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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

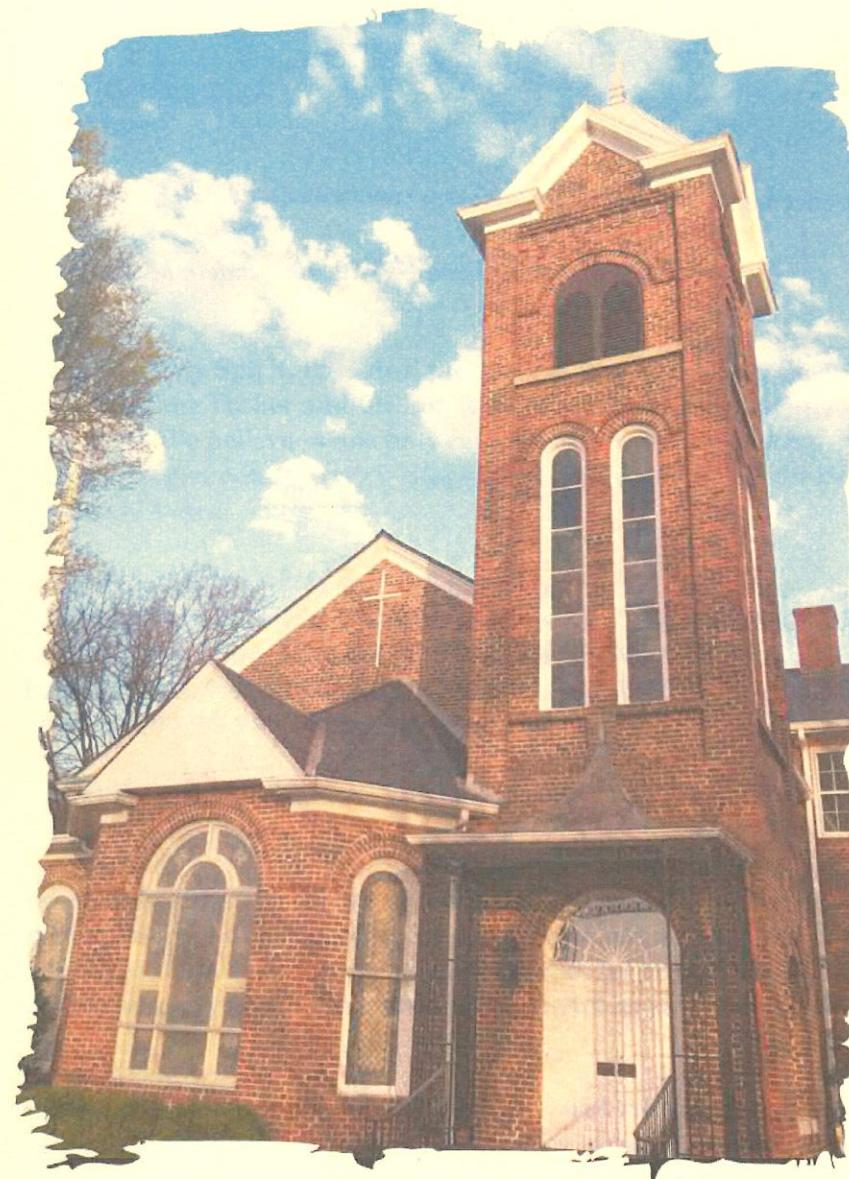
Every year, our Faith in Action Ministry Team sends out budget requests to our local helping agencies. On that form, we also ask how else we can help their organization. Here are some opportunities to “step up” in faith and assist our local agencies:

- 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.

First Presbyterian Church

Lexington, North Carolina



Founded 33 AD
 Organized 1827



Traditional Worship ❖ March 22, 2026 ❖ 11:00 AM
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us with He Leadeth Me* arr. Cindy Berry

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 105

One: Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,

All: **Make God's deeds known among the nations.**

One: Sing to God, sing praises to God, tell of God's wonderful works.

