



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		Announcements	
†Call to Worship		Offering	
†Song		Offertory	
		<i>Still Good</i> Chris Brown Mack Brock	
		†Doxology	
		<i>Doxology (God Be Praised)</i> Louis Bourgeois Thomas Ken	
		†Prayer of Dedication	
		<i>Mighty To Save</i> Ben Fielding Reuben Morgan	

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

†Response

Glory Be to the Father
John Stafford

Proclamation of the Word

Children’s Message

Megan Shaw

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-10

Judy Mabe

Scripture: Genesis 50:15-21

Sermon

Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

Moment for Reflection

Responding to the Word

†Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Hannah Ostlund

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

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Sending to share the Word

†Song

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning to End)
Jason Ingram | Michael Weaver

†Benediction

Postlude

†Those who are able are invited to stand.



The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God, and are given by Ryan, Meredith & Camden Honeycutt in honor of all the First Pres church members and staff who gave their time to help facilitate the Rowan-Salisbury Schools Summer Meals site here at the church. 563 lunches were served to children this summer. It was our site’s 10th year operating!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Antonio Cervantes Anguiano, Acey Worthy, Betty Carli

John and Lesleigh Drye on the birth of their grandson, Elliott Alexander Glontz, on July 17. Elliott’s parents are Alexandra and Alex Glontz.

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Preston Askew, Bill Baker, Mary Cameron, Ron Church, Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith’s mother), Richard Franklin, Scott Hay, Rosalie Laughlin, Wib Manuel, Martha Michael, Betty Mohs, Barry Sang, Frank Saunders, John Smith, Jesse Tart, Jeanette Whitley

BIRTHDAYS

Scott Hay, Ed Whitley, William Preston, Rose Hall, Emmie Paul, Mark Bryd, Bob Lewis, Nick Langdon, Jeff Beaver, Barbara Garwood, Jeff Billings, Steve Ashley

ANNIVERSARY

Steve and Barbara Safrit, Ed and Mindy Muire

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: Fall Kickoff is here! Join us Sunday, August 16, 9:45-10:45 in the courtyard for refreshments, games, fellowship, and more. See what’s happening with First Kids, Young Adults, Mom’s Village, Children’s, Youth, and Adult Sunday School, and so much more. Bring your family and enjoy!

MUSIC: Our Sanctuary Choir rehearsals have resumed on Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 PM in the choir room below the Sanctuary. Our Bell Tower Ringers are moving to Thursdays, 5:30-7:00 PM in Celebration Hall below the Sanctuary beginning August 27. If you would like to participate in either/both, contact Teresa de Freitas in the church office.

GROW: Devotional Drop-In for Parents! Are you a parent looking for community at First Pres? Have you ever dropped your child off at Sunday School and been unsure of where to go yourself? Come to the new “Devotional Drop-In” during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45) in the Kirby Library at First Pres! We will have refreshments, time to connect with other parents, and a chance to reflect on our faith together. Kick off Sunday, August 16!

Ministry Focus

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!

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!



GROW: Pastor Hannah is hosting a Dip Off for young adults! Bring your favorite dip to share on Wednesday, August 26, 6:00-8:00 in our courtyard. Dips, games, and fellowship. Invite your friends.

GROW: The 2026-2027 Presbyterian Women's Bible Study will kick off on Monday, September 14, at 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. This year's book is titled "United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other," Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Contact Joyce Durkee asap if you would like a copy of the book.

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.



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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 07-31-26: \$672,272
2026 Year-to-Date Received: \$630,634

GIVING: Make back-to-school time and fall less hectic by setting up recurring gifts! Set up regular, recurring donations through our secure online giving site - www.firstpressalisbury.org/give.

WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

RACE & JUSTICE: Join us for our 2nd Sunday Cinema TODAY at 5:00, in Everyman's Bible Classroom. Our movie this month is "Selma," sponsored by the RJM Team.

SERVE: Overton Elementary needs our support. We are not doing backpacks this year. Overton has asked for school supplies. The deadline for dropping off items in the church office is August 26.



YOUTH: Attention, parents of youth! Help us keep in touch with you and your youth for all of our youth events. Please complete this year's Information Form asap.

YOUTH: Mark your calendars now. Youth @ the Porch begins on Wednesday, August 12, at 7:30 PM, on the Musser Gritters' front porch. They meet weekly through November. Pizza, fellowship, and study.

YOUTH: Youth Sunday School begins on August 16, 9:45-10:30, in the Youth Room. They meet weekly throughout the school year. Food, fellowship, and study.

YOUTH: Youth Group begins on August 16, 5:00-7:30 PM. They meet weekly throughout the school year. Invite your friends and be sure we have parent and student emails up-to-date to keep up with events.

First Presbyterian Church

Where God's Love is Alive for Mission

August 9, 2026
8:30 am



MISSION PRIORITIES

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

