

## Worship of the Living God

### Gathering around the Word

- Prelude
- Welcome Dr. Randy Kirby
- \* Call to Worship Kathy Sanborn  
Christ is risen! **Christ is risen, indeed!**  
Hope is alive. **A new age is dawning.**  
Joy is alive. **Redemption is here.**  
Love is alive. **New life is within us.**  
The church is alive. **God's spirit unites us.**  
**Let us worship the risen Christ!**
- \* Song *King of Kings*  
Brooke Ligertwood | Jason Ingram | Scott Ligertwood
- \* Confession of Sin  
**You have shown yourself to us, O God,  
by Word and Spirit,  
with signs and wonders,  
in flesh and blood,  
yet we still struggle to live and believe  
the good news of Jesus Christ.  
Have mercy on us; forgive us.  
Enter into our lives  
and cast out our fear  
so that we may come to trust in you  
and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.**
- \* Assurance of Forgiveness
- \* Response *Glory Be*  
Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | Jason Ingram | Jonas Myrin

### Proclaiming the Word

- Children's Message Tricia Johnson
- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture: Acts 4:32-35
- Scripture: 1 John 1:1-2:2
- Sermon Dr. Randy Kirby
- Moment for Reflection

### Responding to the Word

- \* 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 Praise Team

*Alive (Mary Magdalene)*  
Bernie Herms | Nichole Nordeman

\* Doxology *Doxology (Hallelujah)*  
Aaron W. Lindsey | David Binion | John Gray

\* Prayer of Dedication

### Sending to share the Word

\* Song *Because He Lives (Amen)*  
Chris Tomlin | Daniel Carson | Ed Cash |  
Gloria Gaither | Jason Ingram | Matt Maher |  
William J. Gaither

\* Benediction

Postlude

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\*Those who are able are invited to stand.  
**Bold** indicates words spoken in unison.

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### Celebrations

**Birthdays:** Meredith Rowland, Jan Crane, Susan Mesimer, Anna Mills Wagoner, Patton Galloway, Emma Myers, Banks Fisher, Robert Bertram, Olivia Smith, Joanna Musser Gritter, Donna Ashley, Antonia Barolini, Harold Mesimer, Teresa Williams

### Anniversaries:

Kenan and Tracy Smith, Wayne and Becky Sasser

### Joys and Concerns:

Sarah Kizziah, Jan Kichefski, Fred Aggers

Carol and Acey Worthy on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Ivy Jane Schwanz. Ivy's parents are Alex and Courtney Schwanz.

Billie Bryant on the death of her daughter, Wendy Gar.

### Continuing Concerns:

Bill and Sybil Baker, Malcolm Bullock, Eric Finland (Glenn and Nancy Phillips's son-in-law), James Fisher, Charles Hoffman (Sharon Hoffman's brother), Vonnie Jordan (Mike Jordan's mother), Jonathan Lynch (Roxanne Myers's nephew), Elizabeth Romska, John Smith, Sharon Whittington

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### Church Life

#### Ministry Area – Deeply Rooted

**Welcome!** We welcome all new and returning visitors to First Pres. Please take a moment to sign the friendship register and leave an email or phone number so we can contact you. We are glad you're here and hope you feel God's presence as you worship and fellowship among this community of believers.

**Welcome!** This morning, we welcome Kate Pagano into our First Pres family of faith.

**Worship Services:** 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. The nursery is open from 8:15 to 12:15 each Sunday morning. Please see an usher for more information.

**Worship Services:** Join us on April 14 at 11:00 for our unified Welcome to the Table worship service in Lewis Hall. First Kids children who have been participating in the communion preparation classes will be welcomed to the table. A reception will follow the service.

**Grow in Faith: Join us for Sunday School!** We have classes for all ages, from toddlers to adults. See the Sunday School Brochure for more information.

**Grow in Faith: Join us on April 14 at 9:45** in the Fellowship Hall to hear Rev. Bill Hoyle's recent experience in Palestine. Everyone is welcome.

**Grow in Faith: The Outlook Sunday School Class** – Beginning April 21, at 9:45, they will discuss Greg Garrett's biography of James Baldwin titled *The Gospel According to James Baldwin: What America's Great Prophet Can Teach Us about Life, Love, and Identity*. Participants are responsible for getting their own books. The class meets in the confirmation classroom on the second floor. New participants are welcome.

**Grow in Faith: Vacation Bible Volunteers Needed!** We need all available volunteers, youth and adults, for VBS June 2-6, 5:00-7:30 pm. Sign up now!



**Ministry Area – Core**

**Core: Graduates** – We need your graduation information for Baccalaureate Sunday. Email or call Christine in the office ([cmowery@firstpressalisbury.org](mailto:cmowery@firstpressalisbury.org)) and let her know which High School or College you are graduating from. For College and beyond, please also send your degrees and advanced degrees. We need this by May 9!

**Facilitate: Visitor and Handicapped parking lot** – We lovingly ask that everyone be considerate and welcoming to those who need to park close. If you can walk, please leave spots in our parking lot for visitors and those who are mobility-challenged. On Sundays, please consider parking on W. Fisher St., S. Jackson St., or in the South State Bank lot.

**Core: Maxwell Chambers Trust** will meet on Monday, April 15, at 6:00 pm, in Everyman's Bible Class. All current and former Elders are asked to attend in order to have a quorum to conduct this year's business.

**High School Senior & College Undergrad Scholarships** – It's time to apply for our First Pres Scholarships. **The deadline is April 26!** Forms are on our website and in the Business office.

**Ministry Area – Branching Out**

**Showing Up: Rowan Helping Ministries Food Pantry Day** – Please remember to bring in cereal, peanut butter, and canned goods on Sunday, April 7, to help stock the shelves at RHM.

**Showing Up: Red Cross Blood Drive** – First Pres will host a blood drive in Lewis Hall on April 23, 2:00-6:30 pm. Please consider giving this life-saving gift. Sign up now for your time slot.



**This Week's Events**

- April 7 8:30 Worship in Lewis Hall
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship in Lewis Hall
- 5:00 Youth @ Monterrey (bring \$10)
- April 8 10:30 PW Coordinating Team
- 11:00 Presbyterian Women's Bible Study
- 5:30 Showing Up Team
- 6:00 Youth Team
- April 9 10:00 Staff
- 10:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 10:30 2nd Tuesday Book Club
- 6:00 Stephen Ministers
- April 10 9:00 Yoga
- 5:30 Handbells
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal
- April 11 6:30 LCW Rehearsal
- April 14 9:45 Sunday School, New Elder Training, Youth Breakfast & Bible
- 9:45 Rev. Bill Hoyle's Palestine trip presentation
- 11:00 Worship in Lewis Hall
- 12:00 Welcome to the Table Reception
- 5:00 Youth @ the Worthys' home

**First Presbyterian Church**

April 7, 2024  
8:30 am



**Missional Priorities**

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

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