

\* Processional Hymn 20 ROYAL OAK  
*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

\* Confession of Sin Dr. Randy Kirby  
**Almighty God,  
our world is filled with corruption:  
power disguises itself as truth;  
convenience masquerades as goodness;  
selfish pleasure imitates love.  
We confess to you, O God,  
that we have been caught in the web  
of the world's sin.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
save us from these deceptions  
and free us for glad obedience,  
that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection  
and receive the promise of your never failing love.**

\* Assurance of Forgiveness

\* Response 581 GLORIA PATRI  
*Glory Be to the Father*

Children's Message Kathy Sanborn

Scripture: Romans 8:31-36 Anna Mead

Scripture: Romans 8:37-39

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.**

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Congregational Constitutional Questions

Blessing of New Officers

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Announcements & Celebrations

Offering

Offertory Sanctuary Choir  
*Lord of All Hopefulness*  
(Hymnal 683)

\* Doxology 609

\* Prayer of Dedication Brooke Cunningham

\* Hymn 649 AMAZING GRACE  
*Amazing Grace*

\* Blessing of the Graduates

\* Benediction

\* Benediction Response  
*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*  
music and words by Peter Lutkin

Postlude  
*Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*  
arr. Carol Hamlin

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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 honor of Glenda Askew on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday,  
by her family**

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

### Joys and Concerns:

Christie Carter, French Caldwell (Anne Cave's brother), Jim Canup (Cindy Coleman's brother), Sybil Baker, John Smith

Brian and Melody Lee on the birth of their granddaughter, Scotland Jane Burns, on May 11. Scotland's parents are Evan and Allison Lee Burns, and her older sister is Ella

### Continuing Concerns:

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

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### Church Life

**Congregational Meeting** – We will hold a congregational meeting at 10:40 in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 21. The purpose of the meeting is to move that the congregation merge the offices of Elder and Deacon and to elect Gail Bankett, Rhonda Shaw, David Carmichael, Jan Corriher-Smith, Kent Roberts, and Margaret Harris as Elders.

**We are gearing up for our STELLAR Vacation Bible School 2023!** Just 3 weeks away until BLAST OFF! We are looking for "stay at home" volunteers to help with our VBS meals. If you would like to donate homemade brownies, rice krispy treats, items for an ice cream Sundae bar, or even gift cards to Food Lion to help pay for meal costs, please contact Noel Adams at (336) 749-0269. She is in charge of all our VBS meals!

**Church Elder Nominations** – It's time to begin thinking about our future leaders in the church. Please prayerfully consider nominating someone for Elder. Call the church, complete the form in your May newsletter, or visit our website. Nominations are due by May 31.

**JOY (Just Older Youth) Lunch at the Lake** – JOY will be having lunch at the home of Scott and Carol Hay on Tuesday, June 6, at 12:00 noon. Please bring an appetizer or salad. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Let Christine know you plan to attend by June 1. If you need transportation from church, please request a ride when you RSVP.

**Operation Christmas Child (packing shoe boxes for children)** - In addition to members packing individual boxes this fall, the Evangelism Committee is asking for donations to be used for a big packing party in a few months. See the upcoming June/July newsletter for suggested items. Red bins are in both Lewis Hall and the Sanctuary narthex.

**This Week's Events**

May 21	8:30	Worship – Lewis Hall
	9:45	Sunday School
	10:40	Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary
	11:00	Worship – Sanctuary
May 23	10:00	Staff
	6:00	Stephen Minister CE
	6:00	Stephen Minister Training
May 25	6:30	LCW Rehearsal

**Ordered Ministries Leaders – Class of 2025**

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

Class of 2024: David Carmichael, Margaret Harris, Kent Roberts, Jan Corriher Smith

Class of 2025: Gail Bankett, Rhonda Shaw

Our gratitude is extended to the Class of 2023 Elders and Deacons for their dedicated service to the Church and Jesus Christ over the past three years: Elders: Robert Bertram, Dan Cagle, Anne Cave, Ames Flynn, Wanda Huntley, Chris Mead; Deacons: Frank Adams, III, Andrea Bullock, Kathy Sang, Anne Saunders, Kathy Tart

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**IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!  
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



**First Presbyterian Church**

May 21, 2023  
11:00 am

**Ordination & Installation Sunday  
Baccalaureate Sunday**



**Missional Priorities**

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

**Worship of the Living God**

*Prelude*                      *Brother James' Air*      Tim Waugh, organ  
arr. Dale Wood

Welcome                                      Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

\* Call to Worship  
The Lord God helps me;  
**therefore I have not been disgraced;**  
he who vindicates me is near,  
**and I know that I shall not be put to shame.**  
Who will contend with me?  
**Who are my adversaries?**  
It is the Lord God who helps me;  
**who will declare me guilty?**  
**Let us worship the God of our salvation!**