

# 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  
Prelude on "Be Thou My Vision" (SLANE)  
Paul Fey

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS      Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

† CALL TO WORSHIP      Rev. Lara Musser Gritter  
Praise be to you, O God, O you who answers prayer!  
**By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance.**  
O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth.  
**You silence the roaring of the seas, the chaos of the peoples.**  
You make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

† HYMN #238      *Thine Is the Glory*

CONFESSION OF SIN  
**God of Abraham and Sarah, we do not always know what you are up to. Nor do we understand the claims you make on our lives. Out in the world we see how pain shatters others. Within ourselves we feel how brokenness infests. Sometimes your promises feel too wild to believe. Meet us in our dark nights. Help us to understand what we cannot. And if we cannot understand, stay close by.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE      Ronnie Church

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 22:1-8, p. 17

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 22:9-19, p. 17

SERMON

Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*  
arr. Carol Tornquist

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      Rev. Hannah Ostlund  
*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      *Healing River*  
arr. 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 #39      *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*We're Marching to Zion*  
Arr. Gordon Young



## 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:** Bill Troxler, Mary Cameron, Jesse Tart

**CONTINUING CONCERNS:** 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, Martha Michael, Betty Mohs, Frank & Anne Saunders, Jenn Selby, John Smith, Jeanette Whitley, Acey Worthy

**BIRTHDAYS:** Della Adams, Bill Troxler, Elayne McCoy, Tami Nianouris, Frank Adams Jr., Allison Ogden

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Holly and Vince Muñoz, Riley and Grace Myers, Chanaka and Gayle Yatawara, Troy and Kia Creamer, John and Lesleigh Drye, Denny and Dotty Shantz, Jim and Betty Carli, Steve and Donna Thomas, Guy and LeeAnna Hoskins

### WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED

**WORSHIP:** Our First Pres Concert Series continues TODAY 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:** Unified Adult Sunday School begins today! 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.

**GROW:** All Young Adults (18 to 40ish) are invited to join Pastor Hannah at New Sarum Brewing on Wednesday, June 24 from 6:30-8:00 for Theology on Tap. We will spend time together and with God's word!

**GROW:** VBS begins tomorrow! 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.

**GROW:** Our Men's Bible Study with Pastor Josh continues each Tuesday at 6:30 am in room 201. (No class on June 30, July 7, 14, and 21)

**GROW:** New Opportunities to Share God's Love! We have two new opportunities for you to actively participate in sharing God's love. Please consider signing up!

1. **God's Table:** Once every 4-6 weeks, First Pres will hold a brief worship service at RHM for their guests before Sunday lunch service at Jeannie's Kitchen. Pastor Hannah and volunteers will lead worship and then help to serve lunch. The first God's Table will be on Sunday, June 21 from 11:15-1:00.
2. **Worship Scripture Readers:** Join us in worship and help share God's word by reading the first scripture lesson at 8:30 or 11:00. Readings will be distributed the week prior.

Contact Christine for information on dates for God's Table or reading Scripture.

**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).

**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 @firstpresssalisbury.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: \$456,029

**GIVING:** Make summertime giving a breeze by setting up recurring gifts! Many of you support the congregation with your time, talent, and financial contributions throughout the year. But since many of our members travel or spend time visiting family and friends during the summer, it can be hard to keep up with weekly gifts. That's why we encourage you to set up regular, recurring donations through our secure online giving site – [www.firstpresssalisbury.org/give](http://www.firstpresssalisbury.org/give).

**WE ARE BRANCHING OUT**

**SERVE:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Cinema continues TODAY 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.

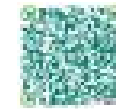
**SERVE:** Our next Helene Relief Trip will be July 19-24. Communities still need so much help rebuilding. Contact Bob Harris at 704-202-5877 to volunteer—no skills required and no cost for lodging and meals.

**SERVE:** Remember to sign up to host Rowan-Salisbury School's Summer Meals. We need 2-3 people daily, Monday-Friday, May 28-July 28, 11:15-12:15. Lunch is free for ALL children up to 18 years old, so bring your kids and grandkids!



**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:** Save the date for Tuesday, July 28, 2:00-6:30, for our Quarterly Red Cross Blood Drive. Go online to book your appointment.



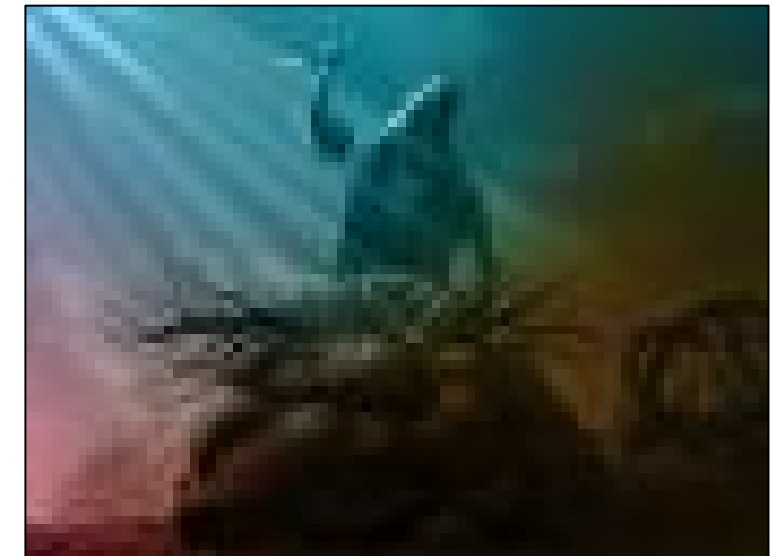
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# Service of the Lord's Day

## God's Dysfunctional Family Tree An Incredible Beginning



**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

June 14, 2026  
 11:00 am | Sanctuary

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