



WWJD

Sermon on the Mount Series

Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude		Offering	
Welcome & Greeting	Rev. Josh Musser Gritter	Offertory	Praise Team
Call to Worship	Rev. Lara Musser Gritter	<i>Homesick for Heaven</i> Phil Wickham Jonathan Smith	
Song	<i>The Body</i> Stephen Curtis Chapman	†Doxology	<i>Doxology (Alleluia)</i> Chris Cleveland Thomas Ken
Confession of Sin		Communion	
Assurance of Forgiveness		Communion Music	<i>Holy Communion</i> David Gungor John Arndt
Response	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i> John Stafford	†Prayer after Communion	
Proclamation of the Word		Sending to share the Word	
Children's Message	Troy Creamer	†Song	<i>I'll Fly Away</i> Albert E. Brumley
Prayer of Illumination		†Benediction	
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:14-19		Postlude	
Scripture: Matthew 7:1-6		†Those who are able are invited to stand.	
Sermon	Rev. Josh Musser Gritter		

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith	Rev. Hannah Ostlund	God, and in loving honor of Amelia Katherine Lucas by John and Cindy Ware.
Remembrance of Saints		

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Wib Manuel, Bill Carter, Jean Wurster

Chris and Meredith Poor on the birth of William Wells Poor on October 26. Wells’ sister is Margaret.

Terry and Melinda Swaim on the marriage of their daughter, Kathryn, to Anthony Yang on October 11.

CONTINUING CONCERNS: Preston and Glenda Askew, Bill Baker, Betty Carli, Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith’s mother), Scott Hay, Rosalie Laughlin, Bob Lewis, Elayne McCoy, Harold Mesimer, Martha Michael, Frank Saunders, John Smith, Jesse Tart, Linda Thurston, Jeanette Whitley, Acey Worthy

BIRTHDAYS: Tony Shaw, Eric Nianouris, James Fisher, Meldoy Lee, Cristi Musser, Bob Coleman, Joyce Durkee, Mary Frances Edens, Jeff Richard, Jesse Tart

ANNIVERSARY: Steve and Melissa Butler

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: Donna Beaver

CHURCH LIFE

This morning, Savannah and Austin Lucas present their daughter, Amelia Lucas, for baptism. Amelia was born on October 31, 2025, and her grandparents are John and Cindy Ware.

The red rose bud this morning is in honor of the God-given life of William Wells Poor, born October 26, to Chris and Meredith Poor.

WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED CHILDREN:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays, 9:45-10:45 in Classroom 206. 3s through 5th grade.

FIRST KIDS: Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 in Fellowship Hall. Potty-trained 3s through 5th grade. Dinner, Bible lessons, music, crafts, science, and more!

YOUTH:

LIVING THROUGH DISCIPLESHIP: Sundays, 9:45, in Classroom 223. Snacks, Bible study, & fellowship.

GROUP: Sundays, 5:00, in Classroom 223. Snacks, study, & fellowship.

BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays, 7:30, on the Musser Gritter front porch. Bible, pizza, and fellowship. (117 Maupin Ave)

Ministry Focus

YOUNG ADULTS:

FRIENDSGIVING: Join Pastor Hannah on Thursday, November 12, at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall for a Friendsgiving dinner. Use the QR Code to RSVP to Pastor Hannah and sign up to bring a side dish or dessert. Deadline: November 2.



ADULTS:

LAKE NORMAN ORCHESTRA IN CONCERT: Join us for a concert by the Lake Norman Orchestra on Sunday, November 8, at 2:00 in Lewis Hall. The theme is Rhapsody. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to hear beautiful music.

JOY: CHANGE IN TIME! Just Older Youth is headed out for an afternoon of shopping and sights, then dinner at the Bavarian Kitchen in Troutman on Thursday, November 12. We will depart @ 12:30 from the church parking lot. RSVP to the church office. The van will be available; let us know if you need a ride.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: Anyone interested in joining First Pres or learning more about us or being a Presbyterian is invited to our New Member Class on Sunday, November 15, at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please call the church office if you are interested in attending.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: This year we are changing things up. Join us on Sunday, November 22, after the late service for a sub sandwich lunch and decorating! We need all your hands... children and families are invited too!

TWAM SOUP SUPPER & WORSHIP: Join us on Sunday, November 22, at 5:00 in Lewis Hall for our annual TWAM Soup Supper and Worship. Enjoy a great fall meal of soups, salads, and dessert. After dinner, we will have a brief time of worship. We will accept a free-will donation to help pay for the 2027 TWAM Mexico Mission Trip. Invite your family and friends.

MEN: Bible Study. Tuesdays at 6:30 AM in Classroom 201 with Pastor Josh.

MOMS: Mom's Village. 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00, in Classroom 223. A time of dinner, fellowship, sharing, and caring. Childcare is available.

YOUNG PARENTS: Devotional Drop-In. Sunday School, Sundays at 9:45, in the Kirby Library. Refreshments, time to connect with other parents, and a chance to reflect on our faith together.

PARENTS: First Parents, 1st Wednesdays, 5:45-6:45, with Pastor Lara. Drop your kids off at First Kids, then enjoy food and fellowship with other parents at Crafty Buffalo.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Join these ladies for Bible Study on the 1st Mondays of the month in Fellowship Hall, now through May. Contact moderator Denise Fink for more information.

YOGA: Wednesdays, 9:15-10:15. Certified instructor. All levels. \$10 suggested donation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays, 9:45-10:45. Various classes. Ask a pastor for class suggestions to find your right fit.

WE HAVE A HEALTHY CORE

GIVING UPDATE:
2026 Budgeted Pledges through 10-31-26: \$960,388
2026 Year-to-Date Received: \$874,931

WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:
3 Ways to Share God's Love!
1. Take a shoebox home, fill it up, and return it to the church by November 9.
2. Go online and build a shoebox.
3. Give to First Pres OCC, and the Team will buy the supplies to fill the shoeboxes.
*Call Del Denny for Volunteer Opportunities

Operation Christmas Child



First Pres Giving



FOOD PANTRY: Rowan Helping Ministries food donation days are the 1st Sundays of each month. They always need peanut butter, cereals, and canned goods. If you cannot make it on the 1st Sunday, drop off your donations anytime at the church office . Next donation day: Sunday, November 1.

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First Presbyterian Church

Where God’s Love is Alive for Mission

All Saints’ Sunday

November 1, 2026

8:30 AM



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

