

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

The Play of the Godhead
William P. Rowan

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

† CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Hannah Ostlund
Shout to the Lord, all the earth;
Break out in praise and sing for joy!
We were filled with laughter, and we sang for joy.
And the other nations said,
What amazing things the Lord has done for them.

† HYMN #9 *The Play of the Godhead*

CONFESSION OF SIN
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the world often steals our joy from us. Selfishness keeps us from trusting you. Despair blinds us from expecting you. Suffering closes us off from you. We cling to our own ways, and trust in our own paths. Restore in us your abundant dance of life. Give us reasons to laugh once again.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† RESPONSE #288 *Spirit of the Living God*
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Megan Shaw

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:1-6 p. 182

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 18:1-15, p. 13

SERMON Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

His Eye is on the Sparrow
Carol Tornquist

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Rev. Lara Musser Gritter
The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Delight Yourself in the Lord*
Mark Hayes

† 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 #1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune in G Major*
Paul Fey



The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God, and in fond memory of mother and son, Carolyn and Buck Hurley, by the Ritchie families.

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: Jesse Tart, Martha Michael, Anne Saunders

Guy and LeeAnna Hoskins on the birth of their granddaughter, Anna June Gansz, on May 25. Anna's parents are Austin and Madeline Gansz.

CONTINUING CONCERNS: Marjie Aggers, Deborah Alexander, Preston Askew, Bill Baker, Betty Carli, 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 Selby, John Smith, Jeanette Whitley, Acey Worthy

BIRTHDAYS: Teresa de Freitas, Becky Sasser, Sara Beth Richard, Barbara Norman, Melissa Allen, Elle Kennedy, Wanda Huntley, Marcia Parrott, Suzette Pritchard, Dick Cameron, John Cave, Cindy Ware, Diane Fisher, David McGaha, Wayne Alexander, Preston Askew

ANNIVERSARIES: Tim and Jenny Steinman, Wayne and Deborah Alexander

WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED

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 TODAY, 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.

WORSHIP: Our First Pres Concert Series continues on Sunday, June 14, at 3:00, 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.



GROW: VBS is right around the corner, and we need your 1-gallon clean, empty milk jugs to help with decorations. Drop off in the church office.

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: 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 August!

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

WE HAVE A HEALTHY CORE

STAFF: Please be aware that your pastors and staff will never text or email you to solicit money, gift cards, or run errands. Other things to watch out for: emails not ending with @firstpressalisbury.org or emails/texts about ‘a private matter.’ Please do not respond to these phishing emails and texts.

GIVING UPDATE:

2026 Budgeted Pledges through 05-31-26: \$480,194
2026 Year-to-Date Received: \$417,586

WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

SERVE: 2nd Sunday Cinema continues on Sunday, June 14, at 5:00, in Everyman’s Bible Class. The movie, sponsored by our Race and Justice 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: The Race and Justice Team invites you to join them at the Juneteenth celebration at the Bell Tower Park on June 20, 11:00-7:00. One event will be to ride the trolley on the African American Heritage Trail with Livingstone staff as tour guides.

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 Rowan-Salisbury School’s Summer Meals program 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!



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May 31, 2026
11:00 am | Sanctuary

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