WWJD
Sermon on the Mount Series

Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting — Rev. Hannah Ostlund

†Call to Worship — Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

†Song — *Build Your Kingdom Here*
Chris Llewellyn | Gareth Gildeson

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Proclamation of the Word

Children's Message — Ronnie Church

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 23

Scripture: Matthew 7:7-11

Sermon — Rev. Hannah Ostlund

Moment for Reflection

Responding to the Word

†Affirmation of Faith

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Minute for Ministry — LeeAnna Hoskins

Offering

Offertory — Blaine Smith

God Of All My Days
Jason Ingram | Mark Hall

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

†Prayer of Dedication

Sending to share the Word

†Song — *Goodness Of God*
Ben Fielding | Brian Johnson

†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 Jo Ann Franklin, by Richard Franklin.

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Bill Troxler, 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

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

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

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.

Ministry Focus

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.

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

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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First Presbyterian Church

Where God's Love is Alive for Mission

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8:30 AM



MISSION PRIORITIES

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