

\* Song *Be Lifted Higher*

\* Confession of Sin  
**Merciful and loving God,**  
**you have called us to be your people**  
**and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ.**  
**We confess that we have not lived up to our calling**  
**to proclaim the good news in word and deed.**  
**We are quick to speak when we ought to listen,**  
**and remain silent when it is time to speak.**  
**We put too much faith in our own actions,**  
**and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit.**  
**O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways.**  
**Strengthen us anew to follow Christ’s way in the world.**  
**By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need**  
**to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.**

\* Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Children’s Message

Scripture: Exodus 24:9-18

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

Sermon Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

\* Affirmation of Faith Dr. Randy Kirby  
The Church is the body of Christ.  
Christ gives to the Church  
all the gifts necessary to be his body.  
**The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts**  
**in its life as a community in the world.**  
The Church is to be a community of faith,  
**entrusting itself to God alone,**  
**even at the risk of losing its life.**  
The Church is to be a community of hope,  
**rejoicing in the promise that, in Christ,**  
**God is making a new creation.**

The Church is to be a community of love,  
**where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished,**  
**and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.**

The Church is to be a community of witness,  
**pointing beyond itself through word and work**  
**to the good news of God’s transforming grace.**

Where Christ is, there is the true Church.  
**We affirm that the Church is faithful to Christ’s mission,**  
**when it proclaims and hears the Word of God,**  
**administers and receives the Sacraments,**  
**and nurtures a covenant community of disciples of Christ.**

The great ends of the Church are:  
**the proclamation of the gospel**  
**for the salvation of humankind;**  
**the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship**  
**of the children of God;**  
**the maintenance of divine worship;**  
**the preservation of the truth;**  
**the promotion of social righteousness;**  
**and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

Service of Ordination and Installation *see insert*

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

Announcements & Celebrations

Offering

Offertory *Overcome* Praise Team

\* Doxology *New Doxology*

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* Song *As It Is in Heaven*

\* Benediction

Postlude

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\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

**Bold** indicates words spoken in unison.

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**The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God**  
**and in memory of John Major (Jack) Creamer and in honor of**  
**Jack Kinder Creamer by John and Kyna Grubb**

**Joys and Concerns this week:**

Jared Rowland, Howard Kessler, Bill Wallin, Savanna Cox (Parker Cox’s wife), Betty-Bonner Steele (David Carmichael’s mother), David Hall, Myrna Crocker

**Continuing Concerns:**

Bill and Sybil Baker, Lois Boyd (Ellie Grover’s mother), Vickie Clark, Keith Corriher (Jan Corriher-Smith’s cousin), Steven Hunter (Lawana Ford’s brother), Maria Hudson, Gerry Hurley, Rocky Mead (Chris Mead’s father), Mike Purser (Kathy Sanborn’s brother), Katherine Ridenhour, Ed and Jeanette Whitley

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### Church Life

**Baptism** – This morning, Troy and Kia Creamer present their son, Jack Kinder Creamer, for baptism. Jack was born on November 7, 2021, and his grandparents are John and Kyna Grubb.

**2 Cents a Meal Offering Today** – Please put your donations in the containers located in the Sanctuary narthex and Lewis Hall foyer as you leave worship today.

**FPC Member Graduate Information** – Parents, we need your HS and College graduate’s name, school, and degree for Baccalaureate Sunday. Please send the information to Christine by **May 12!**

**New Member Class** – Wondering what First Presbyterian is all about? Interested in joining our family of faith? Join us for a New Members Class on June 5, from 12:30-2:00. Lunch provided. Please let the church office know you will be attending.

**VBS** – VBS will be June 5-9, 5:00-7:00 pm. Register now at <https://www.myvbs.org/salisburyfirstpres/>. Come on a roll with us as we cook up truth from God’s word with a Food Truck Party!

**Church Retreat** – Join your fellow members at our August Church-wide Retreat at Caraway Conference Center, August 26-28. This retreat is for everyone! Singles, couples, and families. Registration opens soon.

**Officer Reception** – We will have a courtyard reception for our new officers at 9:45, TODAY.

**Wholeness and Healing Service** – Join us TODAY, at 4:00, in the Sanctuary, for a service of Wholeness and Healing.

**Staff Retreat** – The church staff will be away on retreat May 23-24. The church office will be closed during this time. In the event of an emergency while the staff is out of the office, please contact Denny Shantz at 704-209-1479.

**Upcoming Events**

<b>May 15</b>	8:30	Worship in Lewis Hall
	9:45	Sunday School
	9:45	New Officer Reception in Courtyard
	11:00	Worship in the Sanctuary, Livestreamed to YouTube & Facebook
	4:00	Wholeness and Healing Service
<b>May 16</b>	5:00	Youth
	10:30	PWCT
<b>May 17</b>	5:00	Finance
	10:00	Staff
<b>May 18</b>	6:00	Presbytery
	7:00	Choir
<b>May 19</b>		Discovery @ RHM
	6:00	VBS Child Protection Training
	6:00	EYES Study
	6:30	LCW Rehearsal

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

**Ordered Ministries Leaders – Class of 2025**

We welcome the newly elected leaders of First Presbyterian Church of Salisbury:

Elders: Martha Bostian, Del Denny, Mike Drinkard, Keith Garner, John Grubb, Andrea Smith

Deacon: Gail Bankett, Rhonda Shaw

Our gratitude is extended to the Class of 2022 Elders and Deacons for their dedicated service to the Church and Jesus Christ over the past three years: Elders: Brandon Aron, Lesleigh Drye, Mindy Muire, Tom Overcash, John Ware, Karen Wenker; Deacons: Scott Hay, Bill Saelinger, Savannah Lucas, Carol Worthy

**Music Credits**

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**First Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, May 15, 2022

8:30 am



**Ordination and Installation Sunday  
Worship of the Living God**

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

\* Call to Worship

Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

Let the redeemed be joyful!  
**Let them rejoice before God.**  
Sing to God, all peoples of the world.  
**Sing praises to God most high.**  
From the sanctuary of heaven,  
**God gives life and renews the world.**  
Let the redeemed be joyful!  
**Let us rejoice before God!**