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WOMEN OF THE WORD WINTER 2026 STUDY

Women of the Word returns Monday, January 26 at 6:30 PM and Tuesday, January 27 at 9:00 AM with Melissa Spoelstra's study of *Isaiah: Striving Less and Trusting God More*.

In this study, we will learn that following God isn't about striving; it's about trusting God more. Trust is at the heart of every healthy relationship, especially your relationship with God. It's one thing to say you rest in God, but does your stress level, worry, or general lack of peace give evidence that you rely on Him?

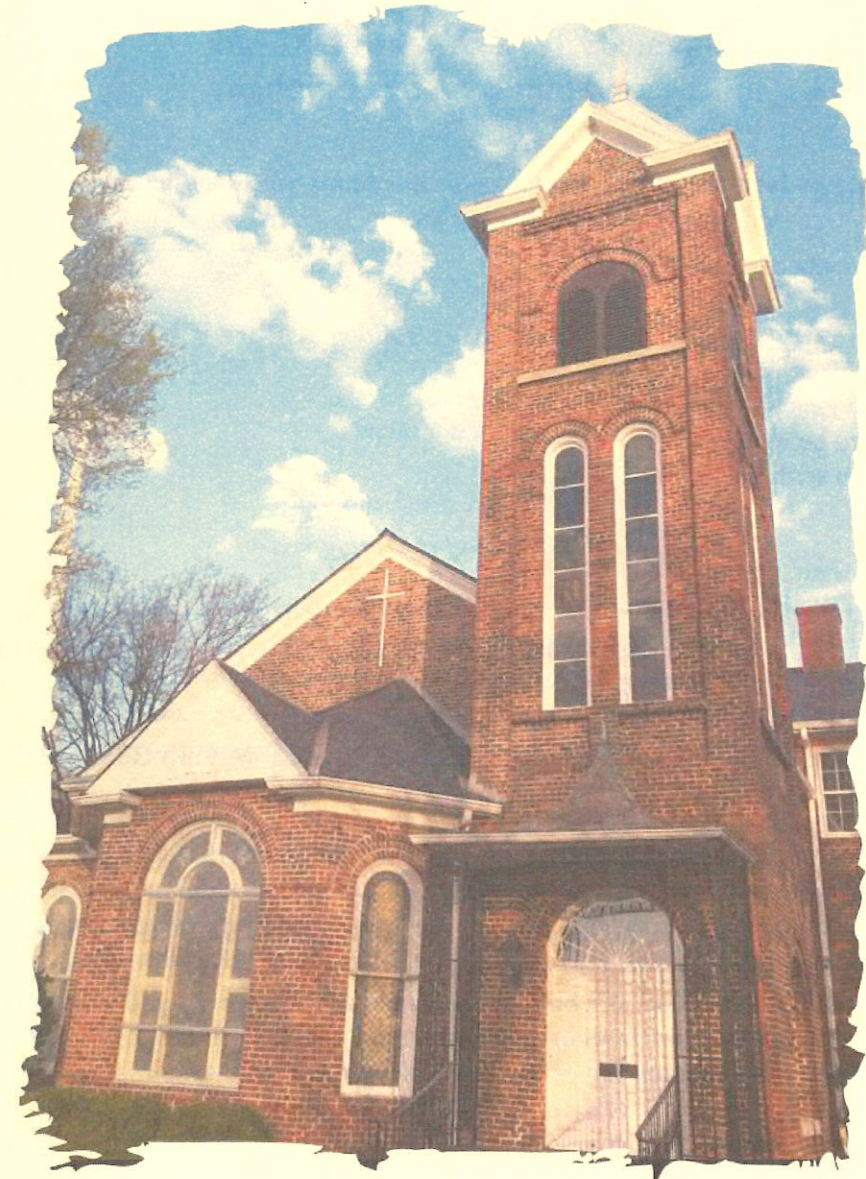
Join us as we learn how to let go of striving and trust in God's character, His comfort, and even His correction. As we look at Isaiah's challenges to the nation of Israel and his prophecies of the Messiah, we will see that we can trust God more than our own human efforts - or the counterfeits the world suggests.

The study is seven sessions, and you will need to order your own study guide from Amazon, ChristianBook.com, Lifeway, or other retailers. Please register before the first class by scanning the QR code above. If you need assistance registering, please email wowlexington@gmail.com.



First Presbyterian Church

Lexington, North Carolina



Founded 33 AD
Organized 1827



Traditional Worship
January 18, 2026 ❖ 11:00 AM
Second Sunday After Epiphany

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *God Leads Us Along* arr. Sid Richardson

The Passing of the Peace
One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

Choral Introit *Listen, God Is Calling*

*Call to Worship from Matthew 6
One: Jesus said, "Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns,
All: And yet your heavenly Father feeds them.
One: Strive first for the Kingdom of God and his righteousness,
All: And all these things will be given to you as well." Let us worship God.

*Hymn (insert) *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

*Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, in Jesus you invite us into an abundant life, a life of salvation and service. You send your Holy Spirit to equip us for such a life. But we know our old life so well. We know how that life works and it's familiar. It's bold to leave behind what works and is familiar. What if we aren't so bold? You know our insecurities and we seek your help to move us through this and discover what you have waiting for us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness John 1:41,16
We have found the Messiah. From his fullness we have received grace upon grace.

