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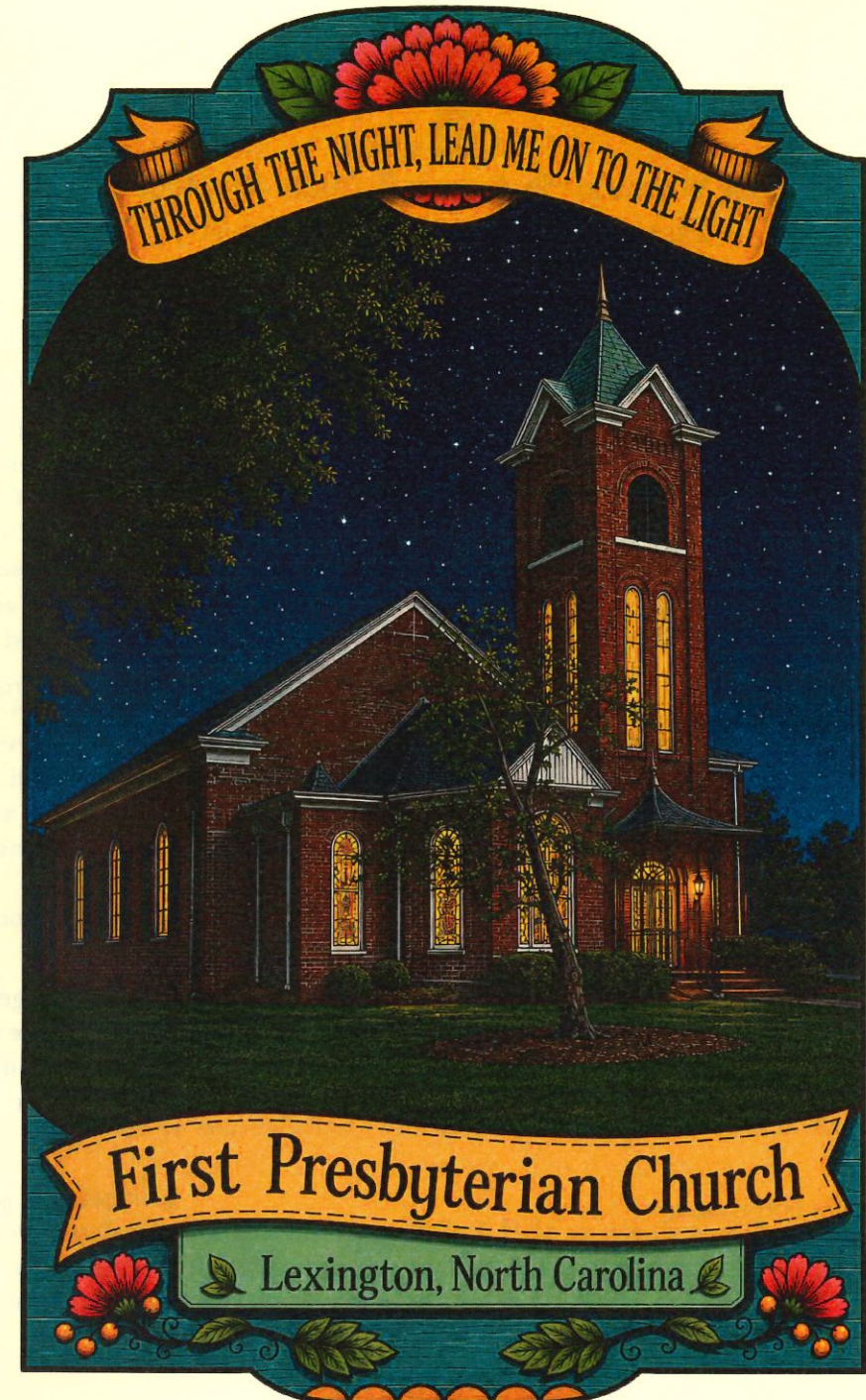
As you place live flowers in the church columbarium, please also remove them in a timely manner.
The kindred spirit of this garden holds for us all the divine guidance of our sacred Lord.

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER SCHEDULE

The church office is on summer schedule. Jeanna will not be in the office on Fridays through August 14.

SUMMER HYMNS

Thank you for sharing over seventy hymns, songs, and chorus for our summer worship. It's a great list!
We will sing as many of these as possible in the weeks ahead.



Founded 33 AD
Organized 1827



Summer Worship ❖ August 9, 2026 ❖ 10:00 AM
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Prelude

Air on the G String
Alison Lawson, violin

J. S. Bach

*Call to Worship

One: Bless the Lord, O my Soul,

All: And all that is within me bless God's holy name.

One: Bless the Lord, O my Soul,

All: And do not forget all God's benefits. Let us worship God.

from Psalm 103

*Hymn (insert)

In Christ Alone

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess moments when our fear stood in the way of our courage. We are not for the most part risk-takers in matters of faith. Help us do better. We know you are trustworthy. We know you stay with us, and so forgive our reluctance to act in faith or to push our fears aside. Help us make this community more and more a safe place for faithful living in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness

All things are from God and through God and to God.
To God be the glory forever. Amen.

Romans 11:36

*Response of Praise

Gloria Patri

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.

