

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 for a Flute
Paul Fey

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

† CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Josh Musser Gritter
Give thanks to the Lord, the God who sees,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the God of gods,
for Christ's steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for the Holy Spirit's steadfast love endures forever.

† HYMN #409 *God is Here!*

CONFESSION OF SIN
Most merciful God, we gather to admit that we're far from perfect. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, nor loved our neighbors or families as ourselves. We have chosen competition over community. We have been judgmental and jealous. We have sought to control and condemn others rather than trust you. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. Redirect our hearts toward you that we might walk in your will and delight in your ways to the glory of your name.

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

BAPTISM

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 53:1-7 p. 642

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 16:1-16, p. 12

SERMON Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION
Let Us Break Bread Together
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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *People Need the Lord*
Russell Mauldin
Tyler and Bridget Brown, soloists, Sanctuary Choir

† 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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."

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION
Hymn Medley

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING TO SHARE THE WORD

† HYMN #834 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*
vv. 1, 2, 1

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Holy Manna
Charles Callahan



The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God, and in memory of Bob and Arva Thomas by Steve and Donna Thomas.

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, Martha Michael, Anne Saunders

Jim Mitchell and family on the death of his wife, Bev, on May 31.

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, Betty Mohs, Frank Saunders, Jenn Selby, John Smith, Jeanette Whitley, Acey Worthy

BIRTHDAYS: Mackenzie Mosack, Harrison Smith, Walter Almeida, Cheryl Kurey, Jan Kichefski, Lynn Bertram, Salem Fleming, Scott Leary, David Potts, Bill Schnuit, Howard Kessler, Bess Pomajzl, Jack Fisher

ANNIVERSARIES: Bill and Lisa Schnuit, Ty and Beverly Cobb, Denny and Karen Wenker

WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED

COMMUNION ELDER: Savannah Lucas

BAPTISM: This morning, Troy and Kia Creamer present their son, Griffin Foster Creamer, for baptism. Griffin's older brother is Jack, and his grandparents are John and Kyna Grubb.


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.

GROW: JOY is heading to the lake for lunch! 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: 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. (No class on June 30, July 7, 14, and 21)

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: \$436,528

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.

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: God's Table @ RHM – Volunteer now to help Pastor Hannah lead a brief time of worship at Rowan Helping Ministries (Jeannie's Kitchen at 226 N Long St) before serving lunch together. Sunday, June 21, 11:15-1:00. 

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: 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: Remember to sign up to host Rowan-Salisbury School's Summer. 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: Save the date! Tuesday, July 28, 2:00-6:30 Red Cross Quarterly Blood Drive. Go online to book your appointment. 

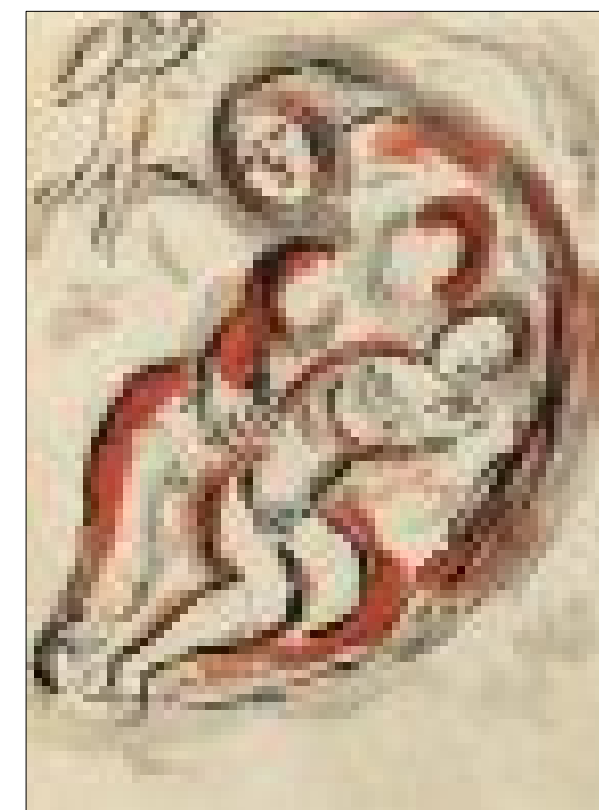
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God's Dysfunctional Family Tree An Incredible Beginning



2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 7, 2026
11:00 am | Sanctuary

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