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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,  
and make Him known.

**~ Gathering before the Word ~****Welcome**

Dr. Stuart Bond

**Time of Meditation***Promised Land*

American Folk Tune

**Chimes of the Trinity****\*Call to Worship**

Sing to the Lord a new song.

**Praise God in the assembly of the faithful.**

Praise God you who watch online.

**Let all God's children rejoice in their king.****All: Rejoice in our God! Give glory to God's holy name. Praise the Lord!****Sing to the Lord a new song.****Hymn of Praise***Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

TRURO

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Chris is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.In every insult, rift, and war,  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.**\*Prayer of Confession****Lord, cast out our sin and cleanse our minds of wrongful thoughts. Have mercy upon us and forgive us in our failures. Before you, O God, our lives are exposed, and all our needs are known. Be at work in our lives to shape and mold us into your likeness. Then, fill our lives with your love.**

(time of silent prayer and reflection)

Amen.

## \*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Christ died for us,  
**Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

**The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

(Rom. 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17)

Believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## ~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

**Word with our Children**

Michelle Walker

**Special Music**

*Guide My Feet*

traditional spiritual

Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race  
for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race.

Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race.

Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Stan' by me, Lord, while I run this race.

Stan' by me, Lord, while I run this race.

Stan' by me, Lord, while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race.

For I don't want to run this race in vain.

**Sermon**

Melchizedek and the Master

Dr. Stuart Bond

**Scripture Reading**

Hebrews 7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**~ Responding to the Word of God ~**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Apostle's 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.**

**Hymn of Commitment**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

ST. ELIZABETH

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God and man the Son:  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*How Great Is Our God*

Tomlin

**\*All who are able please stand.**

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## Announcements

**The pink rose on the altar** is for Jean Skillman's daughter, Susie, who is in declining health. Please say a little prayer for Susie.

**You are invited to a combined adult Sunday School class** in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday at 10:00 am! Join us for socially-distanced learning and fellowship!

**Many of us recall Sasha Tsutserov, the Founder and Director of the Moscow Seminary.** He invites you to watch a 2.5 minute video at

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p89yqMlft9YigQGDoHEW1odW7JCnkJBz/view?usp=sharing>.

If you would like to support this ministry, you may donate online via

<https://onemissionsociety.org/give/moscow-evangelical-christian-seminary>.

Or you may write a check payable to One Mission Society, put 301710 Moscow Seminary remark in the memo line of the check, and mail the check to One Mission Society, P.O. Box 1648, Monument CO 80132-1648.

**Falling for Jesus - 2020! The CE Team wants to encourage you in your spiritual growth this fall with the following opportunities:**

**Virtual Tea** - You are cordially invited to a virtual afternoon tea on Sunday, August 16 at 2:00pm! We will gather online to share a cup of tea and our favorite finger food, as we hear about the many Bible Studies being offered this fall. Please wear your best 'tea party' hat or a creative substitute. Here's a preview of what you'll hear:

**Saltshakers' Bible Study** - will meet virtually on Mondays at 6pm, focusing on the Minor Prophets.

**Women Without Reservations** - meeting time tbd. Study will be "Trustworthy" from Proverbs 31 Ministries.

**"Living Free: Learning to Pray God's Word"** - Beth Moore study, facilitated by Vickie Ellington.

**"Bad Girls" Bible Study** - meets at church on Thursdays at 10:30am with Kay McAllister leading.

**Circle of Women** - monthly meeting at locations tbd.

**Wednesday Night Life** - Even though we may not be able to meet in person, **offerings will be available for children and adults!** To better meet your needs, we need to know what your interest is. Please fill out the online form by clicking the link in the weekly email if you would like to participate. Responses are needed by Sunday, August 30.

**Men of the Church** - Dave Argabrite and I are inviting all of you to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a little fellowship, a little breakfast, and a little devotion on the second Saturday morning of each month, beginning in September, from 8:30-9:15 a.m. Since we can't really cook things at the church, let me know you are coming, and I'll get you an Egg McMuffin. We'll have drinks of some kind and social distance. Dave and I will lead in content and then we will discuss and pray together. Got a friend who is not part of the church? Bring him along! Hope to see you at our first meeting on Saturday, September 13 at 8:30 a.m. Feel free to speak to either Dave or me if you have questions. *Pastor Stuart*

**Saltshakers Ladies' Bible Study registration is now in progress!** We will be studying "The Unchanging God" – a study of Minor Prophets. In this time of so much change in our world, it is our goal to safely provide a serious Bible study about our God who never changes! We will meet virtually on Monday evenings at 6:00pm from September 28, 2020 to April 2021. To register, please contact Judy Goodnight at (704) 938-4623 or register online by clicking the link in the weekly emails.

**If you would like to contribute flowers for worship**, please see the sign-up poster on the bulletin board just outside the church office. The cost for an arrangement is \$56.



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## The Session

Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk of Session

### Class of 2021

Jeff Barnhardt  
Frank Gibson  
Phil McLain

### Class of 2022

Debbie McDaniel  
Gip Rumble  
Bill Stricker

### Class of 2023

Dave Argabrite  
Renee Goodnight  
Ryan Walker

## Church Staff

Dr. Stuart Bond  
Transitional Pastor

David Hamilton  
Director of Music

Michelle Walker  
Director of Children's Ministries

Terri Pruett  
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates  
Organist

Irene Davis  
Nursery Director

## Prayer Concerns

*New Prayer requests will be placed  
in the bulletin for two weeks.*

*Please help us keep Prayer Concerns current with  
weekly updates emailed to [firstpresb@firstpresb.org](mailto:firstpresb@firstpresb.org).*

### HOMEBOUND

**Peggy Barnhardt** - at  
Morningside

**Iris Efird**

**Juanita Holt**

**Betty Overcash** - at Elmcroft  
in Salisbury

**Barbara Wise**

**Loretta Young** - at Five Oaks

### MEMBERS

**Judy Goodnight** - Cancer

**Bill Hammond** - Health  
concerns

**Connie Rary** - Cancer, radiation treatments

**Paul Barnhardt** - Health concerns

**Debby Baker** - Cancer

### FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

**Susie** - daughter of Jean Skillman (declining health).

**Amy Ritchie** - friend of Jane Jacobs (Breast Cancer,  
chemo/radiation)

**Mother of Tony Hunter** - in hospital following a fall

**Krystle Tacia** - friend of Chariti Lowder (Breast Cancer,  
chemo)

**Roxanne Debord** - daughter of Tony & Judy Hunter  
(chemo)

**Wade Nunnery** - father of Karen Pless

**Bob Smith** - Judy Hammond's brother (Stage 3 Lung  
Cancer)

**Barbara Coffey** - friend of Judy Hunter (Cancer treatment)

**Lori Holder** - daughter of Sam McAllister (MS)

**Hope Community & Pastor Nate Stratman** (church plant  
in Wilmington, NC)

**Prayer request?** Please write it down on the blue pew prayer  
card, & place in the offering plate.

### Special Church Member of the Week

**Claudine Larson**  
PO Box 56  
Alamo, ND 58830

Send a card, make a visit or a  
call, or offer a prayer. All to  
say, "God loves you and the  
church cares about you."



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