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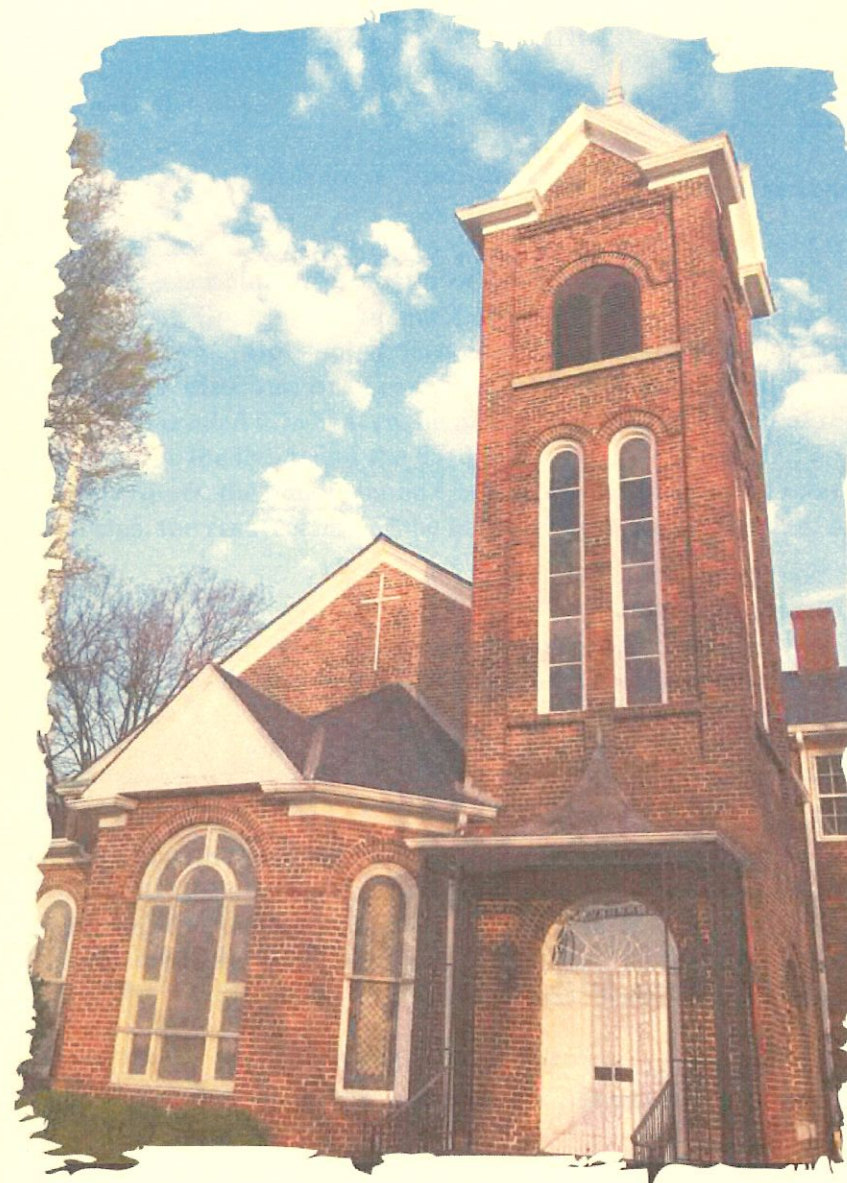
**TWO CENTS A MEAL OFFERING**

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.



# First Presbyterian Church

Lexington, North Carolina



Founded 33 AD  
 Organized 1827



Blended Worship ❖ May 3, 2026 ❖ 11:00 AM  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. Albert Zabel

The Passing of the Peace

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Choral Introit *God Is Here Today*

\*Call to Worship

One: O God, You are my God.

All: **And I will ever seek you.**

One: I will seek you in the morning and learn to walk in your ways.

