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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Every year, our Faith in Action Ministry Team sends out grant applications 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 fpclxnnc.com/local-mission.

SAVE THE DATE!

Acts Alive Work Camp will be June 14-20. Vacation Bible School will be June 22-26. Please be in prayer for both of these events.

First Presbyterian Church

Lexington, North Carolina



Founded 33 AD
 Organized 1827



Traditional Worship ❖ March 29, 2026 ❖ 11:00 AM
Palm Sunday

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* arr. David Lowe

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

Choral Introit *Filled with Excitement*

*Call to Worship Psalm 24:7-10
One: Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
That the king of glory may come in.
All: **Who is the king of glory?**
One: The Lord, strong and mighty!
All: **Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors!**
That the king of glory may come in.

*Hymn #88 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, as we enter into Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of your son, our Lord. When there is much that would make us turn elsewhere, focus our attention on the final week of this Lenten journey. Forgive us when we embrace the ways of cross-builders, instead of the way of the cross-bearer. As the king of glory enters Jerusalem, we pray he would enter our hearts and lead the way in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness Psalm 118:26
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*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 *Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29* Pat Ulmer

Anthem *Ride On! Ride On In Majesty* Darst

Scripture Reading *Matthew 21:1-11* Rev. Jon Martin
One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *The Great Preview* Rev. Jon Martin

*Hymn #89 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

*Affirmation of Faith *Shorter Catechism, 7.021, Brief Statement, lines 77-79*
Who is the Redeemer of God's elect? The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man, in two distinct natures, and one Person forever.
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 *Be Greeted, Kind Jesus, Gentle Beyond Measure* J. S. Bach

*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. Out of the many blessings that you have bestowed upon us, receive these gifts for the gospel work. Use what we bring, so that others can shout, Save us! and Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Amen.

*Hymn (insert)

Nearer My God to Thee

*Benediction

*Choral Response

Filled with Excitement

*Postlude

Marche Religieuse

Percy MacDonald

* 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

Thanks to all our volunteers who have helped serve a hot meal at Grace Episcopal Church in March. Volunteers for today are Sheila Goff, Jim Black, and 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. **T-shirt orders are also due April 1**.



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Nearer, My God, to Thee

It is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge. Psalm 73:28

F C7 Dm Bb F C F C7 Dm

1. Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee! Even though it
 2. Though like the wan - der - er, The sun gone down, Dark - ness be
 3. There let the way ap - pear Steps un - to heaven; All that Thou
 4. There in my Fa - ther's home, Safe and at rest, There in my

Bb F C7 F Bb F

be a cross That rais - es me; Still all my song shall be,
 o - ver me, My rest a stone; Yet in my dreams I'd be
 send - est me In mer - cy given; An - gels to beck - on me
 Sav - ior's love, Per - fect - ly blessed; Age af - ter age to be

Bb F C F C7 Dm Bb F C7 F

Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee.

Music: Lowell Mason
Text: Sarah Flower Adams

BETHANY (Mason)
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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

If you have not yet picked up your chicken pies and baked spaghetti, you may pick up your order today 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) this afternoon at 3:00. 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

Sunday	Mar. 29	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00-11:00 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 12:00-1:30 12:15 PM 3:00 PM 5:00 PM	Early Service (fellowship hall) Sunday School Chicken Pie/Spaghetti Pick up (fellowship hall) Traditional Worship (sanctuary) Process to Square Chicken Pie/Spaghetti Pick up (fellowship hall) Brief Community Palm Sunday Service (Old Courthouse) Rev. Lester Smith Installed (Mt. Tabor UCC) Acts Alive, YD's
Monday	Mar. 30		<i>ACTION</i> published
Tuesday	Mar. 31	7:15 AM 1:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's) <i>ACTION</i> Fold Crew (fellowship hall) Boy Scouts (youth room) Nominating Committee (Session room/library)
Wednesday	Apr. 1	6:15 PM 7:00 PM	<i>Retreat registrations and t-shirt orders due</i> Welborn Handbell Choir (choir suite) Chancel Choir (choir suite)
Maundy Thursday	Apr. 2	10:30 AM 7:00 PM	Prayer Group (Prayer Room) Maundy Thursday Service (First UMC)
Easter Sunday	Apr. 5	7:00 AM 7:45 AM 11:00 AM	Sunrise Service (Third Avenue Courtyard) Continental Breakfast (fellowship hall) Blended Worship (sanctuary)

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Midweek Bible Study will not meet this week or next. We are getting ready for a new study and will resume on April 15. All are welcome any week.

DONATIONS FOR HOSPICE NEEDED

We are collecting travel-sized hand sanitizers, travel-sized toothpaste, toothbrushes, lip balms, and disposable razors (men's and ladies') for Hospice. Thank you, Church, for always being on "stand by!"

FLOWERING CROSS

Please bring flowers next Sunday, April 5, to add to the flowering cross in the Third Avenue courtyard.