

* Hymn 716 BEACH SPRING
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

* Confession of Sin
Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. 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

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-3

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

* 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 & the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Celebrations

Offering

Offertory Bell Tower Ringers

Recollection
music by Timothy H. Waugh
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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 353 SOLID ROCK
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

* Benediction

* Benediction Response

Postlude John Stafford; organ
Give Praise to God
music by G.F. Handel | arr. Robert J. Powell

*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 Camden Kipling Honeycutt's 12th
birthday, by Ryan and Meredith Honeycutt

Joys and Concerns:
Tom Overcash, Jim Taylor

Continuing Concerns:
Loretta Burton (Scott Burton's mother), Maria Hudson, Vonnie Jordan (Mike Jordan's mother), Rocky Mead (Chris & James Mead's father), Sharon Whittington

Church Life

Worship help is needed! First Pres needs several members to help with Communion. Please consider being a part of the Set-up or Clean-up Teams. Contact Martha Bostian to volunteer.

Wind Instrumentalists Needed - All those who play wind instruments are invited to play at the Community Easter Sunrise Service at the Bell Tower Green on Easter morning, April 9. We need all available volunteers for this service. Please contact John Stafford to volunteer.

Lenten Prayer Breakfasts - Join us on Wednesdays through Lent at 7:00 am in Lewis Hall for breakfast and a brief talk from a local guest speaker. Breakfast cost: \$6 pp with a \$20 family limit. Please mark the friendship pad or call the church office by Monday morning each week to let us know you will be attending. Please note the parking lot door will open at 6:45 am each week for breakfast. March 22 Speaker: Dr. Donald Anthony, Crown in Glory Lutheran Church.

Join us for a six-week Lenten study entitled *Meeting Jesus at the Table* by Cynthia Campbell and Christine Fohr. We will meet in Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:45 Sundays through Easter. The study is led by various Sunday School teachers. If you want to order a book for yourself, they are still available on Amazon.

Easter Lilies! Please consider sponsoring the lilies that will adorn our campus on Easter Sunday, April 9. Lilies are \$10 each, and you may submit a dedication with each one, either in memory or in honor of loved ones, friends, and groups. Forms and payments may be completed online at www.fpc-sal.org or by printed form located in the Narthex, Lewis Hall, and the church office. Deadline: March 31.

TWAM Run is April 28! Get ready!

Graduating HS Students & College Under-Grads - It's time to apply for our First Pres Scholarships. The deadline is April 14! Forms are on our website and in the Business office.

Parents of Graduates - Please email or call the church office by April 28 and give us your graduate's name, school, and degree if college age.

JOY (Just Older Youth) & Day School to decorate Easter Eggs! Join us on Tuesday, April 4, from 9:30-10:45 in Lewis Hall. We will have tea and snacks with the Day School kids and enjoy decorating Easter Eggs with them. Please call the church office by March 31 to let them know you will participate!

SAVE THE DATE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SALISBURY
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 Sunday, June 11 - Thursday, June 15
 5:00 - 7:30 pm
 Supper will be served at 5:00 pm
INVITE FRIENDS! INVITE FAMILIES!

SAVE THE DATE
EASTER SUNDAY
 Sunday, April 9

6:30 - Bell Tower Park, 8:30 - Lewis Hall, 11:00 - Sanctuary
 Nursery - 8:15-12:15
 Adult classes will decide individually
 No elementary or pre-teen classes
 9:30 - Courtyard Celebration
 with our BIG Feed the Fish Finale, our Flowering of the Cross,
 and the Butterfly Release Program beginning at 9:45

FPC Cash Flow as of 02-28-23		Giving	
YTD Income	\$165,530.20	YTD Budgeted Giving	\$184,424.33
YTD Expense	\$151,861.57	YTD Actual Giving	\$155,651.91
Positive	\$ 13,668.63	Under	\$ 28,772.42

This Week's Events

- Mar 19 8:30 Worship – Lewis Hall
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 9:45 Youth Breakfast & Bible Study
- 11:00 Worship – Sanctuary
- 12:30 Legacy 200 Talk
- 12:30 New Members Lunch
- 4:00 Youth – Movie Night!
- Mar 20 5:00 Finance
- 7:00 Session
- Mar 21 10:00 Staff
- 5:30 Race Task Force
- Mar 22 7:00 Lenten Prayer Breakfast – Lewis Hall
- 9:00 Randy's Bible Study
- 5:30 Handbells, 1st Kids
- 7:00 Choir
- Mar 23 6:30 LCW Rehearsal



12th Annual Feed the Fish Tournament
 Supports the PCUSA's One Great Hour of Sharing
 Lenten Offering

How well is your fish growing?
 We are 3 weeks in...with 3 more to go!
 How is your FISH doing? Discovery Sunday School Class is leading the way!
 Youth: \$114.33
 Contemporary Christian: \$46.71
 Discovery: \$300.51
 Everyman's: \$91.95
 Mary&Martha: \$36.78
 New Horizons: \$22.90
 Open Door: \$40.73
 Pres Outlook: \$107.41
 Sisters: \$22.24
 Worship Services: \$68.77
 Total Collection so far...\$852.33
 May the BIGGEST Fish Win!
 Please Give Generously

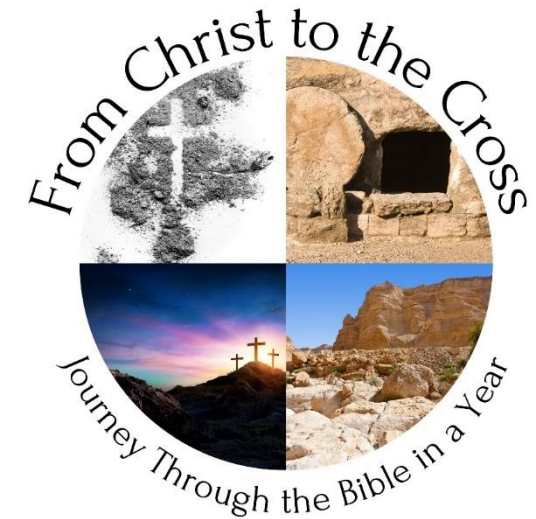
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First Presbyterian Church

March 19, 2023
 11:00 am

4th Sunday in Lent



Missional Priorities

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

Worship of the Living God

Prelude John Stafford; piano

Meditation on a Folk Song
 American folk melody | arr. Joseph M. Martin

Welcome Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

* Call to Worship Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

Whether we embrace God's call or try to avoid it,
**God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger
 and abounding in steadfast love.**

Whether we are longtimers or latecomers
 in the life of faith,
**God is gracious and merciful,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Whether our lives seem heroic or humble,
**God is gracious and merciful,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
 Let us praise our God!