



Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

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People of Promise

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Keeping our Promise

Litany of Promise

Special Music First Kids

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-12

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

Moment for Reflection

+Affirmation of Faith Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

The flowers this morning are given to the
glory of God, and in loving memory of
Carolyn Cates Hurley,
by Katherine Barrett Philpott.



Jennifer and Ames Flynn on the birth of their granddaughter, Rora Isabelle Flynn, on October 10. Rora's parents are Austin and Sophie, and her older brother is Cameron.

CONTINUING CONCERNS: Preston and Glenda Askew, Bill Baker, Betty Carli, Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith's mother), Scott Hay, Rosalie Laughlin, Wib Manuel, Martha Michael, Frank Saunders, John Smith, Jesse Tart, Linda Thurstom, Jeanette Whitley, Acey Worthy

BIRTHDAYS: Marianna Swaim, Vaughn Nelson, Fran Lescoe, Wendy Weant, Patsy Wilson, Archie Tucker, Duane Galloway, Steve Butler, Kate Burton, Denise McKenzie, Teague Rowland, Dianne Scott, Michelle Cook, Amelia Lucas

ANNIVERSARIES: Keith and Carr Garner, Mike and Julie Fuller

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

This morning we want to wish LCW Praise Team Member, Caroline Forrester, well as she leaves us today. Caroline has sung with us for two years, sharing her wonderful voice and devotion to worship music with us. Please take a moment to thank her for her time with us.

**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)

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:

CONCERT: Teresa de Freitas in Concert. As part of Teresa's doctoral research, she will present a concert. Join us TODAY 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 doctoral degree from the Hugh Hodson School of Music, University of Georgia!

Ministry Focus

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, 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.

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: \$847,974

WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

DAY SCHOOL: 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 Day School, 9:30-12:30 today. Come out and support this vital ministry.

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.

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



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Where God's Love is Alive for Mission

Reformation Sunday / Promise Sunday
October 25, 2026
8:30 AM



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

