

* Song *Goodness of God*
words and music by Bethel Music

* Confession of Sin Dr. Randy Kirby
**O Lord, you taught us to love you and our neighbor,
but we have not lived in right relationship
or walked in the light of your love.
We know that the wages of sin is death,
yet we trust in your gift of forgiveness.
Forgive us for the wrongs we have done;
and restore in us freedom and new life in Christ.**

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Musical Response *Glory to God,
Whose Goodness Shines on Me*
words from traditional liturgy | music by Paul Vasile

Children’s Message Tricia Johnson

Scripture: Matthew 11:28-30

Scripture: Romans 1:1-17

Sermon Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

Moment for Reflection

* 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.**

Prayers of the People

Announcements & Celebrations

AV Team Recognition

Offering

Offertory *Gratitude*
words and music by Brandon Lake

* Doxology *New Doxology*
words and music by Louis Bourgeois | Thomas Ken | Thomas Miller

Sacrament of Holy Communion
Invitation to the Lord’s Table
Great Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion of the People
“The body of Christ, given for you.”
“The blood of Christ, shed for you.”

Music during Communion
One Bread, One Body
words and music by John B. Foley
You are invited to sing as Communion is served.

* Prayer after Communion

* Song *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*
words and music by Chris Tomlin | John Newton | Louie Giglio

* Benediction

Postlude

*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,
and in honor of all those who choose to teach and
love their students, by Kathy Sanborn**

Joys and Concerns:

Denise Fink, John Smith, John Reeves (Angela Galloway’s father), Ramona Anguiano (Antonio Anguiano’s mother), Helen Kichefski, Mary Greene, Neil Madsen (Richard Miller’s brother-in-law)

Joyce Durkee on the marriage of her granddaughter, Colleen Nicole Durkee, to Daniel Lee

Continuing Concerns:

Loretta Burton (Scott Burton’s mother), Roarke Burton, Vonnie Jordan (Mike Jordan’s mother), Rocky Mead (Chris & James Mead’s father), Marie Melenric (Maria Bassett’s mother), Tom Overcash, Sharon Whittington

Church Life

Welcome! Today we welcome Bradley Chestnut as our guest musician. Thank you, Bradley, for leading us in worship this morning.

AV Recognition Sunday – Today, we want to recognize and thank our A/V Team, our “unsung heroes,” who work behind the scenes to make it possible for you to hear our services in the Sanctuary and Lewis Hall and to watch our services in the comfort of your home. They have helped us navigate the challenging times as well as the normal times. Someone from this team is here for EVERY single service! This is their ministry to our church, so when you see these people, please take time to give them a big THANK YOU! Jan Kichefski, Nancy Eason, Bill Lee, Robert Coleman, Grayson Smith, David Beaver, Mike and Gail Drinkard, and Mark Grover.

May Concert TODAY! Join us at 3:00 at First Methodist for a combined choir performance of the “Gloria” by Antonio Vivaldi and “Missa Festiva” by John Leavitt, accompanied by a live orchestra.

New Ministry Organization Plan – Join Pastor Lara for a presentation of the New Ministry Organization Plan TODAY in Lewis Hall at 9:45! We hope that all adult Sunday School classes and anyone interested will attend.

New Ministry Organization Plan Follow-Up – If you have any questions on the New Ministry Organization Plan, join us on May 14, at 9:45, in Everyman’s Classroom. Pastor Lara will answer your questions.

Church Elder Nominations – It’s time to begin thinking about our future leaders in the church. Please prayerfully consider nominating someone for Elder. Nominations are due by May 31.

You’re Invited! – Glenda Askew’s family is celebrating her 80th birthday with a reception after the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, May 21, in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited!

Prayer Warriors – The Evangelism Committee has re-established the prayer group “Prayer Warriors.” It is a small but friendly group believing strongly in the power of prayer. The group meets weekly via ZOOM and keeps a daily list of prayer needs. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Diane Coggin. Email ddcoggin54@gmail.com, text or call 704-754-3650.

Communion Elder: Del Denny

This Week’s Events

May 7	8:30	Worship – Lewis Hall
	9:45	Sunday School
	9:45	Ministry Organization Plan – LH
	11:00	Worship – Sanctuary
	3:00	Concert @ First Methodist
	5:00	Youth
May 8	10:30	Prayer Shawl
	7:00	Deacons
May 9-10		Staff Retreat
May 9	6:00	Stephen Minister – CE
	6:00	Stephen Minister – Training
May 10	5:30	Handbells
	5:30	Property
	7:00	Choir, RTF Study
May 11	6:30	LCW Rehearsal



**SAVE THE DATE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SALISBURY
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Sunday, June 11 – Thursday, June 15
5:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Supper will be served at 5:00 pm
INVITE FRIENDS! INVITE FAMILIES!
**Use this QRCode to register your child
by May 15 to guarantee a t-shirt!**

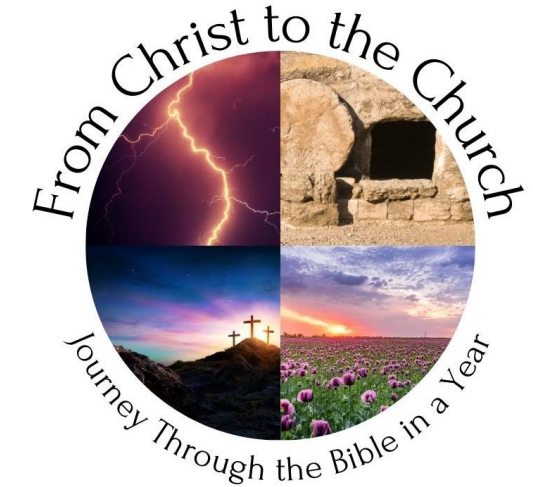


We need many volunteers for:
*Meal preparation and serving *Space Crew Leaders
*Bible Adventures & Storytelling
*Imagination Station: Art & Science Exploration
*Music & Motion *Games and Recreation *KidVid Cinema
Adults of ALL ages, middle school and high school youth,
are encouraged to help!!
Contact Robin Fisher at (704) 662-4665 or use QR code.

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First Presbyterian Church

May 7, 2023
8:30 am



Missional Priorities

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

Worship of the Living God

Prelude

Welcome Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

* Call to Worship Rev. Lara Musser Gritter
Jesus Christ summons us
to answer God’s call of mercy.
Christ gathers us and gives us power
to be healed and to heal,
to be forgiven and to forgive,
to be freed from sin and to set others free,
to tell one another and the world:
God’s presence is at hand.
Let us worship God.