



4th Sunday of Easter

Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting Rev, Hannah Ostlund

†Call to Worship Ron Church

†Song *Way Maker*
Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu | Dustin Loehrs

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

†Response *Glory Be to the Father*
John Stafford

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Minute for Mission Delaine Fowler, TWAM

Offering

Offertory Praise Team
Believe For It
CeCe Winans | Kyle Lee | Mitch Song | Dwan Hill

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

†Prayer of Dedication

Sending to share the Word

†Song *How Great Is Our God*
Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | Jesse Reeves

†Benediction

Postlude

†Those who are able are invited to stand.



The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of John Cave, Jr., on his birthday by John and Anne Cave.

Proclamation of the Word

Children's Message

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 49:14-18

Scripture: Acts 17:22-31

Sermon Rev. Hannah Ostlund

Moment for Reflection

Responding to the Word

†Affirmation of Faith

JOYS AND CONCERNS

DJenn Selby, Roxanne Myers (co-worker's infant), Ty Cobb

Jennifer Hudson and family on the death of her father, Bill Garraty.

Kathy Garraty and family on the death of her husband, Bill Garraty.

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Marjie Aggers, Deborah Alexander, Preston Askew, Bill Baker, Clay Burleson, Betty Carli, Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith's mother), Larry Glass (Mark and Ellie Grover's brother-in-law), Scott Hay, Carter Jenkins, Rosalie Laughlin, Wib Manuel, Betty Mohs, Reba Parsons, Ruth Purser (Kathy Sanborn's mother), Marcia Reamer, Frank Saunders, John Smith, Jeanette Whitley, Acey Worthy

BIRTHDAYS

Melinda Swaim, Jenn Gardner Selby, Sonja Goodman, Marny Hendrick, Gail Hounshell, Myrnie McLaughlin, Allison Adams, Walker Brooks, Samantha Pritchard, Christopher Cook, Vickie Clark, Sandy Alexander, Lawana Ford

ANNIVERSARY

Mark and Ellie Grover, Cory and Katie Menees, Wes Simons and Alicia Wilson

Ministry Focus

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

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

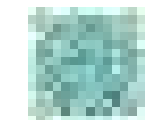
WORSHIP: Today is our final "5 Senses in Worship" Sunday. This experience is Daniel Heath's doctoral project. Let's all remember to complete the enclosed survey for Daniel's research.

MUSIC: The Charlotte Bronze Handbells will present a concert here in Lewis Hall on Saturday, May 9, at 4:00 pm. Do not miss this chance to hear their beautiful music.

WORSHIP: Mark your calendars now for a Night of Worship, an evening of praise, prayer, and community in our courtyard! Bring your chairs and settle in for a wonderful time on Sunday, May 17, at 6:00 pm. Music led by our LCW Praise Team and Jessica Holman Settineri and Matthew Holman.

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 four, we need you! Registration is now open for volunteers. For more information, contact Megan Shaw at 704-636-1321.



Kid's Registration

Volunteer Registration



Ministry Focus

GROW: VBS is right around the corner, and we need your 1-gallon clean, empty milk jugs to help with decorations. Also, if you are looking to help but won't be in town, we are asking for Food Lion gift cards to help with dinner costs. Drop off both in the church office.

GROW: JOY (Just Older Youth) is headed out to Lexington. Lunch at the Southern Lunch, then tour the Bob Timberlake Gallery on Tuesday, May 5, 11:00-3:00. Call the church office to reserve your spot.

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

GROW: Summer break! Our children's Sunday School and First Kids will take a summer break. Our last Sunday School day is May 10, and the First Kids finale is May 6. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the fall!

WE HAVE A HEALTHY CORE

COMMUNICATE: The deadline for the summer newsletter (June-Aug) is May 6. Please send Christine your announcements and articles.

COMMUNICATE: Have you seen our new bulletin boards in the hallway by Lewis Hall? Stop by to see what's going on at First Pres and in the community. You can also see what the Day School is up to on the bulletin board in the parking lot stairwell. We have a lot happening here! Contact Pastor Hannah if you have items for the bulletin boards.

GIVING UPDATE:

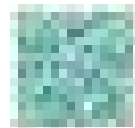
2026 Budgeted Pledges through 04-30-26: \$384,155
2026 Year-to-Date Received: \$326,331

WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

SERVE: Rowan Helping Ministries Food Pantry donation day is next Sunday, May 3. Current needs are jelly, canned diced tomatoes, pasta sauce, granola bars, and reusable bags. Our normal items of canned goods, peanut butter, and cereals are always welcome.

SERVE: 2nd Sunday Cinema is set to begin on May 10. Our first movie will be "Sunday Best: The Untold Story of Ed Sullivan." It's a 2025 Netflix documentary exploring how Ed Sullivan championed Motown and Black artists during the Civil Rights era, featuring rare performances and interviews with icons like Smokey Robinson and Berry Gordy. The film highlights Sullivan's role in normalizing Black excellence in American households. Join us on Sunday, May 10, at 5:00 in Everyman's Bible classroom.

YOUTH: TWAM 5K Run/Walk is Friday, May 1. TWAM invites you to join us at Overton Elementary School at 6:30 pm for the Fun Run and 7 pm for the 5K. Come Run, Walk, Cheer, Volunteer, eat Kona Ice, be a part of our community outreach, and support our youth!



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.

MOMCO: The next meeting of MomCo will be held on Monday, April 27, at 9:30, in the Youth Room. MomCo is a great way for young mothers to find support, mentors, and new friends. Each meeting has a lesson and discussion, crafts, and lots of fellowship. Childcare is provided. Call Bridget Brown for more information.

FOR MORE DETAILS ON EVENTS:

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Where God's Love is Alive for Mission

April 26, 2026

8:30 am



MISSION PRIORITIES

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

