

* Hymn 32 ELLACOMBE
I Sing the Mighty Power of God

* Confession of Sin
Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Musical Response 581 GLORIA PATRI
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.

Children's Message Kathy Sanborn

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon Dr. Randy Kirby

* Affirmation of Faith
The United Church of Canada

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Announcements & Celebrations

Offering

Offertory Sanctuary Choir

We Seek After These Things
text from Scriptures | music by Sandra Ruconich and David Zabriskie
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* Doxology 606 OLD 100th

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

* Hymn 459 MUNICH
O Word of God Incarnate

* Benediction

* Benediction Response

Postlude John Stafford; organ
Campane a Sete (Bells in Seven)
music by Andrew Fletcher

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

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by the Julie Steele flower fund

Joys and Concerns:

Mike Whisenant, Lee Sacks (Gail Drinkard's mother), Archie Tucker, Vonnie Jordan (Mike Jordan's mother), Luke Bryan

Continuing Concerns:

Steve and Donna Ashley, Myrna Crocker, Lois Boyd (Ellie Grover's mother), Sue Hayworth, Maria Hudson, Rocky Mead (Chris & James Mead's father), Sharon Whittington

Church Life

Called Congregational Meeting - The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Salisbury has called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 29, at 10:40, in Lewis Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the corporation, adopt the 2023 budget, and vote on the changes in the pastors' terms of call.

Youth Sunday - Friends, please come to worship on Sunday, January 29! We will have a unified worship service in Lewis Hall, and will look forward to all aspects of worship being led by our young people. Even if Lewis Hall isn't your usual place of worship, we hope you'll consider coming to be a part of this special day.

Presbyterian Women – PW is collecting gloves and mittens for Overton Students in need. Please drop off your donations in the church office no later than January 31.

Lewis Preaching Series – Join us on Sunday, February 5, to hear our dynamic guest speaker Dr. Scott Black Johnston. He will lead Sunday School at 9:45 in Lewis Hall, preach during our unified worship service in the Sanctuary at 11:00, and speak again during the dinner program at 5:00 in Lewis Hall. Dinner is free, but reservations for dinner are needed. Call or email Christine in the church office by January 27 (704-636-1321 or cmowery@fpc-sal.org). A nursery for ages four and under will be available.

Open House at the Day School! Come check out all the fun and exciting learning going on downstairs! You are invited after worship on January 29 to see our wonderful facilities. We are letting you get a sneak peek before we open registration to the community so you can pass the word around. Registration for Day School families and church members will begin on February 3. Then, we will open to everyone beginning February 13. If you have any questions or want a private tour, contact Christy, our Day School Director, at dayschool@fpc-sal.org.

Race Task Force – Join us for a three-week series presentation of *The Power of an Illusion* on Tuesdays, February 14, 21, and 28. A light dinner will be served. Admission is free. Make your weekly reservation by calling the church office or on our website, www.fpc-sal.org.

2-Book Study with the RTF - To acknowledge Black History Month, the Race Task Force book/media discussions will resume with a focus on autobiographies/biographies. The Wednesday Zoom Study will reconvene on January 25 at 7:00 to discuss *The Heart of a Woman* by Maya Angelou, followed by *That Bird Has My Wings: The Autobiography of an Innocent Man on Death Row* by Jarvis Jay Masters. Contact Barrie Kirby at barrie.m.kirby@gmail.com or Monica Greene at monica.green1948@gmail.com for more information or the Zoom link.

Documentary Study with the RTF - For those with less reading time, a documentary on Angelou's life, "And Still I Rise," will be the focus of a Sunday evening discussion group, also meeting on Zoom at 7:00. Esther Adkins-Smith and Beffie Cook will lead this group. Participants will be encouraged to view the video in full on their own, then view clips for discussion on January 22 and 29. To sign up, email egravescook@yahoo.com.

Flowers in Worship – It is time once again to sign-up to sponsor the flowers used in worship on Sundays. Please call Margaret Harris at 704-213-2321 to choose your date(s) for this year.

Sermon Podcasts – We are now on Podbean, Spotify, and iHeart Radio! Listen on your favorite site or our website. Look for: *First Presbyterian Church Salisbury NC Sermons*. Don't forget that our YouTube channel has full-length videos available!

Don't assume we know - Your pastors and congregation want to care for you through prayer, visitation, letters, and more, but we can't do that unless you tell us something is going on. Let us love you.

This Week's Events

- Jan 22 8:30 Worship – Lewis Hall
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship – Sanctuary
- 5:00 Youth @ Monterrey, bring \$10
- Jan 24 10:00 Staff
- 5:30 RTF on Zoom
- 6:00 Stephen Ministers
- Jan 25 9:00 Randy's Bible Study
- 5:30 Handbells, 1st Kids
- 7:00 Choir
- 7:30 Youth @ Porch
- Jan 26 6:30 LCW Rehearsal
- Jan 28 5:00 Youth Rehearsal

Commitment Challenge Update
 220 hearts (including 21 commitments from kids & youth!)
 103 hands – \$1,035,846.

We are at 88% of our goal for our cake and ice cream party and 91% for our goal of at least 111 hands!

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First Presbyterian Church

January 22, 2023
 11:00 am



Missional Priorities

- Spirit-Centered Discipleship
- Friendship Across Difference
- Hands-on Local Mission
- Embracing the Unchurched

Worship of the Living God

Prelude
Cantilena
music by David Paxton
John Stafford; organ

Welcome
Dr. Randy Kirby

* Call to Worship
Psalm 1:1-3
Dr. Barry Sang

Blessed is the one
 who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
 and who meditates on God's law day and night.

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
 and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.

Let us worship God.