



WWJD

Sermon on the Mount Series

Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude		
Welcome & Greeting	Rev. Josh Musser Gritter	Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer
†Call to Worship	Rev. Lara Musser Gritter	Announcements
†Song	<i>Above All</i> Lenny LeBlanc Paul Baloche	Offering
Confession of Sin		Offertory
Assurance of Forgiveness		Jessica Holman Settineri <i>First</i> Hank Bentley Jason Ingram
†Response	<i>Glory Be</i> Chris Tomlin Ed Cash	†Doxology
		<i>New Doxology</i> Louis Bourgeois Thomas Ken

Proclamation of the Word

Children's Message		†Prayer of Dedication
Prayer of Illumination		Promise Moment
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:5-18	Judy Mabe	Steve Fisher <i>When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder</i> James M. Black
Scripture: Matthew 6:19-24		Everyman's Bible Class
Sermon	Rev. Josh Musser Gritter	†Song
Moment for Reflection		<i>Everything And Nothing Less</i> Aaron Ivey Chris McClarney

Responding to the Word

†Affirmation of Faith		*2 Cents a Meal
		<i>During the singing of the song, please bring your 2 Cents a Meal offering to the front.</i>
		†Benediction
		Postlude
		†Those who are able are invited to stand.

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Kinder Grubb, Jr, by John and Kyna Grubb and Troy, Kia, Jack Kinder, and Griffin Foster Creamer.



JOYS AND CONCERNS: Bob Lewis, Chris LaRoche, Elayne McCoy, Linda Thurston, Harold and Susan Mesimer, Jean Wurster
Anne and John Cave on the birth of their granddaughter, Cameron Callaway Cave, on Oct 9. Her parents are Elliot and Darden and her siblings are Penn and Eve.
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: Megan Adams, Carter Jenkins, Jake Alexander, Jay Fowler, Leigh Ann Preston, Marcie Leary, Paula Troxler, Sue Curtis, Hanna Buck, Ryan Summitt, Denise Fink, Carol Hay, Lillian Gascoigne, Henry Walser, Hap Roberts
ANNIVERSARIES: John and Susan Muth, Johnny and Maggie Behrooz, Terry and Sheila Mulkey

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

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.

BOOK FAIR

Come to the Book Fair! Buy books for loved ones or for the Day School. Christy Godbold, our director, will be in the Children's Library in the basement level of the Family Life Building, 9:30-12:30 today. You may also stop by next week, Monday-Friday, 9:00-12:30. Come out and support this vital ministry.

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)

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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.

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:

MEN: Bible Study. Tuesdays, 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

JOY: Just Older Youth is headed out for a day of lunch at the Bavarian Kitchen in Troutman on Thursday, November 12, then visit the shops and sights. We will depart @ 10:15 from the church parking lot. RSVP to the church office. The van will be available; let us know if you need a ride.

CONCERTS: 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 and Anna Bossert. Please come out to support Teresa as she nears the completion of her doctorate degree from the Hugh Hodson School of Music, University of Georgia!

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.

WE HAVE A HEALTHY CORE

GIVING UPDATE:

2026 Budgeted Pledges through 09-30-26: \$864,350
2026 Year-to-Date Received: \$821,608
*Remember to bring in your Promise Pledge Card for Promise Sunday on October 25.

WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

SERVE:

OVERTON TUTORS: Mandatory training for all tutors will be held on Monday, October 19, at 10:00 am. The training will take about an hour and will be held in the Hurley Room of the Rowan County Public Library. If you are unable to attend, please email Bonnie at bharrell@rcliteracy.org to schedule an individual meeting.

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.

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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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

