



*Welcome*



~ **Gathering before the Word** ~

<b>Musical prelude by String Trio</b>	<i>Suite No. 1 in D major</i>	Handel
	<i>Sonata in G</i>	Tartini
<b>Welcome</b>		Eddie Spencer
<b>Lighting of the Candles</b>		Landon Walker
<b>Flowering of the Cross</b>		VICTORY
	<i>The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done</i>	

**\*Call to Worship**

Based on John 11; Revelation 5:12

Leader: Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes though he die, yet shall he live and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

**All: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 182**

EASTER HYMN

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**Prayer of Confession:**

Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all. Yet, we confess that we have not bowed before Him or acknowledged His rule in our lives. You raised Jesus from the grave and shattered the power of sin and death. Yet, we confess we remain captive to fear and bound by the ways that lead to pain. Forgive us and raise us from the pit, that we may be Your faithful people. Transform us, and make us new, that we may know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit now and forever. It's in the matchless name of our Redeemer, we pray.

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**\*Song of Assurance No. 361**

RESURRECTION

*Because He Lives*

**Prayers of the People**

**Affirmation of Faith:**

Heidelberg Catechism Question 45

How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, so that He might make us share in the righteousness He obtained for us by His death. Second, by His power we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

**\*Hymn of Response No. 223**

DIADEMATA

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

**~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~**

**Word with Our Children**

Michelle Walker

**\*Scripture Reading**

Luke 24:1-8

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**Sermon**

Risen

Eddie Spencer

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

**Special Music**

*His Heart Beats*

Peterson

*David Hamilton, tenor; String Trio; Kay Yates, piano*

**\*LITANY OF PRAISE** Based on Matt. 28:6; I Cor. 15:54; Rom 6:4; I Pet. 1: 3-4

Leader: This is the good news: The grave is empty; Christ is risen.

**All: Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news: Death is swallowed up in victory; Christ has won.

**All: Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news: Just as Christ was raised from the dead, we too may live a new life in Him.

**All: Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news: He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us.

**All: Hallelujah!**

**\*Postlude**

*Arrival of the Queen of Sheba*

Handel

\*All who are able please stand  
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## To Our Guests

**Welcome!** We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning, and hope you find today meaningful and refreshing. Visitors are asked to fill out a Visitor Information Card, located in the pew, and place it in the offering plate. Prayer Requests may be noted on the reverse side of the same card.

**Children's Activity Bags** are available for children age 3 to grade 5. They include a children's bulletin related to the Sunday sermon, crayons, and scrap paper. **Children's Church** is available for children 4 years through 2nd grade. After the "Word with our Children," they will be escorted to their classroom on the choir hallway. Parents should report to the classroom immediately following worship to pick up their children.

**A Nursery** is available for newborns through age 4. It is located in the Educational Building. If you need assistance or directions, an usher would be happy to help you!

# UPCOMING



**Men, make plans to attend the next Fellowship Dinner on Thursday, April 28 at 6:00p.m in the Fellowship Hall!** The menu will be steak or chicken, baked potato, salad, bread, dessert, and drinks. Rev. Mike Taylor - Pastor of Phaniels Baptist Church, Chaplain for the Rowan County Sheriff's Office, and founder of Shield a Badge with Prayer - will be our guest speaker. Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, April 24.



**The JOY Group will meet for lunch at Johnny's Farmhouse on Friday, April 29th at 12:00p.m.**

Please sign-up in the Narthex or let Connie Lisenby know you will attend!



**The Women's Council invites all women to a Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 30 at 2:00p.m in the Fellowship Hall.** Enjoy a "Pound Cake Bar" with pound cake, toppings, and punch. Worship in song as Kay Yates shares the inspiring stories behind several beloved hymns. And be mesmerized by a Fashion Show like none you've ever seen! Please let a Women's Council member know you will attend, or sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, April 24.



**A new Sunday School Class** will be offered beginning Sunday, May 1, focusing on life and family together. Our first study will be a 7-week series on "Raising Kingdom Kids" by Tony Evans. The class will gather in the Session Room. See Lynn Sechler or Michelle Walker if you are interested!



**First Presbyterian is pleased to welcome back Sasha Tsutserov, president of The Moscow Evangelical Christian Seminary!** Sasha will speak to our congregation and our guests on Wednesday, May 4th. Please invite friends and join us! A meal will be provided at 5:45p.m. and Sasha's presentation will begin at 6:30p.m.



**Women Without Reservations** is hosting a Hip Hip Hoowray painting party on Friday, May 13 from 6-8pm in the Fellowship Hall. Guests will be able to choose a design and customize it for a total cost of \$53.50. See the design options and sign up in the Narthex by Friday, April 22! Contact Raegan Swaringen for more information.

