



# Resurrection of the Lord Sunday

## Worship of the Living God

### Gathering around the Word

Prelude

*Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*  
Brenton Brown | Paul Baloche

Welcome & Greeting Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

†Call to Worship Rev. Hannah Ostlund

†Song *Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)*  
John Wilbur Chapman | Mark Hall

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

†Response *Glory Be to the Father*  
John Stafford

### Proclamation of the Word

Children's Message Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

Scripture: Luke 24:13-16, 30-31

Sermon Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

Moment for Reflection

### Responding to the Word

†Affirmation of Faith

Prayers of the People

Announcements

Offering

Offertory Jessica Holman Settineri  
*Resurrection (Thank Jesus)*  
Zachary Schossau | Joshua Brown

†Doxology *Doxology Amen*  
Louis Bourgeois | Phil Wickham

Communion

Communion Music  
*Holy Communion*  
David Gungor | John Arndt

†Prayer after Communion

### Sending to share the Word

†Song *Alive Forever Amen*  
David Moffitt | Sue C. Smith

†Benediction

Postlude

†Those who are able are invited to stand.



### JOYS AND CONCERNS

Jennifer Flynn, Marjie Aggers, Wib Manuel, Clay Burleson, Nadine Potts, Marcia Reamer

Acey and Carol Worthy on the birth of their great-grandchild, Aalijah Ray Smith Cervantes. Aalijah's parents are Anissa and Clayton.

Marianna Swaim and her family on the death of her husband, David.

### CONTINUING CONCERNS

Deborah Alexander, Bill Baker, Betty Carli, Ron Church, 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), Ruth Purser (Kathy Sanborn's mother), Frank Saunders, Jenn Gardner Selby, John Smith, Jeanette Whitley, Acey Worthy

### BIRTHDAYS

Carol Gamble, Frank Eason, Kyna Grubb, Malcolm Blankenship, III, Lucy Heilig, Meredith Rowland, Jon Nagy, Patton Galloway, Anna Mills Wagoner, Susan Mesimer, Bo Brincefield, Robert Bertram, Emma Myers, Banks Fisher, Olivia Smith, Joanna Musser Gritter, Cindy Coleman

### ANNIVERSARY

Kenan and Tracy Smith, Wayne and Becky Sasser

## 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.

### COMMUNION

The living Christ encounters us in the ordinary elements of Communion. The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended by Christ and is open to all - believers and doubters, young children and adults, members and non-members. To highlight this gracious welcome of all, only non-alcoholic juice is served, and gluten-free bread is available. If you would like to refrain from the feast, you may cross your arms, and a blessing will be offered to you. If you cannot come forward, a minister will serve you in your seat. If you feel so moved to respond, people often reply with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."

**Communion Elder: Kia Creamer**

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### CHURCH LIFE

#### WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED

**WORSHIP:** This morning, Russ and Liz Snyder present their daughter, Emma McKay Snyder, for baptism.

**GROW:** First Kids will NOT meet on April 8. We will return on April 15.

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

**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.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### 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.

**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: \$264,989

#### WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

**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](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to sign up.



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# First Presbyterian Church

Where God's Love is Alive for Mission

April 5, 2026

8:30 am



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

