

* Song *Be Lifted Higher*

* Confession of Sin
**Jesus who became one of us,
if we are honest, we often miss who you are.
We look for you in the wrong places;
in human power, prestige, and prowess.
In so doing, we miss your presence in weakness.
We neglect to see you working in our meekness.
Giving up our status is the last thing on earth we want to do.
And humble is the hardest thing on earth to be.
Bring us down to where you served, crucified one,
so that our failures might be lifted up into your glory.
Amen.**

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Musical Response *Glory to God,
Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Children’s Message Kathy Sanborn

Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-4

Sermon Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

* Affirmation of Faith Dr. Randy Kirby
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 *In Jesus Name*

* Doxology *New Doxology*

* Prayer of Dedication

* Song *God and God Alone*

* 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 loving memory of Trevor George Williams
by Gail Hounshell**

Joys and Concerns this week:

Becky Carli, Manny Haldopoulos (Lawana Ford’s son-in-law), Mike Purser (Kathy Sanborn’s brother), Sharon Hoffman, Jim Ayers (Anne Hollifield’s son-in-law), Sharon Whittington

Howard Kessler and family on the death of his brother, Mark Kessler

Continuing Concerns:

Myrna Crocker, Lois Boyd (Ellie Grover’s mother), Steven Hunter (Lawana Ford’s brother), Maria Hudson, Rocky Mead (Chris Mead’s father), Hap Roberts, Tom Overcash

Church Life

“Easy” Summer Giving – While summer travels may take you out of town, your tithe can still make it into the offering plate, thanks to the convenience of online giving. Set up your recurring gift through our online giving platform today at www.fpc-sal.org/give. Need help getting set up, or want to check your pledge balance? Call Christina Lewis at 704-636-1321.

Church History Opportunity - Mike Drinkard will present information about FPC’s history in a two-part study in August. On August 7, he’ll present the history he compiled titled, “A Ministry of Reconciliation: Remembering Our History.” On August 14, he’ll focus on the history of our church property and facilities. The sessions will be held in Fellowship Hall.

All In Groups – Sign-ups for the fall session of All In Groups will begin next Sunday, August 14. You may sign up during worship or by calling the church office. New groups will be assigned, and the sessions will begin the week of September 11. Do not miss out on this opportunity for fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth!

Attention: Kathy Sanborn, Robin Fisher, and Christian Education are hosting an **OPEN HOUSE & BREAKFAST** on Sunday, August 21, from 9:45-10:45 am, in Fellowship Hall for ALL parents of children ages 2 to 7th grade. Come be a part of our Faith Formation planning for the upcoming year! Our children’s Sunday School classes will be open and ready with fun Bible lessons and activities while parents attend. Be sure to take a tour afterward of our refreshed children’s spaces!!

Upcoming Events		
Aug 7	8:30	Worship in Lewis Hall
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship in the Sanctuary Livestreamed to YouTube & Facebook
Aug 8	5:30	Personnel
	7:00	Deacons
Aug 9	10:00	Staff
Aug 10	5:30	Property
	6:00	Stephen Ministers
	7:00	Choir
Aug 11	5:30	CE
	6:30	LCW Rehearsal

**Each Sunday at 11:00 in the Sanctuary,
we livestream on Facebook and YouTube.**

COVID cases are rising across North Carolina and in Rowan.
 COVID-19 variant BA.5 is now the most common variant.
 Rowan's CDC COVID-19 Community Level is HIGH.

Recommended actions based on current level:

Stay [up-to-date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines. [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms. Wear a mask if you have symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19. Wear a mask on [public transportation](#). You may choose to wear a mask at any time as an additional precaution to protect yourself and others. If you are at [high risk for severe illness](#), consider wearing a mask indoors in public and taking [additional precautions](#).

Everyone should practice appropriate social distancing, wash your hands, and stay home if you are sick.

Everyone should get vaccinated and boosted! It is now recommended for everyone age 5 and up.

Stay safe and healthy!

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First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 7, 2022
 8:30 am



Worship of the Living God

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

* Call to Worship

Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

Come, let us bow before the living God.

Come, let us confess God's might.

Come, let us receive God's mercy.

Come, let us live in God's light.

As God's people, we lift our voices in praise.

Glory to you, gracious and loving God!