## Missions Opportunity!

Rev. Don Wehmeyer, our Missionary partner in Mexico, is leading construction of a community school in Sitpatch. He estimates that \$75,000 will be sufficient to complete the building project. A generous First Pres donor has agreed to match all contributions received from the congregation up to \$35,000. A prior donation and commitments from the Missions Team have yielded \$20,000. The congregation is challenged to provide the remaining \$15,000! Please make your donation to First Pres and designate it for "Sitpatch School." We also hope to participate in a mission trip later this year!!!

# PRAYER CONCERNS

Please help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly updates.  
Email the church or write down  
on a prayer card & place in offering plate.

## MEMBERS

Joyce Deal and her family - Loss of her son, Michael

Connie Lisenby - loss of her father, Frank Shinn

## FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Abby Williams (Judy Hammond's sister-in-law) - health concerns

Wade & Mary Nunnery (parents of Karen Pless) - Dementia worse

Tammy Corriher (friend of Lowders) - recovery from knee surgery

Lela Bishop (friend of church) - recovery from hip injury at Brian Center

## HOMEBOUND

Peggy Barnhardt – Morningside

Barbara Hancock – home

Iris Efirm – home

Betty Overcash – Meadows of Rockwell

Barbara Wise - Oaks at Hampton, Cummings, Georgia

Loretta Young - Five Oaks

Cindy Fisher - Transitional Health

# Thank you

From the Family of Michael Deal

Ladies of First Presbyterian,

Thank you for feeding our family and sharing your ministry of helping during such a sad time. The food was wonderful, and it was nice to get to meet each of you.

Thank you so much,  
Joyce, Oshellin & Family

# THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

## SUNDAY, APRIL 17 **Easter Sunday**

9:15a.m.: Light Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

10:00a.m.: Sunday School

11:00a.m.: Resurrection Service with Flowering of the Cross

## Monday, April 18

7:00p.m.: Saltshakers via Zoom

## TUESDAY, APRIL 19

12:00p.m.: NA

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

10:30a.m.: Moms in Prayer

## THURSDAY, APRIL 21

10:30a.m.: Ladies Bible Study

12:00p.m.: NA

## NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 24

9:15a.m.: Light Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

10:00a.m.: Sunday School

11:00a.m.: Worship Service

## SERVANTS

**Elder Lock-Up:** Dave Argabrite

**Children's Message:** Michelle Walker

**Children's Message next week:** Amelia Caskey

**Children's Church:** Adam & Tracy Caskey

**Children's Church next week:** Lynn & Shannon Sechler

**Acolyte:** Landon Walker

**Acolyte next week:** Erica Efird

**Nursery:** Lynn Efird

**Nursery next week:** Jane Argabrite

**Ushers:** Danny Bost, Lynn Sechler

**Ushers next week:** Mal McDaniel, Ron Lisenby

**Greeter:** Renee Goodnight



# Thank You!

Thank You to the cast and crew of The Last Supper, as well as everyone who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make Sunday night's service so meaningful. What a beautiful reminder of our Lord's sacrifice as we entered Holy Week.

To God be the glory!

## PLEASE WELCOME OUR GUEST MUSICIANS:

Richard Jackson Wohlman (RJ) studied Violin Performance at Appalachian State where he received his undergraduate and graduate performance degree, as well as an education degree. He performs with the Salisbury and Winston-Salem Symphonies. RJ has an amazing family and is married to Katie with two kids, Jackson and Lucy. When not performing, you can find him happily making sawdust in his woodshop!

Born in Salisbury, NC, Timothy Gudger started viola studies at the age of 9 with the Salisbury-Rowan public school system under the direction of Mr. Edward Allison. Mr. Gudger received his Bachelor of Music in Viola Performance from Appalachian State University where he studied with Dr. Glenn Muegel and Dr. Bill Wilson. He received his Master of Music in Viola Performance from Duquesne University of the Holy Ghost in Pittsburgh, PA, where he studied with Mr. Randolph Kelly and Ms. Jennifer Gerhard. Mr. Gudger has played extensively with orchestras in the southeast, including the North Carolina Symphony, the Winston-Salem Symphony, the Greensboro Symphony, the South Carolina Philharmonic, the Savannah Symphony Orchestra, and the Hilton Head Orchestra. Mr. Gudger is currently the principal violist with the Salisbury Symphony and the Associate Principal Violist for the Western Piedmont Symphony.

Liz Burns received her undergraduate degree from UNC Charlotte and a Masters in Cello Performance from Winthrop University. She is adjunct professor of Cello at Winthrop where she also teaches Strings Methods and coaches the Cello Ensemble. In addition to acting as cello coach for the Youth Orchestras of Charlotte Preparatory, she serves as Assistant Principal of the Salisbury Symphony, director of the Salisbury Symphony Youth Orchestra, and regularly subs with the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. She performs frequently at area churches and in chamber music recitals in North and South Carolina.



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