All: **And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.**

\*Hymn #443 *O Christ, the Great Foundation*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you are our cause for rejoicing. You are the source of our gladness. You know what afflicts us, and you know our stressors. We confess how easily the afflictions and stressors of life hold our attention. Rescue us, so that we are renewed in rejoicing and gladness, and attentive to your work in us. You resolve all things, and so we praise your name and worship you, our refuge and strength in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*Assurance of God's Forgiveness Proverbs 4:18

**The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.**

\*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 *1 Peter 2:2-10*

Anthem *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life* arr. Tony Alonso

Scripture Reading *John 14:1-10* Rev. Jon Martin

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *A Word to Troubled Hearts* Rev. Jon Martin

\*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* (Ecumenical)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.**

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *The Way* Pat Barrett

\*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 thank you for this offering, O God. Receive these gifts and empower their use in and beyond your church. In worship, help us hear a word to share with a neighbor, and help us be those also make a difference by our doing in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*Hymn #293 *This Is My Father's World*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn (insert)

*I'll Fly Away*

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

*Amen*

\*Postlude

*Postlude*

J. C. F. Fischer

\* 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!*

### SUMMER SONG SUGGESTIONS

What do you want to sing this summer in worship? Our summer schedule begins on May 24 with one service at 10:00 AM. Will you share your favorite hymns, songs, and choruses so we can sing them together this summer?

### MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Midweek Bible Study meets each Wednesday at Noon in the fellowship hall. We are studying the two books written by Jesus' actual brothers. We will begin with the book of James, and then we'll read the book of Jude. All are welcome.

## I'll Fly Away

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*Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. Titus 2:13*

1. Some glad morn - ing when this life is o'er,  
 2. When the shad - ows of this life have gone,  
 3. Just a few more wea - ry days and then,

I'll fly a - way,  
 fly a - way,

To a home on God's ce - les - tial shore,  
 Like a bird from pris - on bars has flown,  
 To a land where joys shall nev - er end,

I'll fly a - way, fly a - way, fly a - way. I'll fly a - way, oh, glo - ry,

I'll fly a - way, fly a - way in the morn - ing; When I die, hal - le -

lu - jah, by and by, I'll fly a - way, fly a - way, fly a - way.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date! Vacation Bible School will be June 22-26 from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. VBS Sunday will be June 28. The theme this year is Outlaws for God: An Adventure in the Wild West and the World. Registration is now open for participants and volunteers! Go to: [myvbs.org/fpclexnc2026](http://myvbs.org/fpclexnc2026).

### 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!"

### 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 [fpclexnc.com/local-mission](http://fpclexnc.com/local-mission).

### EXTRA T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

If you would like to purchase one of our retreat t-shirts, which feature the FPC logo on the front and a scripture verse on the back, there are just a few left! They are located on the lobby side of Jeanna's service window. Available sizes: adult small, medium (2), and XL (2) and youth large. The cost is \$10 each.

### TECH TEAM HELP NEEDED

The Tech Team uses modern technology to spread the gospel, the love, as well as the heart and soul of FPC throughout the community and the world. We need more folks to help run the systems and bring fresh ideas into this ministry. Please consider joining the team, or at least having a closer look. Training is available and definitely fun as we find ourselves proclaiming the word and who we are in Christ. Contact David Durrell or Pastor Jon if interested in learning more.

### What's Happening this Week

Sunday	May 3	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 5:00 PM	Christian Education Committee (fellowship hall) Sunday School Blended Worship (sanctuary) Taco Bar Lunch (fellowship hall) Acts Alive
Monday	May 4	6:00 PM	Spring Gathering (fellowship hall)
Tuesday	May 5	7:15 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's) Boy Scouts (youth room)
Wednesday	May 6	12:00 PM 7:00 PM	Midweek Bible Study (fellowship hall) Chancel Choir (choir suite)
Thursday	May 7	10:30 AM	Prayer Group (Prayer Room)
Sunday	May 10	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Early Service (fellowship hall) Sunday School Blended Worship (sanctuary)

### PW SPRING GATHERING

Presbyterian Women's annual May Gathering and Dinner is tomorrow, Monday, May 4 at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall.

### COME, MY WAY, MY TRUTH, MY LIFE

by George Herbert

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a way as gives us breath;  
Such a truth as ends all strife;  
Such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a light as shows a feast;  
Such a feast as mends in length;  
Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a joy as none can move;  
Such a love as none can part;  
Such a heart as joys in love.