

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

† Those who are able are invited to stand **Bold** indicates words spoken in unison

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

An order of worship offers a meaningful and reliable structure for the church's encounter with the living God. Over time, an order of worship helps to shape our faith and faithfulness as the people of God, becoming a pattern for how we live as Christians in the world.

PRELUDE Teresa de Freitas
Land of Rest
Wilbur Held

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Hannah Ostlund

† CALL TO WORSHIP Kia Creamer
In the name of God who creates us,
Who holds us and the whole world in his hands.
We are called by God into community,
To love one another as God so loved us.
God gathers us in worship and praise.
Let us give thanks to God who makes us one.

† HYMN #685 *Unseen God, Your Hand Has Guided*

CONFESSION OF SIN
Creator God, you have given each of us many gifts and talents, but sometimes we cannot recognize the gifts we are called to share. Instead of sharing our gifts of light with the world, we would rather keep our light to ourselves. Forgive us for our sins and our restriction of your light through our ways. Each day remind us, O God, that you call us to work, live, and love together as one body.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† RESPONSE #583 *Glory to God*
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Megan Shaw

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Dyke Messinger

SCRIPTURE Romans 12:3-13, p. 151

ANTHEM Bell Tower Ringers
Contemplation on Beautiful Savior
arr. Matthew Compton

SCRIPTURE Genesis 2:4b-9; 18-22, p. 2

SERMON Rev. Hannah Ostlund

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION
In My Heart Ring a Melody
arr. Carol Tornquist

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from a Brief Statement of Faith*
In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *The Prayer*
Carole Bayer Sager | David Foster
Jessica Holman Settineri & Matthew Holman, vocals, Allyson Rhoades, cello

† DOXOLOGY #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING TO SHARE THE WORD

† HYMN #14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Hanover*
Charles Callahan



The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Tom and Margaret Graham by Cindi Graham.

Welcome to First Pres

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

FRIENDSHIP PADS in your pews 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 narthex.
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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Luke Fisher, Christie Carter, Jenn Selby, Acey Worthy, Ron Church, Vickie Reavis (the De Graaf's friend), Gerry Crabbe (Jenn Selby's friend)

Marianna Swaim on the birth of her granddaughter, Maddie Gray Swaim, on May 6. Maddie's parents are Ian and Brooke Swaim, and her older brother is HL.

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

BIRTHDAYS: Michael Doran, Tracy Smith, Carter Cook, Mike Fuller, John Michael Muth, Cathy Basinger, Dan Williams, Amy Shellhorn, Dave Mayberry, Jack Muth, Deborah Messinger, Sue Weddington

ANNIVERSARIES: Steve and Diane Coggin, Frank and Nan Eason

WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED

WORSHIP: Baccalaureate Sunday is next week, May 17, during the 11:00 service. There will be a reception in the courtyard in honor of the graduates immediately following the service.

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: Our 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. First Kids has already finished. Sunday School for children ends TODAY. Youth Sunday School is on summer break. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the fall!

WE HAVE A HEALTHY CORE

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: \$376,535

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. (No class on May 20) Suggested donation: \$10.

SERVE: 2nd Sunday Cinema begins TODAY. 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.

