



WWJD
Sermon on the Mount Series

Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting

†Call to Worship

†Song

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

†Response

Rev. Hannah Ostlund

Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

The Lord's Prayer
Matt Shepardson

Glory Be
Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash

Mindy Muire

Rev. Hannah Ostlund

Prayers of the People

Announcements

Promise Moment

Offering

Offertory

†Doxology

Communion

Communion Music

†Prayer after Communion

Postlude

Steve Fisher

Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

Stewbo Adams (6th)

Dillin Galloway (12th)

Praise Team

O God Forgive Us
Joel Smallbone | Kevin Burgess

New Doxology
Louis Bourgeois | Thomas Ken

Invited
Jeff Owen | Mike Donehey

Proclamation of the Word

Children’s Message Meredith Honeycutt

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Proverbs 4:1-13 Mindy Muire

Scripture: Matthew 6:5-15

Sermon Rev. Hannah Ostlund

Moment for Reflection

Responding to the Word

†Affirmation of Faith
Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

†Those who are able are invited to stand.



The flowers this morning are given by Richard and Lynn Miller to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Lois Simone and other family members.

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Bob Lewis, Linda Thurston, Harold and Susan Mesimer

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: Ebbie Lescoe, Susan Sember, Matt Dunkin, Jessica Holman Settineri, Fredna Farris, Chris Mead, Adriane Morris, John Ware, Jeanette Lassiter, David Garwood, Joseph Dufour, Renee Bradshaw, Bree Whittington, Madison Horton, Robert Coleman, Judy Currin, Mary Ellen Kennedy, Del Denny, Nan Fisher, Violet Muñoz, Gayle Yatawara, Troy Creamer

ANNIVERSARIES: Henderson and Callie Lentz, Chad and Charlotte Hoskins, Richard and Barbara Franklin, Drew and Wendy Weant, Austin and Savannah Lucas

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

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.

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!

First Kids Registration



Ministry Focus

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:

COFFEE TIME: Saturday, October 10 at 10:00. Coffee at Koco Java (W Innes St) with Pastor Hannah. Coffee, goodies, and fellowship.

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.

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 @ Trinity Oaks! Friday, October 9 at 2:00.

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.

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 4 - with Pastors Lara and Hannah in Fellowship Hall
- 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 HAVE A HEALTHY CORE

GIVING UPDATE:

2026 Budgeted Pledges through 09-30-26: \$864,350
2026 Year-to-Date Received: **\$763,767**

WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

SERVE:

MAXWELL CHAMBERS TRUST: The meeting of the trust will be held on Monday, October 19, at 6:00, in Everyman's. We need 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.

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.

Operation Christmas Child



First Pres Giving



First Presbyterian Church
Where God's Love is Alive for Mission

October 4, 2026
8:30 AM

