



WWJD

Sermon on the Mount Series

Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude		Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer
Welcome & Greeting	Rev. Lara Musser Gritter	Announcements
†Call to Worship	Rev. Josh Musser Gritter	Promise Moment Vincent and Holly Muñoz
†Song	Here I Am To Worship Tim Hughes	Offering
Confession of Sin		Offertory
Assurance of Forgiveness		

†Response

Glory Be
Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash

Proclamation of the Word

Children’s Message	Rev. Hannah Ostlund
Prayer of Illumination	

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-16 Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

Scripture: Matthew 6:16-18, 22-23

Sermon Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

Moment for Reflection

Responding to the Word

†Affirmation of Faith Rev. Hannah Ostlund

Empty Me Chris Sligh Clint Lagerberg
†Doxology
New Doxology Louis Bourgeois Thomas Ken
†Prayer of Dedication

Sending to share the Word

†Song

Everything And Nothing Less
Aaron Ivey | Chris McClarney

†Benediction

Postlude

†Those who are able are invited to stand.



JOYS AND CONCERNS
Bob Lewis, Chris LaRoche, Elayne McCoy, Linda Thurston, Harold and Susan Mesimer, Jean Wurster
Stephen and Andrea Bullock on the marriage of their daughter, Katie, to Christian Kasai, on October 3.
Martha Bostian on the death of her sister, Joan Patricia Goldwire Gaither Denton, on September 18.
CONTINUING CONCERNS
Preston and Glenda Askew, Bill Baker, Mary Cameron, Betty Carli, Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith’s mother), Richard Franklin, Scott Hay, Rosalie Laughlin, Wib Manuel, Martha Michael, Frank Saunders, John Smith, Jesse Tart, Jeanette Whitley, Acey Worthy
BIRTHDAYS
Jan Williams, Lara Musser Gritter, Emerson Lee, Larry Gish, Kimberly Broadhurst, Elle Blankenship, Antonio Cervantes Anguiano
ANNIVERSARY
David and Karen Carmichael

Ministry Focus

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE!	CHILDREN:
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.	SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays, 9:45-10:45 in Classroom 206. 3s through 5 th grade.
CHURCH LIFE	FIRST KIDS: Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 in Fellowship Hall. Potty-trained 3s through 5 th grade. Dinner, Bible lessons, music, crafts, science, and more!
WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED	 First Kids Registration
PRAYER WALKS: Prayer serves as the channel to God; faith is the sustaining trust that carries us forward; hope is the confident expectation rooted in God’s promises; love is the driving force behind all we do; and service is the visible expression of that love in action. Together, these elements form a continuous cycle: prayer strengthens faith, faith nurtures hope, hope deepens love, love inspires service, and service ultimately leads us back into prayer. Prayer is our spiritual foundation. With this in mind, join us for Prayer Walks as we intentionally pray and walk together around First Pres. Mondays now through October 19, at 10:00 AM. Meet Kyna Grubb in the parking lot as she leads the walks.	YOUTH: LIVING THROUGH DISCIPLESHIP: Sundays at 9:45 AM, in Classroom 223. Snacks, Bible study, & fellowship.
	GROUP: Sundays at 5:00 PM. Classroom 223. Snack, study, & fellowship.
	BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 7:30 PM, on the Musser Gritter front porch. Bible, pizza, and fellowship. (117 Maupin Ave)
	YOUNG ADULTS: THEOLOGY ON TAP: Wednesday, October 21, 6:30-7:30, at New Sarum. Join Pastor Hannah for a little theology, food and drinks, and lots of fellowship.

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ADULTS:

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.

BOOK STUDY: A Trevor Eppehimer Book Study. Wednesdays at 11:00. October 7 - November 4. Am I just my brain? by Sharon Dirckx. Sign up by emailing teppehimer@hoodseminary.edu. Sponsored by the Messenger-Williams Community Education Initiative. Space is limited. Books are available on Amazon.

CONCERT: Teresa de Freitas in Concert. As part of Teresa’s doctoral research, she will present two concerts. The first concert is Sunday, October 18, at 3:00, in the Sanctuary, with guest pianist Zeph Mussman. The second concert is on Sunday, October 25, at 3:00, in the Sanctuary, with pianists Sylvia Krusac, Anna Bossert, and Shaoey Pace. Please come out to support Teresa as she nears the completion of her doctorate degree!

JOY: Just Older Youth is planning dinner and a play. Friday, October 16. Dinner at 5:00 at Santos, then to the Piedmont Players’ Fiddler on the Roof. Get your own play tickets and let them know you want to sit with JOY. Call the church office to sign up for dinner.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Join these ladies for Bible Study on the 1st Mondays of the month, 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.

UNIFIED SUNDAY SCHOOL: Each Sunday in October, we remember all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We are entrusted to steward these gifts through the church, in the community, and through our very being. This giving season, we are inviting the congregation to join us for three unified Sunday School opportunities on the topic of stewardship and its role in your life and in the work of First Pres. Join us!

- Sunday, October 11 - Congregational State of the Church in Lewis Hall (come for food and fellowship)
- Sunday, October 18 - with Pastor Josh and the Give Team in Fellowship Hall

WE ARE BRANCHING OUT
SERVE:

MAXWELL CHAMBERS TRUST: The biannual meeting of the trust will be held on Monday, October 19, at 6:00, in Everyman’s Bible Class. We need all current and former Elders to attend.

BLOOD DRIVE: Red Cross Blood Drive, Tuesday, October 13, 2:00-6:30, in Fellowship Hall. Sign up now for your appointment.



ADULTS: Children’s Ministry Needs: Our children need you! Are you able to lend your time on a Sunday morning or for a few hours on Wednesday evening? Have you taken Child Protection Training, or are you willing to do so? We need your help in shepherding the next generation!



Sunday School

First Kids



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.



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Where God’s Love is Alive for Mission

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8:30 AM



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

