* Hymn 35	Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty	and threaten deat to our care.	h to the planet entrusted	Postlude
* Confession of Sin God of all life, we inv	ite you into our lives for a season,	We deserve God's co Yet God acts with ju		
	are lived in you. You beckon us,	to redeem creation		
	tion, but we are distracted and	In everlasting love,		
busy taking care of Remind us, Holy God	other priorities. , that you are the source of our		m and Sarah chose a covenant families of the earth.	
	the living water by which we	Hearing their cry,	rammes of the earth.	
have been planted.		God delivered the		The flo
Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit		from the house of Loving us still,	bondage.	ar
provides.	u, and an that your Spirit		rs with Christ of the covenant.	
-		Like a mother who	will not forsake her nursing child,	
* Assurance of Forgiveness		like a father who r God is faithful stil	runs to welcome the prodigal home,	
* Response 581		God is faithful stil	1.	Birthdays:
Glory be to the Father	, and to the Son,	Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer		Dave May Thomason,
and to the Holy Ghost;		<b>A</b>		
world without end.	nning, is now, and ever shall be, Amen. amen.	Announcements		<b>Anniversa</b> Lee and Tri
		Minute for Mission	Gwynne Shoaf, Gather Team	
<u>Proclam</u>	nation of the Word	Q-1-hti		
Baptism & Children's Message		Celebrations		Malcolm B
-	0	Offering		Worthy, Sh Lewis Roms
Prayer of Illumination		Offertory	Bell Tower Ringers	
Scripture: John 17:1-10		Ollertory	Hymn to Joy	Fred Agge
		arr. Michael Keller		Hoffman's
Scripture: John 17:13-23		* Doxology 606		mother), Jo
Sermon	Dr. Randy Kirby	Praise God, fre	om Whom All Blessings Flow	
		Praise God, from wh praise God, all cre	nom all blessings flow;	
Moment for Reflection		praise God, all cre praise God above,	-	Welcome! are glad you
Responding to the Word		praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.		and fellows
<u>_</u>		Amen.		welcome in wiggle or pl
* Affirmation of Faith	Rev. Lara Musser Gritter (from the Brief Statement of Faith)	* Prayer of Dedication		see an ushe
We trust in God,		Sending to share the Word		Worship:
whom Jesus called A In sovereign love God	l created the world good			present the service. Wi
0	e equally in God's image,	* Hymn 321	The Church's One Foundation	Michelle Co
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.		* Benediction		Worship:
	God; we hide from our Creator.			today, pleas
Ignoring God's comm	andments,	* Benediction Response Let There Be Peace on Earth		Music Mini
-	e of God in others and ourselves,	Let 110	CIE DE L'EULE UN LUI UN	
accept lies as truth,	exploit neighbor and nature,			

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

# flowers this morning are given to the glory of God, and in honor of Wilson Allen Cook, and in memory of his grandfather, Allen Cook, by Sara, Bob, and Michelle Cook.

## Celebrations

rs: Cathy Basinger, Dan Williams, Jack Muth, Amy Shellhorn, ayberry, Sue Weddington, Deborah Messinger, Glenn h, Melanie Burton, Margaret Almeida

saries: David and Marianna Swaim, Frank and Nancy Eason, ricia Johnson, Tom and Anne Maxey

#### Joys and Concerns:

Bullock, Margaret Lewis (Anne Maxey's mother), Acey Bharon Whittington, Tricia Johnson, Libby Fowler, Elizabeth nska, Walter Broadwell (Elizabeth Calvert's cousin)

### **Continuing Concerns:**

gers, Bill Baker, Betty Carli, Charles Hoffman (Sharon 5 brother), Jan Kichefski, Vonnie Jordan (Mike Jordan's John Smith

# Ministry Area - Deeply Rooted

! We welcome all new and returning visitors to First Pres. We you're here and hope you feel God's presence as you worship whip among this community of believers. Children are always in worship. However, if your little one needs some time to play, a nursery is available for children 4 and younger. Please her for more information.

**Baptism** – This morning, Christopher and Taylor Cook heir son, Wilson Allen Cook, for baptism during the 11:00 Vilson was born on August 3, 2023. His grandmother is Cook, and his great-grandparents are Bob and Sara Cook.

**Reception for Teresa!** Following each worship service ease join us for a reception to welcome our new Director of nistries, Teresa de Freitas.

Worship: Thank you! This morning, we want to welcome to worship and thank Laura Blauch, the director of Queen City Ringers, for her support and leadership of our Bell Tower Ringers over the past several months.

Worship: Save the date! Sunday, May 19, we will celebrate Pentecost and Baccalaureate Sunday by having a unified worship service at 11:00 in the Sanctuary. Please wear RED.



