

* Hymn 353 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

* Confession of Sin
**Gracious God, our hearts are restless
until they find their home in you.
Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us
from you. We pursue success, realizing it will
never be enough. We desire more possessions,
knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world
and hope we will find peace, knowing the world
cannot provide it.
Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts
find their rest in you alone. Amen.**

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Response 581 *Glory Be to the Father*
**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.**

Proclamation of the Word

Children's Message

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Ezekiel 34:1-6, 11-16

Scripture: John 10:11-18

Sermon Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

Moment for Reflection

Responding to the Word

* 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 Sanctuary Choir

God Is

arr. Donald Moore

* Doxology 606 *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

Sending to share the Word

* Hymn 541 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*
*2 Cents-a-Meal
*During the singing of the hymn, please bring your
2 Cents a Meal offering to the front.*

* Benediction

* Benediction Response

Postlude

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. Fred Bock

*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 Margaret Graham's 102nd birthday.**

Celebrations

Birthdays: Ben Dunkin, Brian Pritchard, Brenda White, Breanna Lusk, Abby Robinette, Jake Pritchard, Kia Creamer, Becky Lounsberry, Margaret Graham, Mary-Ellen Bailey, Dean Wilson, Betty Carli, William Paul, Melinda Swaim, Emma Spear, Marny Hendrick, Sonja Goodman, Jenn Garner Selby, Gail Hounshell, Allison Adams, Myrnie McLaughlin

Anniversaries: Ian and Brooke Swaim, Steve and Donna Ashley, Richard and Hannah Lyman

Joys and Concerns:

Betty Carli, Dave Boyer (Carol Worthy's cousin)

Continuing Concerns:

Fred Aggers, Bill and Sybil Baker, Malcolm Bullock, Eric Finland (Glenn and Nancy Phillips's son-in-law), James Fisher, Charles Hoffman (Sharon Hoffman's brother), Jan Kichefski, Sarah Kizziah, Vonnie Jordan (Mike Jordan's mother), Jonathan Lynch (Roxanne Myers's nephew), Elizabeth Romska, John Smith, Sharon Whittington

Church Life

Ministry Area – Deeply Rooted

Welcome! We welcome all new and returning visitors to First Pres. We are glad you're here and hope you feel God's presence as you worship and fellowship among this community of believers.

Worship Services: Children are always welcome in worship. However, if your little one needs some time to wiggle or play, a nursery is available for children 4 and younger. The nursery is open from 8:15 to 12:15 each Sunday morning. Please see an usher for more information.

Grow in Faith: The Outlook Sunday School Class – Join us beginning April 21, at 9:45, as we discuss Greg Garrett's *The Gospel According to James Baldwin: What America's Great Prophet Can Teach Us about Life, Love, and Identity*. Participants are responsible for getting their own books. The class meets in the confirmation classroom on the second floor. New participants are welcome.

Grow in Faith: Everyman's Sunday School Class – Join us beginning April 21, at 9:45, in Fellowship Hall as we begin a 3-week series led by Trevor Eppheimer on the Doctrine of the Trinity. Everyone is welcome!

Grow in Faith: Year-End Celebration! All children, youth, and their families of the church are invited to join us for an end-of-year cookout TONIGHT, 5:00- 6:30, in the courtyard.

Grow in Faith: Teacher Recognition! Please join us next Sunday in worship as we recognize and celebrate the volunteers who teach in our Sunday School classes. A light reception will be held in their honor in the narthex of Lewis Hall during the Sunday School hour.

Grow in Faith: VBS Registration is OPEN! For Pre-K through rising 5th grade, join us for Seekers in Sneakers 2024! June 2-6, 5:00-7:30 pm. Sign up now with the QR code!
To ensure your free t-shirt, children must be registered by May 3!



Grow in Faith: Vacation Bible Volunteers Needed! We need all available volunteers, youth and adults, for VBS June 2-6, 5:00-7:30 pm. Sign up now with the QR code!

Connect: First Pres Kickball Team! First Pres Fireballs will be playing kickball on Thursday, April 25, at 6:30 at the JC Optimist Sports Complex (1113 MLK Jr. Ave) on field 2. Come out and support your church family in a friendly game of kick-ball!

Ministry Area – Core

High School Senior & College Undergrad Scholarships – It’s time to apply for our First Pres Scholarships. **The deadline is April 26!** Forms are on our website and in the Business office.

Ministry Area – Branching Out

Showing Up: Red Cross Blood Drive – First Pres will host a blood drive in Lewis Hall on April 23, 2:00-6:30 pm. Please consider giving this life-saving gift. Sign up now for your time slot.



Youth: TWAM Run – It’s time to register for the TWAM Fun Run & 5K! The races will be held on Friday, April 26, at 6:30 pm for the Fun Run and 7:00 pm for the 5K. Everyone is invited to come out and support our youth and all the runners!

This Week’s Events

April 21	8:30	Worship in Lewis Hall
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship in Lewis Hall
	5:00	First Kids & Youth Year-end Party
April 22	6:30	Grow in Faith Team
April 23	10:00	Staff
	2:00-6:30	Red Cross Blood Drive
	6:00	Stephen Ministers
April 24	9:00	Yoga
April 25	6:30	LCW Rehearsal
April 28	8:30	Worship in Lewis Hall
	9:45	Sunday School, New Elder Training
	11:00	Worship in Lewis Hall
	5:00	Randy’s Grief Interest Meeting

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First Presbyterian Salisbury
TWAM 5K
 FUN RUN/WALK/RACE

Takes place in Salisbury's Beautiful Downtown & Historic District

Supporting our Teens With A Mission

Friday, April 26
 6:30pm Superhero Run
 7pm 5K Run and Walk

For more info: (704) 636-1321
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SEEKERS in SNEAKERS
 Discover Jesus!

Join us for Vacation Bible School
 Sunday, June 2 - Thursday, June 6
 from 5-7:30 pm

FREE Supper & tshirts are included!
 Use QR code to register now.

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April 21, 2024
 11:00 am



Missional Priorities

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

Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude Dr. Charles Chandler, organist
I Sing the Greatness of Our God
 arr. Fred Bock

Welcome Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

* Call to Worship Rev. Lara Musser Gritter
 The Lord is our shepherd; **we shall not want.**
 He makes us to lie down in green pastures:
he leads us beside the still waters.
 He restoreth my soul:
Let us be led in his path as we worship!