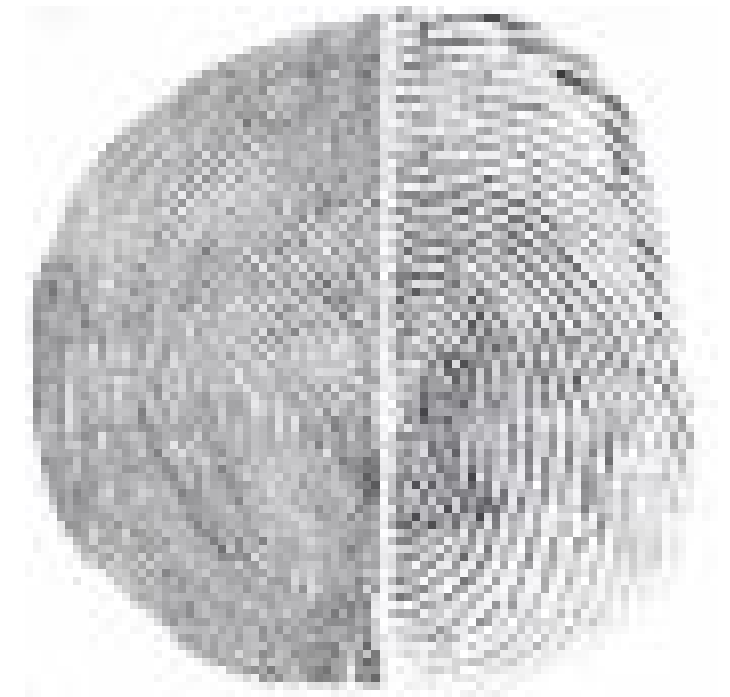
SERVE: It's time to begin signing up to host our RSS Summer Meals program. We need 2-3 people daily, Monday-Friday, May 28-July 28, 11:15-12:15. No experience needed. Just come and sit with families while the kids eat. Christine will need a copy of your driver's license. Lunch is free for ALL children up to 18 years old, so bring your kids and grandkids!



| Day School | |
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| Sunday School | |
| 1st-2nd Grades | |
| 1st Grade | 10:00-10:45 |
| 2nd Grade | 10:45-11:30 |
| 3rd-4th Grades | 11:30-12:15 |
| 5th-6th Grades | 12:15-1:00 |
| 7th-8th Grades | 1:00-1:45 |
| 9th-10th Grades | 1:45-2:30 |
| 11th-12th Grades | 2:30-3:15 |
| 13th-14th Grades | 3:15-4:00 |
| 15th-16th Grades | 4:00-4:45 |
| 17th-18th Grades | 4:45-5:30 |
| 19th-20th Grades | 5:30-6:15 |
| 21st-22nd Grades | 6:15-7:00 |
| 23rd-24th Grades | 7:00-7:45 |
| 25th-26th Grades | 7:45-8:30 |
| 27th-28th Grades | 8:30-9:15 |
| 29th-30th Grades | 9:15-10:00 |
| 31st-32nd Grades | 10:00-10:45 |
| 33rd-34th Grades | 10:45-11:30 |
| 35th-36th Grades | 11:30-12:15 |
| 37th-38th Grades | 12:15-1:00 |
| 39th-40th Grades | 1:00-1:45 |
| 41st-42nd Grades | 1:45-2:30 |
| 43rd-44th Grades | 2:30-3:15 |
| 45th-46th Grades | 3:15-4:00 |
| 47th-48th Grades | 4:00-4:45 |
| 49th-50th Grades | 4:45-5:30 |
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| 59th-60th Grades | 8:30-9:15 |
| 61st-62nd Grades | 9:15-10:00 |
| 63rd-64th Grades | 10:00-10:45 |
| 65th-66th Grades | 10:45-11:30 |
| 67th-68th Grades | 11:30-12:15 |
| 69th-70th Grades | 12:15-1:00 |
| 71st-72nd Grades | 1:00-1:45 |
| 73rd-74th Grades | 1:45-2:30 |
| 75th-76th Grades | 2:30-3:15 |
| 77th-78th Grades | 3:15-4:00 |
| 79th-80th Grades | 4:00-4:45 |
| 81st-82nd Grades | 4:45-5:30 |
| 83rd-84th Grades | 5:30-6:15 |
| 85th-86th Grades | 6:15-7:00 |
| 87th-88th Grades | 7:00-7:45 |
| 89th-90th Grades | 7:45-8:30 |
| 91st-92nd Grades | 8:30-9:15 |
| 93rd-94th Grades | 9:15-10:00 |
| 95th-96th Grades | 10:00-10:45 |
| 97th-98th Grades | 10:45-11:30 |
| 99th-100th Grades | 11:30-12:15 |

Service of the Lord's Day

God's Dysfunctional Family Tree
An Incredible Beginning



6th Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026
11:00 am | Sanctuary

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