**Gather:** Spring into Summer Congregational Picnic – Join us in Lewis Hall on Sunday, May 19, following our unified worship for a picnic. If your last name begins with: A-G: please bring a dessert, H-Z: please bring a side. The Gather Team will provide hotdogs & hamburgers. Use the QR Code or

Worship: Handbell Concert! Friday, May 17, at 7:00 pm, the Charlotte Bronze Handbell Ensemble will be in concert here in Lewis Hall. Everyone is invited to hear this amazing group that Tim Waugh helped create.

call the church office to let us know you are attending.

Worship: Sermon Series – Beginning Sunday, May 26, and each Sunday through June 23, join us for our Sermon Series: 40 Days in the Spirit. Journey with us as we learn how to experience a vibrant life through the Holy Spirit and how it fits into our daily lives. If you would like a devotional to accompany this series, please sign up on the clipboard or let Amanda Hathcock (ahathcock@firstpressalisbury.org) know.

Grow in Faith: VBS Registration is OPEN! For Pre-K through rising 5<sup>th</sup> grade, join us for Seekers in Sneakers 2024! June 2-6, 5:00-7:30 pm. Please use the QR code to sign up and share with your friends and neighbors!



Grow in Faith: Would you like to help with Vacation Bible School but are unable to volunteer? Consider donating Food Lion gift cards of any amount to help offset the cost of providing meals for our children nightly. Donations can be given to Noel Adams or Amanda Hathcock.



Grow in Faith: First Pres Congregational Retreat -August 23-25 at Camp Caraway, all families of our congregation are invited to hear our speakers, Drs. Jack and Priscilla Levison, as we engage in Holy Spirit: Turning on

your Spiritual Life to Water the World Around You. Our weekend will also be spent in fellowship with campfires, games, and good food! We hope you will sign up today to join us!

#### **Ministry Area - Core**

**Facilitate: Visitor and Handicapped parking lot** – We lovingly ask that everyone be considerate and welcoming to those who need to park close. If you can walk, please leave spots in our parking lot for visitors and those who are mobility-challenged. On Sundays, please consider parking on W. Fisher St., S. Jackson St., or in the South State Bank lot.

Staff: Your church staff will be out of the office on Monday and Tuesday, May 13 and 14, for a planning retreat. While the staff is away, the church office will be closed during office business hours. If there is an emergency, please call Dr. Randy Kirby at 704-239-5706.

#### **Ministry Area – Branching Out**

Showing Up: The Showing Up Team is planning a Teacher Appreciation Lunch for the Overton teachers and staff on Thursday, May 23, at 10:30. We will be serving salad, baked potatoes, tea, and dessert. We need volunteers to bake potatoes and bring them to the school at 10:00 am on Thursday or provide any type of pick-up dessert (cookies, brownies, or bars). The desserts could be delivered to the church on Wednesday, May 22. If you could help with the baked potatoes or desserts, please contact Lynn Hales at 704-640-7156. Thanks so much for your help!

Hosting: RSS Summer Meals Program – School will be out soon, which means the Summer Meals Program will be starting. We need three volunteers a day to host the families that attend June 5-July 26. Remember, the office will need a current copy of your driver's license. Sign up now to help!



**Community Ministries: The Race and Justice Ministry Team** invites you to our next round of Zoom discussions. Monica Green and Barrie Kirby will again co-lead the Wednesday book discussions at 7:00 beginning May 15. This round will discuss *King: a Life* by Jonathan Eig. For more information or to request the Zoom link, email barrie.m.kirby@gmail.com. Esther Atkins Smith and Beffie Cook will host the Sunday evening discussions at 7:00, beginning May 19. The group will watch a TED talk for about 15 minutes each week, followed by a discussion. To learn more or get the Zoom link, email egravescook@yahoo.com.

		This Week's Events	
May 12	8:30	Worship in Lewis Hall	
	9:45	Sunday School	Prelude
	11:00	Worship in Lewis Hall	Lo
	12:00	Reception for Teresa de Freitas	
May 13-14		Staff Retreat, Office Closed	
May 14	10:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Book Club (Cook's home)	
-	6:00	Stephen Ministers	
May 15	9:00	Yoga	Welcome
-	5:00	Grief Study Group	
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal, Race & Justice Book Study	* Call to W
May 16	6:30	LCW Rehearsal, Discovery Class @ RHM	Blessed
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# Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Teresa de Freitas, organist ord, I Want to Be a Christian – Negro spiritual arr. W. Patrick Alston Sr. Blest Be the Tie That Binds Roger C. Wilson

Dr. Randy Kirby

Vorship Rev. Josh Musser Gritter d is the one who delights in God's Word, who meditates on God day and night. erson is like a tree planted by streams of water helps them yield good fruit in season, r leaves do not wither. orship grounds us in God, lourish when we spend time in God's presence! Let us worship God!