WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

✝ Those who are able are invited to stand **Bold** indicates words spoken in unison

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

An order of worship offers a meaningful and reliable structure for the church's encounter with the living God. Over time, an order of worship helps to shape our faith and faithfulness as the people of God, becoming a pattern for how we live as Christians in the world.

PRELUDE — Teresa de Freitas

Blessed Are the Meek
Roberta Rowland-Raybold

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Hannah Ostlund

✝CALL TO WORSHIP — Rev. Josh Musser Gritter
(based on Psalm 23)

Come, rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters,
the Shepherd restores our soul.
Even when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
the Good Shepherd pursues us all the days of our lives.
God's goodness and mercy shall follow us,
we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

✝HYMN #39 — *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✝RESPONSE #581 — *Glory Be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE — Ronnie Church

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 23 p. 474 — Kathy Pulliam

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 7:7-11 p. 6

SERMON — Rev. Hannah Ostlund

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

Redeemed Arranged
Carol Tornquist

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✝AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic* church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*This means universal church, not the Roman Catholic church.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY — LeeAnna Hoskins

OFFERING

OFFERTORY — *We Would Serve the Lord*
Daniel Pderson

✝DOXOLOGY #606 — *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✝PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING TO SHARE THE WORD

✝HYMN #465 — *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

✝BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE — *Three Short Fanfares, Fanfare II*
Paul Fey

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Jo Ann Franklin, by Richard Franklin.

Welcome to First Pres

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

FRIENDSHIP PADS in your pews are for recording attendance and for visitors to share their information so that we can share about God's work here.
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES are in the narthex.
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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Bill Troxler, Myrna Crocker, Marny Hendrick, Scotty Benson (Roxanne Myers' cousin), Mary Ann McCubbin (Cindi Graham's friend), Wib Manuel

Alice Brady and family on the death of her husband, Burl, on October 28.

CONTINUING CONCERNS: Preston and Glenda Askew, Bill Baker, Betty Carli, Bill Carter, Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith's mother), Scott Hay, Rosalie Laughlin, Bob Lewis, Elayne McCoy, Harold Mesimer, Martha Michael, Frank Saunders, John Smith, Jesse Tart, Linda Thurston, Jeanette Whitley, Acey Worthy, Jean Wurster

BIRTHDAYS: Janet Cagle, Stewart Adams, Sara Lee, Virginia Walser, Lesleigh Drye, Guy Honbarrier, Henry Paul, Susan Alexander, Mike Doran, Donna McEnteer, Betty Noble, Stacie LaRoche, Piper Muire, Myrna Crocker, Randy Lassiter, Paula Mead, Mindy Muire, Christie Carter, Nolt Lescoe, Chris Poor

ANNIVERSARIES: Troy and Mandy Beaver, Rollins and George Ehlers, Chris and Meredith Poor, John and Bekah Cresenzo, Jake and Fran Lescoe

WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED

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**

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:

LAKE NORMAN ORCHESTRA IN CONCERT: Join us for a concert by the Lake Norman Orchestra TODAY 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.

CONCERT: Join us for a performance by the Salisbury-Rowan Choral Society in the Sanctuary on Saturday, November 14, at 7:00. Enjoy *A Carnival of Melody*.

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. Lunch provided. 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.

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.

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: $936,999

WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

SERVE:

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, December 6.

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!

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.
*Call Del Denny for Volunteer Opportunities

Operation Christmas Child

First Pres Giving

The OCC Packing Party will be held on Sunday, November 15, 6:00-7:00, in Fellowship Hall. Bring your family and enjoy pizza, fellowship, and fun while we pack shoe boxes.

For more information on classes and events, visit our website at www.firstpressalisbury.org or call the church office at 704-636-1321.

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Service of the Lord's Day



24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
November 8, 2026
11:00 am | Sanctuary

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