



Day of Pentecost

Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

†Call to Worship Rev. Hannah Ostlund

†Song *Holy Spirit*
Bryan Torwalt | Katie Torwalt

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 Cathy Adams

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Genesis 11:1-9 Colin Dailey

Scripture: Acts 2:1-18, 21-24, 32-33, 38-39

Sermon Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

Moment for Reflection

Responding to the Word

†Affirmation of Faith

Installation of Elder

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Offertory Allyson Rhoades, cello
Spirit of the Living God (Assad)
Audrey Assad | Henry Tweeny

†Doxology *New Doxology*
Louis Bourgeois | Thomas Ken

†Prayer of Dedication

Sending to share the Word

†Song *Open Up The Heavens*
Andi Rozier | James McDonald

†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 the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country, by Guy and LeeAnna Hoskins and family.

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Jesse Tart, Martha Michael, Wanda Huntley, Anne Saunders

Joyce Ann Spiceland, on the death of her husband, Jim, on May 15.

CONTINUING CONCERNS: Marjie Aggers, Deborah Alexander, Preston Askew, Bill Baker, Clay Burleson, Betty Carli, Christie Carter, Ron Church, Ty Cobb, Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith’s mother), Luke Fisher, Scott Hay, Carter Jenkins, Rosalie Laughlin, Wib Manuel, Betty Mohs, Reba Parsons, Frank Saunders, Jenn Sebly, John Smith, Jeanette Whitley, Acey Worthy

BIRTHDAYS: Zandra Spencer, Vickie Wallace, Keven Settineri, Zane Creamer, Vivian Selby, Carr Nagy, LeeAnna Hoskins, Madeline Gansz, Chanaka Yatawara, Alicia Wilson, Bobby Weant, Frank Adams III, Trent Busby, Savannah Lucas, Mary Greene

ANNIVERSARIES: David and Dari Caldwell, Alan and Delaine Fowler

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

This morning, Sherry Bryan will be installed as an Elder, Class of 2029.

GROW: Are you in your 20s and 30s? Are you looking for a community of friends in faith? First Pres is excited to be kicking off our Young Adult programming this year, just for you! All Young Adults are invited to join Pastor Hannah in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 am Service on Sunday, May 31, to get to know one another and discuss summer plans! Refreshments will be served.

GROW: New Member Class – Have you been visiting with us for a while? Are you interested in learning more about Presbyterians and First Pres? Are you ready to join this family of faith? Then join us for lunch on Sunday, June 7, at 12:30, in the Fellowship Hall. Please let the church office know you will be attending by calling 704-636-1321. Childcare is available if needed.

GROW: The JOY group is planning a June outing. Lunch at the Lake! Join us on June 11 at Scott and Carol Hay’s house at 11:30. (1210 Crane View Road, Salisbury) Drinks are provided. Please bring a side dish, main dish, salad, or dessert to share. We need to limit the number of people to 35, so call the church office soon before space runs out.

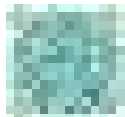
Ministry Focus

WORSHIP: Our First Pres Concert Series continues on Sunday, June 14, at 3:00, in the Sanctuary, with a Piano Extravaganza! Get ready to be mesmerized! We are thrilled to welcome three extraordinary pianists for an afternoon of spectacular keyboard artistry: Dr. Lawrence Quinnett, George Mobley, and Dustin Shelton. From soaring Romantic repertoire to fresh and surprising discoveries, this concert promises to be an afternoon of pure musical magic. Refreshments will be served afterward. Childcare is available.

GROW: Mark your calendars! This summer (June 14 to August 2), we are excited to be offering a Unified Sunday School opportunity titled "The Arch of Scripture." Together, we will explore the Bible from cover to cover at 30,000 feet and share ways you can engage our Holy text in your daily life. Join us in Fellowship Hall at 9:45.

WORSHIP: Unified Summer Worship is fast approaching. Mark your calendars now for Sundays, June 28 - August 2. We will alternate worship spaces beginning in Lewis Hall. Also, we will be worshipping at 10:30 (Sunday School moves to 9:30).

GROW: Time is getting close. Register for Vacation Bible School 2026 now! 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.



VBS Children's Registration

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: Summer break! All children's and youth Sunday School, First Kids, and Youth group are now on break. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the fall!

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

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 when you have items for the bulletin boards.

GIVING UPDATE:

2026 Budgeted Pledges through 05-31-26: \$480,194
2026 Year-to-Date Received: \$392,678

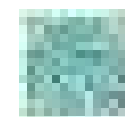
WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

SERVE: Rowan Helping Ministries' next food donation day is Sunday, June 7. Currently, they need stuffing mix, pasta (penne, egg noodles, or spaghetti), individual snack items, and reusable shopping bags. Please remember to bring in your donations on Sunday, June 7.

SERVE: 2nd Sunday Cinema continues on Sunday, June 14, at 5:00, in Everyman's Bible Class. The movie, sponsored by our Community Ministries Team, is Just Mercy. A 2019 American biographical legal drama film co-written and directed by Destin Daniel Cretton and starring Michael B. Jordan as Bryan Stevenson and Jamie Foxx as Walter McMillian, together with Rob Morgan, Tim Blake Nelson, Rafe Spall, and Brie Larson. It explores the work of Bryan Stevenson, a young defense attorney representing poor black prisoners on death row in the Southern US.

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 and for all ages. (No class on July 1, 8, 15, and 22) Suggested donation: \$10.

SERVE: It's time to begin signing up to host our Rowan-Salisbury Schools' Summer Meals program hosted here at First Pres. 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! Use the QR Code to sign up!



Sign Up for Rowan-Salisbury School's Summer Meals Program @ First Pres

First Presbyterian Church

Where God's Love is Alive for Mission

May 24, 2026

8:30 am

God's Dysfunctional Family Tree An Incredible Beginning



MISSION PRIORITIES

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

