enchanting time of music. Bring your family and friends!

MUSIC: The Salisbury Rowan Choral Society will present a concert here in the Sanctuary on Saturday, April 25, at 3:00 pm. Do not miss this chance to hear their beautiful voices.

WE HAVE A HEALTHY CORE

MAXWELL CHAMBERS TRUST: The next semi-annual meeting of MCT will be on Monday, April 20, at 6:00 pm, in Everyman's Bible classroom. We need all current and former Elders to attend for a quorum.

GIVING UPDATE:

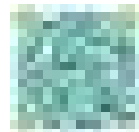
2026 Budgeted Pledges through 3-31-26: \$288,117
2026 Year-to-Date Received: \$286,637

WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

SERVE: Our quarterly offering for 2 Cents a Meal will be collected next Sunday, April 19, at both services. Please remember to bring in your donations to help support this vital ministry.

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.

SERVE: Yoga! Certified Yoga Instructor, Felicia Stewart Hoyle, leads yoga each Wednesday morning, 9:00-10:15 in Lewis Hall, for beginners through advanced levels, as well as all ages. Suggested donation: \$10.



Children's Registration



Youth/Adult Volunteer Registration



First Presbyterian Church

Where God's Love is Alive for Mission

April 12, 2026
8:30 am



Photo by: Rev. Hannah Ostlund, Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center



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