All: **Glory in God's holy name. Let the hearts of those who seek him rejoice. Let us worship God!**

*Hymn #267 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you call us to life in the Spirit, but as people of flesh and bone, we struggle with this. We call us to be gracious, but as people deeply connected to competition for resources, we struggle with this. You call us to listen more than we speak, but we are not always good listeners. On this Lenten path, renews us and disrupt our old ways with the promise of life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness Romans 8:11

The one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*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 *John 11:1-16* Margie Clark

Anthem *Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love* arr. Petke

Scripture Reading *John 11:17-45* Rev. Jon Martin

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Our Assumptions and God's Disruptions* Rev. Jon Martin

*Hymn (insert) *He Leadeth Me*

*Affirmation of Faith *Nicene Creed, 1.3*

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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 *Cantabile* Karl Gottlieb Umbreit

*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. As Jesus released Lazarus from the hands of death, may our ministry give to others the promise of new life. Receive these gifts to be used to proclaim your love and the liberating truth you send through us into the world. Amen.

*Hymn #438 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

*Benediction

*Choral Response

We Lift Our Voices

*Postlude

Fugue Op. 16 No. 3

Clara Schumann

* 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?



GRACE SUNDAY LUNCH SCHEDULE

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

- March 22 – Jim & JoAnn Hill, Karen Carrickhoff
- March 29 – Sheila Goff, Jim Black, Lynne Hobbs

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, and the registration deadline is April 1. Please text or call Catie with any questions (336.225.0014).

If you would like to purchase a First Presbyterian t-shirt, please complete the green card beside the retreat flyers and, along with your payment of \$10 per shirt, give it to Catie Johns.



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You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed. Exodus 15:13

C F C G

1. He lead-eth me, oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heaven-ly com-fort fraught!
 2. Some-times 'mid scenes of deep-est gloom, Sometimes where E-den's bow-ers bloom,
 3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ev-er mur-mur nor re-pine;
 4. And when my task on earth is done, When, by Thy grace, the vic-tory's won,

C F C Am G C

What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
 By wa-ters still, o'er trou-bled sea, Still 'tis His hand that lead-eth me.
 Con-tent, what-ev-er lot I see, Since 'tis my God that lead-eth me.
 Even death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jor-dan lead-eth me.

Chorus G F C F C Am C G

He lead-eth me, He lead-eth me! By His own hand He lead-eth me!

C G F C F C Am G C

His faith-ful fol-lower I would be, For by His hand He lead-eth me.

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)



CHICKEN PIE AND SPAGHETTI PICK UP

Chicken pies and baked spaghetti may be picked up Saturday, March 28, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and Sunday, March 29, following either worship service, until 1:30 PM. Thank you for your support of our spring sale!

PASTOR INSTALLATION

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 this celebration.

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.



What's Happening this Week

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	Mar. 22	9:00 AM	Early Service (fellowship hall)
		10:00 AM	Sunday School
		11:00 AM	Traditional Worship (sanctuary)
		12:00 PM	Light Lunch (fellowship hall)
		12:45 PM	Egg Hunt (front lawn)
		5:00 PM	Acts Alive, YD's
Monday	Mar. 23	10:30 AM	PW Coordinating Team (parlor)
Tuesday	Mar. 24	7:15 AM	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's)
		7:00 PM	Boy Scouts (youth room)
Wednesday	Mar. 25	12:00 PM	Midweek Bible Study (fellowship hall)
		1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Nancy Gilbert's home)
		6:15 PM	Welborn Handbell Choir (choir suite)
		7:00 PM	Chancel Choir (choir suite)
Thursday	Mar. 26	10:30 AM	Prayer Group (Prayer Room)
		5:45 PM	Dinner at Italiano's Pizzeria (283 N Talbert Blvd)
Saturday	Mar. 28	9:00AM-12:00 PM	Chicken Pie/Spaghetti Pick up (fellowship hall)
		2:00 PM	Matthew Collins Eagle Scout Award Ceremony (fellowship hall)
Palm Sunday	Mar. 29	9:00 AM	Early Service (fellowship hall)
		10:00 AM	Sunday School
		10:00-11:00	Chicken Pie/Spaghetti Pick up (fellowship hall)
		11:00 AM	Traditional Worship (sanctuary)
		12:00 PM	Process to Square
		12:00-1:30	Chicken Pie/Spaghetti Pick up (fellowship hall)
		12:15 PM	Brief Community Palm Sunday Service (Old Courthouse)
		3:00 PM	Rev. Lester Smith Installed (Mt. Tabor UCC)
		5:00 PM	Acts Alive, YD's

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Midweek Bible Study meets each Wednesday at Noon in the fellowship hall. We have finished our study of Daniel and are getting ready for a new study. All are welcome any week.