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**DONATIONS FOR HOSPICE NEEDED**

Our friends at Hospice have been so appreciative of our over-abundance of donations. Thank you for your generosity! Can we extend our generosity and change course? Let’s collect travel-sized hand sanitizers, travel-sized toothpaste, toothbrushes, lip balms, and disposable razors (men’s and ladies’). Thank you, Church, for always being on “stand by!”

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

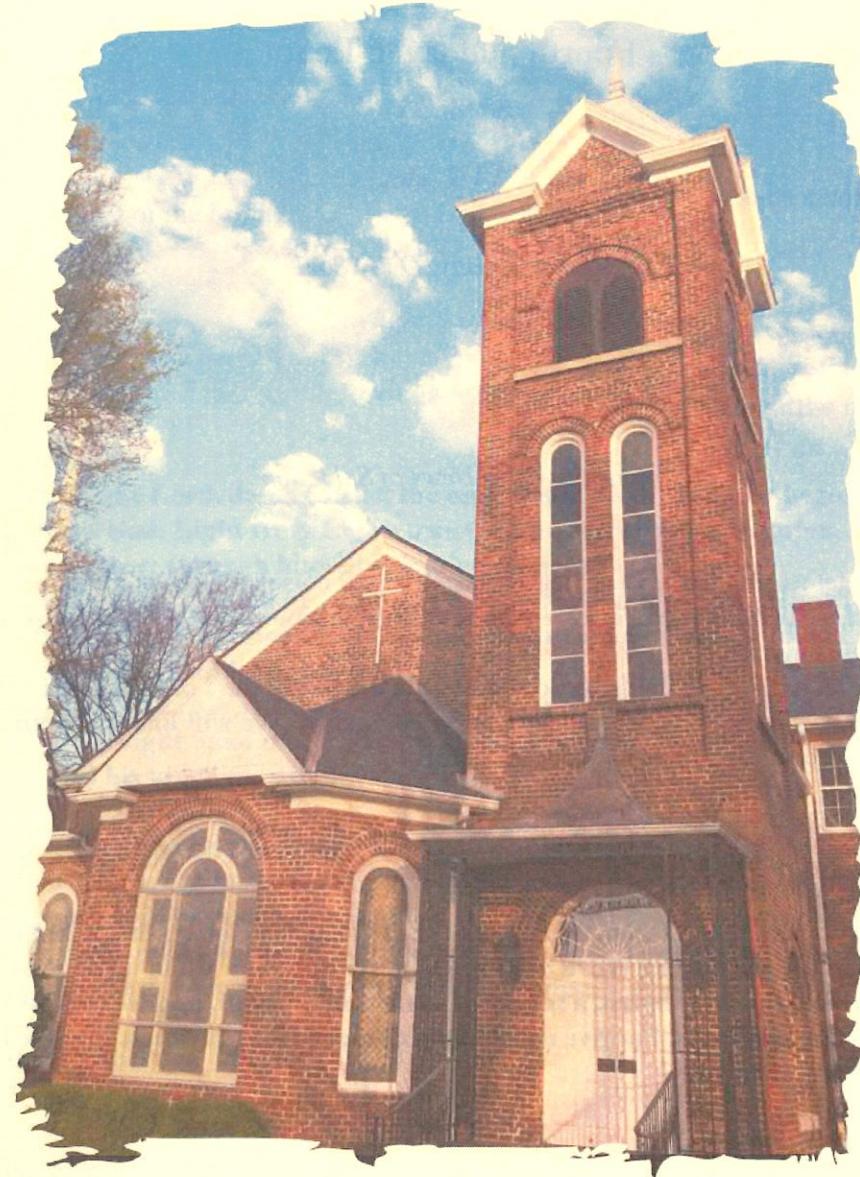
Every year, our Faith in Action Ministry Team sends out budget requests to our local helping agencies. On that form, we also ask how else we can help their organization. Here are some opportunities to “step up” in faith and assist our local agencies:

- Davidson Prison Ministry – sponsor offenders outside prison, pray continuously for our prisoners
- Cancer Services – donate nutritional supplements and adult diapers
- Communities-In-Schools – volunteer to mentor students
- Home Solutions – volunteer to perform minor home repairs
- The Life Center – answer phone, work in garden
- Pastor’s Pantry – help in the food pantry

If you’re looking for a way to make an impact in the community and proclaim Christ’s love of all, now is your chance! Please contact the organizations directly to volunteer or donate. Links to each agency’s website may be found at [fpclxnc.com/local-mission](http://fpclxnc.com/local-mission).

# First Presbyterian Church

Lexington, North Carolina



Founded 33 AD  
Organized 1827



Traditional Worship ❖ March 15, 2026 ❖ 11:00 AM  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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

Choral Introit *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

\*Call to Worship from Psalm 95  
One: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
All: **We shall come into your presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto you with our songs of praise!**  
One: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!  
All: **For we are your people, the flock that you shepherd. We will know of your power as we listen for your voice! Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn #463 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* (Tune: DIX, #63)

\*Prayer of Confession  
**Almighty God, help us hear, O God, the sound of your voice. We confess that much competes with the word you send. You send the Word of Life, and we confess how often we dismiss the guidance he brings. You send the Holy Spirit, a source of counsel and power, and we confess how often we continue in our regular ways. Forgive us and help us move from darkness into the light of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Assurance of God's Forgiveness Psalm 23:6  
**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

\*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 *Ephesians 5:8-14* Bonnie Graham

Anthem *I Believe* Miller

Scripture Reading *John 9:1-12* Rev. Jon Martin  
One: This is the word of the Lord.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Daylight Saving Time* Rev. Jon Martin

\*Hymn (insert) *At the Cross*

\*Affirmation of Faith *Nicene Creed, 1.2*  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

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 *Improvisation*

\*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. Use these gifts with our acts of goodness to testify to Christ's truth in our lives. Use what we give so that others may come into your presence with joyful songs of hope and thanksgiving. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #339**

*Be Thou My Vision*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Response**

*We Lift Our Voices*

**\*Postlude**

*Praise!*

Gilbert Martin

\* 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?