*Response of Praise *Gloria Patri* Hymn #579
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.

Children's Moment

Scripture Reading *Psalm 139:1-6* Jim Black

Anthem *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* spiritual

Congregation, please **stand** and **sing** when invited on the final verse:
I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, any time.

Scripture Reading *John 1:43-51* Rev. Jon Martin
One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Invitation to More* Rev. Jon Martin

*Hymn #404 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

*Affirmation of Faith *Confession of 1967, 9.20*
God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in humankind. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which we are reconciled to God and to one another. The Holy Spirit enables us to receive forgiveness as we forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as we make peace among ourselves. In spite of our sin, the Holy Spirit gives us power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel.

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.

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Offertoire* Louis Vierne

*Doxology Hymn #592
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving
We give you thanks for this offering, O God. You invite us to foster authentic and personal bonds with you and our neighbors. With these gifts, help us share the news that, when the world offers superficial labeling, we offer and invitation to more. Amen.

*Hymn #382 *Somebody's Knocking at Your Door*

*Benediction

*Choral Response *Know That God Is Good*

*Postlude *Symphony V, first movement (abbrev.)* Charles Marie Widor

* Let us rise in body or spirit.

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Lexington! Whether this is your first time visiting or you are a longtime member, please know that you are always welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. If you would like more information about the congregation, please ask Pastor Jon. Information is also available in the lobby and narthex. It is a blessing to share this worship service with you.

We love children here at First Presbyterian and welcome them to our worship service. There are worship bags in the Kids' Corner in the lobby for younger children to pick up before the service.

We're glad you're visiting.
Can we connect with you?



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, February 2, at 10:30 AM (at the conclusion of the town hall meeting) to receive the 2025 Annual Report and act on changes to the terms of call of the pastor.



Online Giving
Thank you for your gift!

What's Happening this Week			
Sunday	Jan. 18	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Early Service (fellowship hall) Sunday School Traditional Worship (sanctuary)
Monday	Jan. 19	Office Closed	<i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>
Tuesday	Jan. 20	7:15 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's) Boy Scouts (youth room)
Wednesday	Jan. 21	12:00 PM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM	Midweek Bible Study (fellowship hall) Welborn Handbell Choir (choir suite) Chancel Choir (choir suite)
Thursday	Jan. 22	10:30 AM	Prayer Group (Prayer Room)
Sunday	Jan. 25	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:00 PM	Early Service (fellowship hall) Sunday School Traditional Worship (sanctuary) YD's, Acts Alive



After the fellowship breakfast on February 1 (see sign-up card), Pastor Jon will lead a town hall style meeting in the fellowship hall. This will be a meeting to reflect on where we've been and what is ahead for us. What are your ideas to pass along to the Session? Where do sense the moving of the Spirit for First Presbyterian Church?

In between a delicious breakfast and our blended worship service, this town hall will be about providing a space to share and reflect and listen. All who would like to attend are welcome! The annual congregational meeting will follow the town hall meeting, at 10:30 AM.

DONATIONS FOR HOSPICE NEEDED

First Presbyterian Church Members, a call to "step up" in faith has been heard from Hospice nurses from Community Outreach. These nurses cover areas from Thomasville to the Virginia border and westward to Asheville.

They are in need of regular shampoo and regular body wash (no bars of soap, please) for both men and women, and fleece blankets, from lap-size to full size. Teddy bears are a welcomed surprise, too. This request was made by Katie Oliver of Liberty Hospice, whose child attended First Presbyterian Preschool. Will you help? A box labeled "Hospice Nurses" is in the front hallway waiting for your donation. Thank you, for even small donations make a big difference!

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

You are of more value than many sparrows. Matthew 10:31

1. Why should I feel dis - cour - aged? Why should the shad - ows come?
 2. "Let not your heart be trou - bled," His ten - der word I hear;
 3. When - ev - er I am tempt - ed, When - ev - er clouds a - rise,

Why should my heart be lone - ly And long for heaven and home
 And rest - ing on His good - ness, I lose my doubt and fear.
 When songs give place to sigh - ing, When hope with - in me dies,

When Je - sus is my por - tion? My con - stant friend is He:
 Though by the path He leads me But one step I may see;
 I draw the clos - er to Him, From care He sets me free:

His eye is on the spar - row, And I know He watch - es me.

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Chorus F Bb F Bb
 I sing be - cause I'm hap - py, I sing be - cause I'm free;

Bb7 Eb Ebm Bb F Bb
 For His eye is on the spar - row, And I know He watch - es me.

Music: Charles H. Gabriel
 Text: Civilla D. Martin

SPARROW
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TWO CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

The Two Cents A Meal Offering is directed toward programs that address hunger in our region. Locally, Pastor's Pantry and First Hope Ministries have received Presbytery grants from this fund. Donations may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. Please note "2 Cents a Meal" on the donation.

PRAYER GROUP

Our intercessory Prayer Group meets in the Prayer Room on the 2nd floor of the educational wing at 10:30 AM on Thursdays to pray for the needs of church members, friends and loved ones of the church family, and others in our community and around the world. Anyone is welcome to participate any week. Prayers may be silent or spoken. Do you have someone to add to our first responder prayer list? Please share their name with Pastor Jon.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Midweek Bible Study meets Wednesdays at Noon in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome any week. We are currently studying the book of *Daniel*.