

\* Hymn 839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine*

\* Confession of Sin  
**Good and gracious God,  
we confess that we run ourselves ragged.  
We are busy and preoccupied with so many things.  
We neglect to be still and know that you are God.  
Even our sabbath time can be filled with “busy-ness.”  
Forgive us, Lord, for not accepting your gift and  
guidance of rest and restoration.  
Help us to put on the yoke of Jesus  
and walk in the way he models for us,  
mindful of our spiritual health and responding  
with compassion to the needs of our neighbors.**

\* Assurance of Forgiveness

\* Response 581  
**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 Rochelle Bost

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Genesis 2:1-4

Scripture: Matthew 12:1-8

Sermon Dr. Randy Kirby

Moment for Reflection Jean Wurster, flute  
*My Faith Has found a Resting Place*  
Arr. Kyle Hill

### Responding to the Word

\* Affirmation of Faith *The United Church of Canada*  
**We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new, who works in us  
and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.  
We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,**

**to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.  
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

Announcements & Celebrations

Offering

Offertory Sanctuary Choir  
Jean Wurster, flute

*I Trust In You (Psalm 71)*  
Arr. J. Daniel Smith

\* 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 465 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

\* Benediction

\* Benediction Response 542  
*God Be With You Until We Meet Again*  
verse 1  
(Everyone is invited to sing.)

Postlude *Beecher*  
Arr. Charles Callahan

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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,  
by Kathy and Barry Sang, and in loving memory  
of their daughter, Rebecca.**

### **Joys and Concerns**

Amy De Graaf (Dan and Karen De Graaf’s daughter-in-law),  
Marilyn Beaver (David Beaver’s mother), Sue Hayworth, Lynn  
Hales, Ebbie Whisenant

Meredith Rowland and family on the death of her mother, Connie  
Bridgewater.

Tom Bost and family on the death of his brother, James ‘Jim’ Bost.

### **Continuing Concerns**

Fred Aggers, Bill Baker, Scott Hay, Charles Hoffman (Sharon  
Hoffman’s brother), Steve Hunter, Tricia Johnson, Vonnie Jordan  
(Mike Jordan’s mother), Elizabeth Lewis Romska, Margie Shoaf  
(Jeff Shoaf’s grandmother), John Smith, Sharon Whittington,  
Acey Worthy

### **Celebrations**

**Birthdays:** Ann Meredith, Tricia Johnson, Dempsey Rowland,  
Jennifer Hands, Steve Noble, Abraham Church, Reba Parsons,  
Anne Curlee, Nancy Linn, Madelyn Dailey, Andrea Bullock

**Anniversaries:** Jeff and Gwynne Shoaf, Ryan and Suzanne  
Jenkins

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### **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.  
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. Please see an usher for more information.

**Worship – Unified Worship –** Our summer worship schedule  
continues through July 28. Schedule: Lewis Hall: July 21;  
Sanctuary: July 14 and 28.

**Worship –** Join us on Sunday, July 21, at 4:00 in the Sanctuary  
for a Service of Wholeness and Healing.

**Worship –** 2 Cents a Meal Offering will be collected next Sunday,  
July 21. Please remember to bring in your donations for this vital  
ministry.

**Music** – Mark your calendars for the inaugural event of our "3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at First Pres Concert Series" on July 19 at 7:00 PM. We are honored to present a captivating piano solo recital by pianist Elena Lyalina. Prepare to be captivated by her extraordinary skills as she transports us to a world of musical enchantment. Best of all, the concert is free for all to attend! We guarantee that this evening will leave you absolutely delighted.

**Music** – Have you ever wanted to sing with our choir but didn't want to make a year-long commitment? Then now is your time! Come as you are and meet the choir on **July 28 or August 4** at 10:30, in the Sanctuary. They will briefly rehearse and then lead the congregation in worship. No experience is required!

**Grow in Faith** – Unified Sunday School will be offered at 9:45, and adults will participate in the Revolving Reverends series in the Fellowship Hall. A unified activity for children grades K-5 will also be offered at 9:45 in Classroom 206.

**Grow in Faith** – Children's Sunday School Teachers – Summer planning is in full effect for the fall, and we are looking for volunteers to lead our children in preschool, elementary, and preteen classes. If you have a heart for teaching, please let Amanda Hathcock know you are interested.

**Retreat** – Did you miss your chance to join us on retreat at Camp Caraway, August 23-25? See Gwynne Shoaf or Amanda Hathcock to sign up last minute- there is room for you!

**CORE**

**Volunteers** – Nursery - we are looking for a few members who would like to join the schedule as a volunteer for our nursery. If you would be willing to guide our littlest saints on Sunday morning, please contact Amanda Hathcock at 704-636-1321 or ahathcock@firstpressalisbury.org.

**BRANCHING OUT**

**Showing Up** – Backpacks for Overton Students in Need – We will dedicate all backpacks on August 4, so please consider purchasing a child's backpack or two now. Add \$10 cash to the front pocket for school supplies and drop them off at the church office.

**Legacy 200** – What has been most meaningful to you in your time at First Presbyterian? Baptisms? Weddings? Funerals? Friendships? Worship? Legacy 200 is an endowment of First Presbyterian Church, whose primary goal is to ensure these kinds of potent and transformational memories will continue to be made possible for generations to come. On Sunday, July 28, come to a free luncheon in Lewis Hall after worship to hear more about what God is up to in our end-of-life giving. RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, July 23.

**Showing Up** – We are holding a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 30, from 2:00 to 6:30. Please consider giving this life-saving donation. Use the QR Code to choose your time, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.



<b>This Week's Events</b>		
July 14	9:45	Unified Adult Sunday School, K-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade, Room 206
	11:00	Unified Worship
	12:00	Tomato Day Lunch
July 15	11:15	Summer Meals
July 16	10:00	Staff
	11:15	Summer Meals
July 17	11:15	Summer Meals
	5:00	Grief Support
July 18	6:30	Everyman's Class @ RHM
	6:30	Life Center Rehearsal
July 19	7:00	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday Concert Series – Lewis Hall
July 21	9:45	Unified Adult Sunday School, K-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade, Room 206
	11:00	Unified Worship
	4:00	Service of Wholeness & Healing, Sanctuary

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July 14, 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      Teresa de Freitas, piano  
*Nearer, My God to Thee*  
 Arr. Larry Beebe  
*Rock of Ages*  
 Arr. Larry Beebe

Welcome      Dr. Randy Kirby

\* Call to Worship      *based on Matthew 11:28-30*  
 Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary  
 and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."  
**Lord, we come to worship you, seeking sabbath rest.**  
 Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;  
 for I am gentle and humble in heart,  
 and you will find rest for your souls."  
**Lord, we come to worship you, to listen  
 for your teachings and to seek rest for our souls.**  
 Jesus said, "For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."  
**Lord, we come to worship you,  
 that we might serve you faithfully.**  
 Let us worship God!