



Service of Installation

Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

†Call to Worship Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

†Song *Glory*
Pete Kipley | Phil Wickham

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

†Response *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*
Paul M. Vasile

Proclamation of the Word

Children’s Message Ron Church

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-19

Scripture: Genesis 1:20-2:3

Sermon Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

Moment for Reflection

Responding to the Word

†Affirmation of Faith Rev. Hannah Ostlund

Installation of Elders

Prayers of the People

Announcements

Offering

Offertory Praise Team
So Will I (100 Billion X)
Benjamin Hastings | Joel Houston | Michael Fatkin

†Doxology *New Doxology*
Louis Bourgeois | Thomas Ken

Communion

Communion Music *The Table*
Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash

†Prayer after Communion

Sending to share the Word

†Song *God of Wonders*
Marc Byrd | Steve Hindalong

†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 Gene Hollifield, Sherry Bryan’s father, by Fred, Sherry, and Luke Bryan, and Bess and Brayden Pomajzl.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Luke Fisher, Christie Carter, Jenn Selby, Acey Worthy, Ron Church

Sherry Bryan and family on the death of her father, Gene Hollifield, on April 26.

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Marjie Aggers, Deborah Alexander, Preston Askew, Bill Baker, Clay Burlison, Betty Carli, Ty Cobb, Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith’s mother), Scott Hay, Carter Jenkins, Rosalie Laughlin, Wib Manuel, Betty Mohs, Reba Parsons, Marcia Reamer, Frank Saunders, John Smith, Jeanette Whitley

BIRTHDAYS

Brady Fowler, Scott Whittington, Doug Shellhorn, Ed Lewis, David Pulliam, Johnny Behrooz, Glenda Brooks, Thomas Shaw, Caren Steele, Doug Glasgow, Lynn Miller, Diane Coggin, Terry Mulkey, Judy Mabe, Tootsie Billings, Coleman Bergsma, Barrett Shoaf, Melissa Harrington, Ellie Grover, Steve Miller, Glenda Askew, John Cresenzo, Dan De Graaf, Steve Thomas

ANNIVERSARY

Alicia Wilson and Wes Simons, Mark and Ellie Grover, Cory and Katie Menees, John and Kyna Grubb, Duane and Angela Galloway

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.

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: Mindy Muire

THIS MORNING, we installed the Elder Class of 2029: Brandon Aron, John Drye, and Blaine Smith. Sherry Bryan will be installed on a later date.

Ministry Focus

CHURCH LIFE

WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED

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.



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. We will leave from the church parking lot at 1:1:00. 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. Youth Sunday School has already begun its summer break. 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.

GIVING UPDATE:

2026 Budgeted Pledges through 04-30-26: \$384,155
2026 Year-to-Date Received: \$355,253

WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

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.

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.

First Presbyterian Church

Where God's Love is Alive for Mission

May 3, 2026

8:30 am

God's Dysfunctional Family Tree

An Incredible Beginning



MISSION PRIORITIES

Spirit-Centered Discipleship
Friendships Across Differences

Hands-On Local Mission
Embracing the Unchurched



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