



WWJD

Sermon on the Mount Series

Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude			
Welcome & Greeting	Rev. Lara Musser Gritter	Prayers of the People	
†Call to Worship	Rev. Hannah Ostlund	Announcements	
†Song	<i>Jesus Messiah</i> Chris Tomlin Daniel Carson	Offering	
Confession of Sin		Offertory	Emma Blackwell
Assurance of Forgiveness			<i>Clean</i> Natalie Grant
†Response	<i>Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me</i> Paul M. Vasile	†Doxology	<i>Doxology (Amen)</i> Louis Bourgeois Phil Wickham

Proclamation of the Word

Children’s Message	Megan Shaw	Communion	
Prayer of Illumination	Rev. Josh Musser Gritter	Communion Music	<i>Communion</i> Brad Avery David Carr
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (NIV)	David Potts	†Prayer after Communion	

Scripture: Matthew 5:27-32 (NIV)		Sending to share the Word	
Sermon	Rev. Lara Musser Gritter	†Song	<i>Your Grace Is Enough</i> Matt Maher
Moment for Reflection		†Benediction	
		Postlude	
		†Those who are able are invited to stand.	

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God, by Caren and Bob Steele in memory of her parents, Betty and Don Bills.

Responding to the Word

†Affirmation of Faith

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Caren Steele, John Smith, Betty Carli

Tricia Johnson and family on the death of her mother, Eutha Sharp Hobson.

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Preston and Glenda 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, Frank Saunders, Jesse Tart, Jeanette Whitley, Acey Worthy

BIRTHDAYS

Gregory Wurster, Lizzie Fisher, Delaine Fowler, Adair Doran, Maggie Poor, Greg Scarborough, Kent Roberts, Elizabeth Bergsma, Noah Loeblein, James Behrooz

ANNIVERSARY

Ames and Jennifer Flynn, Paul and Maria Bassett, Nick and Gail Langdon, Mike and Robin Jordan

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.

COMMUNION

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.”

Communion Elder: John Cave

CHURCH LIFE

WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED

TODAY: Adultery, Divorce, and Sexuality - Next week in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus will teach on the above topics. To faithfully explore this teaching, we will be excusing children under 10 and any others, as parents wish, from worship to join Megan Shaw for a short Children’s Church during the sermon. Children will rejoin their parents in worship during the Apostles’ Creed.

GROW: Devotional Drop-In for Young 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! We will have refreshments, time to connect with other parents, and a chance to reflect on our faith together.

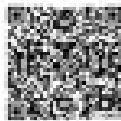
GROW: First Kids has begun, but it’s not too late to join us! Ages: potty-trained 3-4-year-olds through 5th-grade kids. Bible lessons, crafts, science, music, and more. Join us!



Ministry Focus

GROW: First Parents is NEW! On the 1st Wednesday of each month, beginning in September, parents can join Pastor Lara at Crafty Buffalo for fellowship and food. Drop off your First Kids, then enjoy some time spent with other parents, 5:45-6:45. See you on October 7!

GROW: First Kids needs shepherds. It takes a village of volunteers to put on programming. Please consider helping by being a shepherd. Sign up now!



GROW: Mom's Village - To better meet the needs of moms, our MomCo program is now Mom's Village and has been updated with new curriculum, new ideas, and a variety of topics to discuss. If you are a mom, please join us for Mom's Village. This will be a time of dinner, fellowship, sharing, and caring. New date & time! Beginning in September, Mom's Village will meet during First Kids on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 5:30-7:00.

YOUNG ADULTS: Are you 18-40ish? Join Pastor Hannah for lunch at 12:15 TODAY, in the parking lot after late worship, or meet us at Monterrey.

YOUNG ADULTS: Join us on September 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the Youth Room for Silent Book/Craft Club! Bring that book you never have time for or the craft that never seems to end. We'll carve out time for it all as we hang out together!

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

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, September 13, at 12:30 in Fellowship Hall.

WORSHIP: 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.



5-WEEK BOOK STUDY: Are we more than machines? Is free will an illusion? Join Trevor Eppehimer on Wednesdays at 11:00, October 7 through November 4, for a book study on Am I just my brain? by Sharon Dirckx. Sign up by emailing teppehimer@hoodseminary.edu. Sponsored by the Messinger-Williams Community Education Initiative. Space is limited. Books are available on Amazon.

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 08-31-26: \$768,311
2026 YEAR-TO-DATE RECEIVED: \$684,033

WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

YOUTH:

Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Youth @ the Porch Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 7:30 PM (117 Maupin Ave)
Youth Group: Sundays from 5:00-7:30 PM
NO YOUTH TODAY!

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. Suggested donation: \$10.

SERVE: Each 1st Sunday of the month, we collect pantry items to help restock the shelves at Rowan Helping Ministries. Your donations of peanut butter, canned goods, and cereals are always in need and greatly appreciated. If you forgot your donations today, drop them by the church office anytime.

First Presbyterian Church

Where God's Love is Alive for Mission

September 6, 2026

8:30 am



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



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