

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
Meditation on "Cwm Rhonda"
Paul Fey

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

† CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Josh Musser Gritter
Adapted from Psalm 51

Create in us a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Grant us a willing spirit to sustain us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation.

† HYMN #435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

CONFESSION OF SIN *Adapted from Psalm 51*
**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion; blot out our transgressions.
Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. For we know
our transgressions, and our sin is always before us. Against you and
against others, we have sinned. Cleanse us, and we will be clean;
wash us, and we will be whiter than snow.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† RESPONSE #582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*
**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Kia Creamer

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 33: 1-11 p. 29

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SERMON Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION *He Keeps Me Singing*
arr. Carol Tornquist

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *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 Mia Mason
Balm in Gilead
arr. Harry T. Burleigh

† DOXOLOGY #605 *Praise to God the Father*
**Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spirit: praise to the Three-in-One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.**

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

Be Still, My Soul
arr. Chris Rice

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING TO SHARE THE WORD

† HYMN #649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Festive Postlude*
Paul Fey



The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 2026 TWAM Mission Trip Youth and Leaders for their incredible work in Mexico, by Bob and Margaret Harris.

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: Richard Franklin, Mary Cameron, Jesse Tart

Barbara and Steve Safrit on the death of her mother, Joan Horner, on June 30.

Barbara and Steve Safrit on the birth of their granddaughter, Millie Mae Embler. Millie's parents are Sydney and Cameron Embler, and her siblings are Layla and Brody.

CONTINUING CONCERNS: Preston Askew, Bill Baker, Betty Carli, Ron Church, Ty Cobb, Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith's mother), Scott Hay, Rosalie Laughlin, Wib Manuel, Martha Michael, Betty Mohs, Frank & Anne Saunders, John Smith, Bill Troxler, Jeanette Whitley, Acey Worthy

BIRTHDAYS: Marilyn Settineri, Josh Honbarrier, Tom Maxey, Ryan Jenkins, Bill Lee, Ryan Adams, Ty Cobb, Christy Godbold, Roarke Burton, Brenda Byrd, Leighton Horton, Guy Hoskins, Doug Lawrence, Barbara Safrit

ANNIVERSARIES: Russ and Megan Adams, Brian and Suzette Pritchard, Scott and Marcie Leary, Jimmy and Nancy Linn, Derrick and Leigh Ann Preston

WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED

COMMUNION ELDERS: Barry Sang, John Cave

CONNECT: Our annual Tomato Day Lunch is soon! Join us after worship on Sunday, July 19, in Lewis Hall for the best gathering of the year! Enjoy BLTs and fellowship.

GROW: First Kids (potty-trained 3-year-olds through 5th grade) is having a summer movie night on Friday, July 17, from 6 to 8 pm. Join us in Fellowship Hall for dinner and a show with a blanket in hand!

GROW: Unified Adult Sunday School continues! 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, July 15 from 6:30-8:00 for Theology on Tap. We will spend time together and with God's word!

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

GROW: We have a new opportunity for you to actively participate in sharing God's love. Please consider signing up by QR code or by visiting the bulletin board outside of Lewis Hall:



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.

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!

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

CHURCH OFFICE: The church office will be closed tomorrow, July 6, in observance of July 4. RSS Summer lunches will still be served.

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 06-30-26: \$576,233

2026 Year-to-Date Received: \$491,865

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: 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!

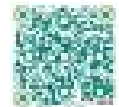


SERVE: Our weekly yoga class is now on summer break. We will not meet on July 1, 8, 15, and 22. See you back on July 29 at 9:00.

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.



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. Three dates to choose from: Aug 23, Sept 20, or Nov 15. Hours: 11:15-1:00.



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. The work done that day will be a variety of landscaping activities at one of our local schools. Specifics will be determined after we know the number of volunteers who are participating. Please contact Mike Drinkard (770-283-9046 or mikedrinkard@gmail.com) sometime this coming week if you'd like to join this mission outreach effort of First Pres.

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Service of the Lord's Day



6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 5, 2026
10:30 am | Sanctuary

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