Online Giving

Thank you for your gift!

**244 At the Cross**



1. A - las, and did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my Sov-'reign die?  
2. Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned up-on the tree?  
3. Well might the sun in dark-ness hide and shut its glo - ries in,  
4. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for such a worm as I?  
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!  
when Christ the might - y Mak - er died for man the crea - ture's sin.  
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis all that I can do.



At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light, and the



bur - den of my heart rolled a - way, it was there by faith  
(rolled a - way,)



I re - ceived my sight, and now I am hap - py all the day!





### EGG HUNT DONATIONS NEEDED

Spring will soon be here! We are celebrating with an Egg Hunt on March 22. If you can provide small treats or trinkets for our plastic eggs, please place your donations in the large basket in the lobby near the church office. Thank you for your support in making this a fun and memorable event!

### EGG HUNT INFO

Please join us for our Easter Egg Hunt on March 22 at 12:45 PM. After the egg hunt kids are invited to First United Methodist for a craft and snack. A light lunch will be provided following worship at 12 PM. Please RSVP to Catie (336.225.0014) or sign up using the card enclosed in today's bulletin by **March 15** if you will be attending. All are welcome. Egg hunters, don't forget to bring your basket!



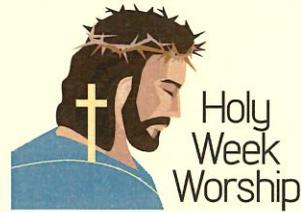
### GRACE SUNDAY LUNCH SCHEDULE

FPC volunteers "stepping up" in faith to serve a hot meal at Grace Episcopal Church in March are:

- March 15 – Bill Bryan, Ken and Kim White
- March 22 – Jim & JoAnn Hill, Karen Carrickhoff
- March 29 – Sheila Goff, Jim Black, Lynne Hobbs

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- † Palm Sunday, March 29
  - 9:00 AM - Early Service (fellowship hall)
  - 10:00 AM - Sunday School
  - 11:00 AM - Traditional Worship (sanctuary, online)
  - 12:15 PM - Brief community service at the Old Courthouse
- † Maundy Thursday, April 2
  - 7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service at First United Methodist Church
- † Easter Sunday, April 5
  - 7:00 AM - Sunrise Service (Third Avenue Courtyard/Garden)
  - 7:45 AM - Light Breakfast (fellowship hall)
  - 11:00 AM - Blended Worship (sanctuary, online)



### SPRING SALE FOR LOCAL MISSIONS

Orders for our spring chicken pie and baked spaghetti sale to benefit local missions are due **TODAY, March 15**. Order forms are located in the lobby near the steps (look for the yellow poster). Pick up will be in the fellowship hall Saturday, March 28, from 9am-12pm and Sunday, March 29 until 1:30pm.

### PASTOR INSTALLATIONS

Two friends of FPC will be installed as pastors to new churches this month. Rev. Mason Todd will be installed as Pastor of New Hope Presbyterian (200 Cotton Grove Road, Lexington) today at 2:00 PM. Rev. Lester Smith will be installed as Pastor of Mt. Tabor United Church of Christ (1002 E Holly Grove Rd, Lexington) March 29 at 3:00 PM. You are invited to attend either or both of these celebrations.

### What's Happening this Week

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	Mar. 15	10:00 AM	<i>Chicken Pie/Spaghetti Orders Due</i> Sunday School Traditional Worship (sanctuary) Race Unification Committee (fellowship hall) Rev. Mason Todd Installation (New Hope Pres.) Acts Alive, YD's Session (Session room)
		11:00 AM	
		12:15 PM	
		2:00 PM	
		5:00 PM	
		6:00 PM	
Monday	Mar. 16	10:30 AM	PW Coordinating Team (parlor) Women of the Word (fellowship hall)
		6:00 PM	
Tuesday	Mar. 17	7:15 AM	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's) Women of the Word (fellowship hall) Boy Scouts (youth room)
		9:00 AM	
		7:00 PM	
Wednesday	Mar. 18	12:00 PM	Midweek Bible Study (fellowship hall) Welborn Handbell Choir (choir suite) Chancel Choir (shoir suite) <i>Amy McNeill &amp; Friends Feed Homeless Shelter residents</i>
		6:15 PM	
		7:00 PM	
Thursday	Mar. 19	10:30 AM	Prayer Group (Prayer Room)
Sunday	Mar. 22	9:00 AM	Early Service (fellowship hall) Sunday School Traditional Worship (sanctuary) Light Lunch (fellowship hall) Egg Hunt (front lawn) Acts Alive, YD's
		10:00 AM	
		11:00 AM	
		12:00 PM	
		12:45 PM	
		5:00 PM	

### CHURCH-WIDE RETREAT



Our church retreat will be April 17-19 at Camp Walter Johnson in Denton, NC. Register to attend Friday night through Sunday or join us for the day on Saturday. Price will depend on overnight stay. Registration forms are in the Church office window. Please text or call Catie with any questions (336.225.0014).

### MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Midweek Bible Study meets each Wednesday at Noon in the fellowship hall. We are currently studying the book of *Daniel*. All are welcome any week.

### 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.