WWJD
Sermon on the Mount Series

Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting — Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

†Call to Worship — Rev. Hannah Ostlund

†Song — *O Worship the King*
Chris Tomlin | Johann Michael

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

†Response — *Glory Be to the Father*
John Stafford

Proclamation of the Word

Children's Message — Stephen Bullock

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Deuteronomy 32:1-4

Scripture: Matthew 7:21-29

Sermon — Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

Moment for Reflection

Responding to the Word

†Affirmation of Faith — Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Offertory — Mia Mason

That's My King
Taylor Agan | Lloyd Nicks

†Doxology — *Doxology (Alleluia)*
Chris Cleveland | Thomas Ken

†Prayer of Dedication

Sending to share the Word

†Song — *Holy Forever*
Chris Tomlin | Phil Wickham

†Benediction

Postlude

†Those who are able are invited to stand.

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Bill Carter, Myrna Crocker, Acey Worthy

Tyler and Bridget Brown on the birth of their daughter, Leona Wren Brown, on November 15. Her big brother is Milo.

Coleman Bergsma and Caroline Van Heyningen on their marriage on November 7. Coleman is the son of Robert and Elizabeth Bergsma.

Beverly Cobb on the death of her husband, Ty Cobb, on November 17.

Terry and Sheila Mulkey on the birth of their grandson, Mark Charles Mulkey, on November 18. Mark's parents are Corie and Tyler Mulkey, and his older siblings are Stella and Graham.

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, Wib Manuel, Mary Ann McCubbin (Cindi Graham's friend), Frank Saunders, John Smith, Jesse Tart, Bill Troxler, Jeanette Whitley

BIRTHDAYS: Meredith Poor, Blaine Shellhorn, Linda Thurston, Bill Carter, Richard Kurey, Tony Blackwell, Gary Hall, Griffin Creamer, Gail Drinkard, Jack Richard, Jake Lescoe, Parker Jenkins

ANNIVERSARIES: David and Carole Simmons, Doug and Lynn Miller, Rip and Debbie Collins, Mike and Gail Drinkard

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.

POINSETTIA & WREATH SPONSOR TIME

Tis the season to sponsor our poinsettias ($10) and wreaths ($15). Please include your dedication. Sign up with the QR Code. All poinsettias need to be taken home after the services on Christmas Eve.

CHURCH LIFE

Last Chance to participate is today! Over the last couple of years, the Session of First Pres has been exploring what the next chapter of faithfulness to God might look like. We are in a period of discernment, exploring how our campus supports and potentially limits our ability to live into our current calling. We are considering a short list of capital projects for our campus. We need your input. Below you will find two QR codes. One links to a Vision Statement describing the projects we are considering, and the other links to a survey to share your feedback. Your perspective is essential to our future discernment.

Vision Statement — **Survey**

Ministry Focus

The red rosebud this morning is in honor of the God-given life of Leona Wren Brown, daughter of Tyler and Bridget Brown.

EVERYONE:

TWAM SOUP SUPPER & WORSHIP: Join us TODAY at 5:00 in Lewis Hall for our annual TWAM Soup Supper and Worship. Enjoy a great fall meal of soup, salad, 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.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Join us for a bite of lunch, fellowship, and lots of decorating after the 11:00 service TODAY. Bring your family. Many hands make light work.

CHRISTMAS STAR TREE: Help children in Rowan County have a brighter Christmas. Stop by the Star Tree (Sanctuary Narthex or Lewis Hall foyer), choose a star, record your name on the list, and then purchase a $30 gift. Return them to church in a gift bag with the star attached. Do not gift wrap the presents. Deadline to return: December 6.

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS: Join us for Advent wreath-making and a children's craft during our annual Countdown to Christmas. Sunday, November 29, 9:45-10:45, in Lewis Hall. Bring your family. No Children's Sunday School that day.

ADVENT GATHERINGS: Stop by for our annual Advent Gatherings, a time for fellowship and snacks in Fellowship Hall. Sundays, November 29, December 6, 13, and 20, 9:15-10:00. *Hot chocolate will also be available in the Lewis Hall foyer during Advent, sponsored by the Mary and Martha class.

OVERTON TEACHER GIFT BAG PACKING: Join in to help pack holiday gift bags for the Overton teachers and staff on Friday, December 4, at 10 AM, in the Welcome Center. Enjoy some great fellowship while preparing gifts for the hard-working teachers and staff at Overton Elementary School.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS:

YA CHRISTMAS PARTY: December 18, 6:00-9:00, join Pastor Hannah for food, fellowship, and fun at her home. Sign up now!

ADULTS:

MILITARY ADDRESSES NEEDED: Blessing Bunch will be sending out Christmas Cards soon. We need addresses for members in the military. Call the church office before Nov. 30.

JOY: Just Older Youth will attend the free Christmas service of Lessons and Carols at Catawba College in Keppel Auditorium on Tuesday, December 1. Meet in the Peeler Crystal Lounge at 6:00 so we can sit together in the auditorium. After the service, we will head to Culver's for ice cream or other desserts. Contact the church to sign up for this event.

LONGEST NIGHT: Our Longest Night service will be held on Sunday, December 20, at 7:00 pm, in Lewis Hall. This is a service of prayer, music, and reflection.

WE HAVE A HEALTHY CORE

GIVING UPDATE:

2026 Budgeted Pledges through 11-30-26: $1,056,427
2026 Year-to-Date Received: $987,725

WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

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 days: Sunday, December 6, and January 3

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Where God's Love is Alive for Mission

November 22, 2026
Christ the King Sunday
8:30 AM



MISSION PRIORITIES

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