



God’s Dysfunctional Family Tree...

An Incredible Beginning

Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude		Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer
Welcome & Greeting	Rev. Josh Musser Gritter	Announcements
†Call to Worship	Rev. Lara Musser Gritter	Offering
†Song	<i>Still Waters</i> Jonathan Conrad Gamble Justin Richards	Offertory <i>It Really Is Amazing Grace</i> Phil Wickham Jonathan Smith
		†Doxology <i>Doxology (God Be Praised)</i> Louis Bourgeois Thomas Ken
		†Prayer of Dedication

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

†Response *Glory Be*
Chris Tomlin | Jason Ingram

Proclamation of the Word

Children’s Message Ronnie Church

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Genesis 38:1, 12-19 Jennifer Flynn

Scripture: Genesis 38:24-26; Matthew 1:1-3

Sermon Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

Moment for Reflection

Responding to the Word

†Affirmation of Faith

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

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Offering

Offertory *It Really Is Amazing Grace*
Phil Wickham | Jonathan Smith

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Sending to share the Word

†Song *Goodness of God*
Ben Fielding | Brian Johnson

†Benediction

Postlude

†Those who are able are invited to stand.



The flowers this morning are given to the
glory of God and by Frank and Cathy Adams
in honor of their grandchildren: Stewart, Frank,
Blake, Drew, Ryan, Della, and Landry.

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Barry Sang, Myrna Crocker

Riley and Grace Myers and family on the death of Riley’s father.

Acey and Carol Worthy on the birth of their great-grandson, Reece Patrick Wetzel, on July 14, to Rook and Taylor Wetzel.

CONTINUING CONCERNS: Preston Askew, Bill Baker, Mary Cameron, Betty Carli, Ron Church, Ty Cobb, Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith’s mother), Richard Franklin, Scott Hay, Rosalie Laughlin, Wib Manuel, Martha Michael, Betty Mohs, Frank Saunders, John Smith, Jesse Tart, Jeanette Whitley, Acey Worthy

BIRTHDAYS: Phoebe Musser Gritter, Ace Dufour, Briggs Hudson, Gail Bankett, Glenda Long, David Caldwell, Alan Fowler, Dana Walser, Glenn Hudson, Meghan Maxey, Pierce Ogden, Marcia Reamer, Pat Weber

ANNIVERSARIES: Bill and Anna Mills Wagoner, Howard and Debbie Kessler, Mike and Fredna Farris, Mike and Adair Doran, David and Sandy Lee, Bob and Margaret Harris, Tyler and Bridget Brown

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

GROW: Unified Adult Sunday School continues through 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 9:30.

WORSHIP: Unified Summer Worship continues through 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: Our Men’s Bible Study with Pastor Josh continues each Tuesday at 6:30 am in room 201.

GROW: Worship Scripture Readers wanted. Help share God’s word by reading the first scripture lesson at 8:30 or 11:00. Readings will be distributed the week prior. Sign up using the QR code or on the bulletin board by Lewis Hall.

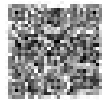


Ministry Focus

GROW: Calling all preschool 3-4-year-olds through 5th-grade kids, it's time to sign up for First Kids! We will begin earlier this year, so mark your calendars now for Wednesday, August 19. Parents, we will also have a parent meeting on August 19. Come for dinner and stay for a meeting to hear about expectations, the calendar, and new opportunities!



GROW: First Kids needs volunteers. It takes a village. Watch for signups to begin soon. Cooks, cleanup teams, table parents, and shepherds are needed!



MUSIC: Join us on Sunday, August 16, at 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary for our First Pres Concert Series featuring the Astralis Ensemble. This award-winning trio consists of a cello, flute, and harp. Don't miss these 'scary-good' musicians!

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: 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.

GIVING UPDATE:
2026 Budgeted Pledges through 07-31-26: \$672,272
2026 Year-to-Date Received: \$594,784

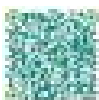
WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

SERVE: RSS is welcoming 8 new international teachers this month, and they need our help! Visit our Amazon Wish List or donate funds to help us fill their homes with basic supplies as they embark on a new adventure here in Salisbury and alongside RSS. **Deadline to help: August 3!**



SERVE: Our weekly yoga class is now on summer break. See you back on July 29 at 9:00.

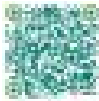
SERVE: Book your appointment now for Tuesday, July 28, 2:00-6:30, for our Quarterly Red Cross Blood Drive. Help to save lives by donating blood.



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. Two dates to choose from: Aug 23 and Sept 20. Hours: 11:15-1:00.



DAY SCHOOL: School will begin soon, and the Day School has a wish list they would love to see fulfilled. Please consider donating one of these items to help enhance the amazing program they offer children in Rowan County.



SERVE: United Way Day of Caring. The Showing Up Team is looking for volunteers to join as a church group to help with United Way's Day of Caring on August 27. Please contact Mike Drinkard (770-283-9046 or mikedrinkard@gmail.com) if you'd like to join this mission outreach effort of First Pres.

First Presbyterian Church
Where God's Love is Alive for Mission

July 26, 2026
10:30 am



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

