

* Song *Everlasting God*
words and music by Brenton Brown | Ken Riley

* 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 *Glory to God,
Whose Goodness Shines on Me*
words from traditional liturgy | music by Paul Vasile

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 *My Reward*
words and music by Paul Baloche

* Doxology *Doxology (Amen)*
words and music by Louis Bourgeois | Phil Wickham | Thomas Ken

* Prayer of Dedication

* Song *Cornerstone*
words and music by Edward Mote | Eric Liljero |
Jonas Myrin | Reuben Morgan | William Batchelder Bradbury

* 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 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!

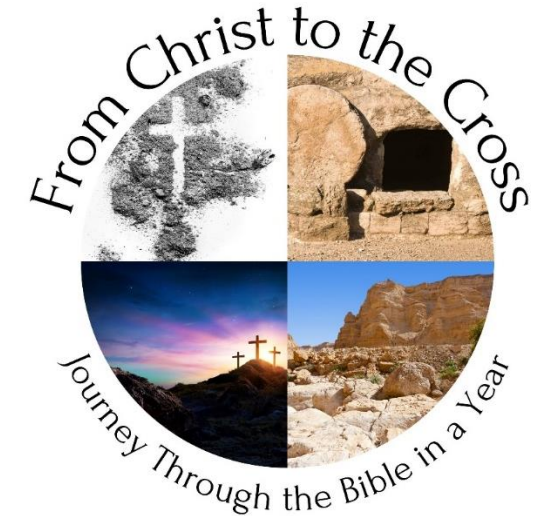
- Youth: \$114.33
- Contemporary Christian: \$46.71
- Discovery: \$300.51
- Everyman's: \$91.95
- Mary&Martha: \$36.78
- New Horizons: \$22.90
- Open Door: \$40.73
- Pres Outlook: \$107.41
- Sisters: \$22.24
- Worship Services: \$68.77

Total Collection so far...\$852.33
 May the BIGGEST Fish Win!
 Please Give Generously

First Presbyterian Church

March 19, 2023
 8:30 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

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!

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