

* Hymn 14 DIX
For The Beauty of the Earth

* Confession of Sin
**Living and loving God,
We all swim in waters, not of our own making.
We swim in the waters of sin, guilt, and death.
Without you, we are helpless against their current.
We are so often baptized into waters
that turn us away from you;
baptized in self, baptized into shame,
baptized into tribe.
Call us once again to your living waters.
Submerge us with Christ,
that we might arise with the life that is truly life.**

* 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.***

Service of Baptism

Scripture: Romans 5:6-11

Scripture: Romans 6:1-11

Sermon Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

* Affirmation of Faith Rev. Josh Musser Gritter
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
Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ
music by Ben Tucker

* Doxology 609 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 307 CWM RHONDDA
God of Grace and God of Glory

* Benediction

* Benediction Response **Come to Me, O Weary Traveller**

Postlude *Lift High the Cross*
music and words by Paul Manz

*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 the baptism of Owen Richard Messinger,
son of John and Liz Messinger,
and all mothers on this Mother's Day
by Dyke and Deborah Messinger**

Joys and Concerns:

Sybil Baker, Denise Fink, John Smith, Ramona Anguiano
(Antonio Anguiano's mother)

Angela Galloway on the death of her father, Dr. John Reeves

Rachel Culler and family on the death of her sister, Rosa Burwell

Richard and Lynn Miller on the death of their brother-in-law, Neil Madsen

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

Church Life

Baptism – Today, John and Liz Messinger present their son, Owen Richard Messinger, for baptism at the 11:00 service. Owen was born on March 5, 2023, and his grandparents are Dyke and Deborah Messinger.

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.

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.

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 May newsletter for suggested items. Red bins are in both Lewis Hall and the Sanctuary narthex.

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

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.

This Week's Events

May 14	8:30	Worship – Lewis Hall
	9:45	Sunday School
	9:45	Ministry Organization Plan follow up in Everyman's Classroom
	9:45	Everyman's Class in Fellowship Hall
	11:00	Worship – Sanctuary
May 15	1:00	Staff
	5:00	Finance
	7:00	Session
May 16	8:30	Presbytery meeting
	5:30	RTF
	6:00	Stephen Minister – Training
May 17	5:30	Handbells
	7:00	Choir
May 18	6:30	LCW Rehearsal

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**SAVE THE DATE
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
by May 15 to guarantee a t-shirt!**



We need many volunteers for:

- *Meal preparation and serving
 - *Space Crew Leaders
 - *Bible Adventures & Storytelling
 - *Imagination Station: Art & Science Exploration
 - *Music & Motion
 - *Games and Recreation
 - *KidVid Cinema
- Adults of ALL ages, middle school and high school youth, are encouraged to help!!

Contact Robin Fisher at (704) 662-4665 or use QR code.

First Presbyterian Church

May 14, 2023
11:00 am



Missional Priorities

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

Worship of the Living God

Prelude *Be Thou My Vision* Tim Waugh, organist
music by Dale Wood

Welcome Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

* Call to Worship Dr. Randy Kirby

Come, all who are thirsty, come to the waters.
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good!
Give ear and come to me.
Listen, that you may live.
I will make an everlasting covenant with you.
**Seek the Lord while God may be found;
call on the Lord while God is near.**