Hymn #579

Children's Moment

Scripture Reading

Psalm 148

Margaret King

Special Music

The Prayer

Carole B. Sager & David Foster

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Take Heart

Rev. Jon Martin

*Hymn #274

O God of Earth and Space

*Affirmation of Faith

Brief Statement of Faith, 10.5

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

Gymnopedie No. 1

Eric Satie

*Doxology

*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.*

Hymn #592

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks for this offering, O God. Help us use these gifts to make your name known, not ours, so that the church's mission is for your glory, not ours; your honor, not ours; and through your power, not ours. Amen.

*Hymn #404

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

*Benediction

* 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. Younger children are encouraged to visit the Kids' Corner in the lobby to pick up activity pages and colored pencils before the service.

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



Online Giving

Thank you for your gift!

GUEST MUSICIAN

With gratitude, we welcome back today's guest musician, violinist Alison Lawson. Alison is President of Corda Entertainment and Assistant Principal Second Violin with the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Midweek Bible Study will not meet this week. We will meet next on August 19.

In Christ Alone

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This Jesus ... there is salvation in no one else. Acts 4:11-12

Ab Eb Ab Bb Eb Ab Bb7 Eb

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, Full-ness of God in help - less babe.
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the world by dark - ness slain.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me.

Ab Eb Ab Bb Eb Ab Bb7 Eb

This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
This gift of love and right - eous - ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious day, Up from the grave He rose a - gain.
From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.

Ab Eb Bb Eb Ab Cm Bb

What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
Till on that cross, as Je - sus died, The wrath of God was sat - is - fied,
And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ev - er pluck me from His hand;

Ab Eb Ab Bb Eb Ab Bb7 Eb

My Com - fort - er, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.
For ev - ery sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
For I am His, and He is mine, Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
Till He re - turns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

Servant hearts and willing hands needed. If you would like to serve on the Congregational Life/Fellowship Ministry Team for the 2026-2027 year, please let Beth White know (mekwhite0705@gmail.com or 336-309-3956). Also, if you have a special talent you'd be willing to share with the church family (a hand-lettering workshop, painting class, gentle yoga, etc), or if you have an idea for a fellowship activity, please reach out to Beth. Church is meant to be lived in community, and fellowship helps build that community. Thank you, all, for being part of this church family!

Young adult small group. All young adults interested in a small group for Bible study or social events, or who would like to be added to the contact list, please text Neida Ramirez (704-213-9077) or Jan Kiefer (336-906-3915).

Sound and Video. We need a few volunteers to help with our sound system, video system, and livestream. We can train you, and you'll be putting your faith to work to help spread the gospel. Even if you want to just take a closer look, contact David Durrell (336-926-6204) or Pastor Jon (276-206-6370).

Deliver a meal. Share a smile. Change a life. Imagine if a simple lunch delivery could save a life. For many seniors in our town, a visit from a Meals on Wheels volunteer is the only contact they have with the outside world all day. It is not just about a hot meal. It is about a friendly knock on the door, a quick safety check, and a warm chat. We need your help to keep our neighbors safe and fed.

Time commitment: Every other Friday, giving about an hour of your time each of those weeks. What you do: Pick up meals, drive a short route, and deliver smiles. You can bring comfort and independence to a local senior. If you would like to serve in this capacity or would like more information about helping our local Meals on Wheels group, please contact Celia Stalvey or the church office.

AUGUST LUNCH SERVERS AT GRACE EPISCOPAL

We are grateful to the following folks for serving lunch to the homeless each Sunday in August:
August 9 - Karen Carrickhoff, Deborah Gray, Carol Beck
August 16 - Donna and Bill Bryan, Susan Gardner
August 23 - Minta and Ken Vander Schaaf, Becky Klass
August 30 - Ken and Kim White, Sheila Goff

What's Happening this Week

Sunday	August 9	10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Summer Worship - Backpack Blessing (sanctuary) Back-to-School Bash at the home of Mike and Ann Kiefer (489 Rolling Road, Lexington)
Monday	August 10	10:30 AM 5:30 PM	Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team (parlor) Race Unification Committee
Tuesday	August 11	7:15 AM	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's)
Wednesday	August 12	1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Nancy Gilbert's home)
Thursday	August 13	11:00 AM 6:00 PM	Prayer Group (Prayer Room) Girl Scouts (fellowship hall)
Sunday	August 16	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Called Session Meeting (Session room) Summer Worship - Ordination & Installation of Elders (sanctuary) Session (Session room)

TWO CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

The Two Cents A Meal Offering addresses hunger in our region. If we all set aside a small amount to help feed people, it will make a difference. Donations may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. Please note "2 Cents a Meal" on the donation.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We are excited to kick-off a great school year with a back-to-school supply drive. We are partnering with Stoner-Thomas School *and* the Genesis House for this year's drive! Stoner-Thomas is a K-12 school in the heart of Davidson County that serves special needs students from all over the county. The Genesis House is in Lexington, NC and is operated by Davidson County First Hope Ministries. They provide temporary shelter for homeless families. The drive will run through August 30. A list of needs for Stoner-Thomas and the Genesis House will be provided soon!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN STUDY BOOKS

Study books for 2026-2027, *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other*, are now available to pick up on the table in the hall outside Jeanna's office. Our first meeting will be on Monday, September 14 with Morning Circle at 10:30 and Evening Circle at 7:00. Betty Knox will teach lesson one for both Circles. New members are always welcome! Contact Celia Stalvey, Carol Beck, or Betty Knox for more information.