

11:00 am Worship February 18, 2024  
Communion Sunday  
WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Choral Call to Worship “The Lord Is In His Holy Temple” Choir  
Greeting/Announcements/Scripture Reader: Glenn Coleman  
Prelude:

\*Salutation and Call to Worship: Psalm 99:1-5  
The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble;  
**he sits enthroned between the cherubim,  
let the earth shake.**  
<sup>2</sup> Great is the Lord in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.  
<sup>3</sup> **Let them praise your great and awesome name—  
he is holy.**  
  
<sup>4</sup> The King is mighty, he loves justice - you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.  
<sup>5</sup> **Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool;  
he is holy.**

*\*Hymn:* “This Is the Day” (x2) Hymnal #652

\*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:  
**Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen**

\*Silent Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 28:6-7  
Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.  
**In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734  
First Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-3, 11 Pew Bible #724

Prayers of the People (see list below)  
Choral Call to Prayer “O How He Loves You and Me” Choir  
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal - Inside Front Cover

\*Hymn: “I Surrender All” Hymnal #474  
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings  
\*Doxology Hymnal #34  
\*Prayer  
Anthem: (Hymn #385) “Search Me, O God” Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD  
Second Scripture Reading: Luke 4:14-30 Bible #995  
Sermon: “A Walk Through Luke” part 5 John McCarthy  
Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Apostles’ Creed Hymnal – Inside Front Cover  
\*Hymn: “Eat This Bread and Never Hunger” v.1 Hymnal #692  
Lord’s Supper  
\*Hymn: Eat This Bread and Never Hunger” v.2-3 Hymnal #692  
\* Charge and Blessing  
\* Postlude  
\*Congregation Standing

**Directives for Prayer**  
Dave & Rachael Carter, Pioneers  
Shut-in/not attending: Barbara Johnston  
- Full Prayer list listed in monthly newsletter – copies available at each entrance

***We welcome our visitors** and ask them to fill out a blue visitor card located in the pew rack. We invite you to commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ in Christian discipleship and become a member of this fellowship. You may do this by meeting with the Session to express your faith in Christ in one of the following ways: Profession of Faith, Transfer of Membership or Reaffirmation of Faith.*

**Listening devices** are available from the audio support person at the rear of the sanctuary.

**Prayer Cards** are available in each pew. If you would like to have a card sent to someone that we pray for during the service, please fill out the card and place in the offering plate. Our prayer card ministry team will send out a card during the following week.

**Flowers** – Given to the glory of God and in honor of Edmund Everett Fraser, after his passing.

**Ushers** – serving today Mike Freshour at the North Door and Sterling Roberts\* at the South Door. Acolyte is Matthew Fraser Freshour; and Audio is Robin Hall.

This Week’s Announcements

**Souper Bowl of Caring** – Thank you to all who participated and donated to Souper Bowl of Caring. We collected \$397 and 28 canned soup/meats. 1 box of cereal and a Jello, and 10 bottles of peanut butter. You all are amazing!

**5 Cents-a-Meal** – today we collect for the Presbytery’s program: 5 Cents-a-Meal. Please mark donations accordingly.

**Elders and Deacons** – Today the Elders and Deacons will meet; Elders meet at 12:45, Diaconate at 3:00pm.

**Fellowship Meal** – Sunday, February 18 after service, which will include Communion, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a Covered Dish meal. Please bring an entre’ or side dish to share. The Deacons will provide drinks and desserts.

**Women’s Bible Study** –Wednesday, February 21 at 10:30 am.

**Lenten Lunch** – Starting this week! First Presbyterian will again host the weekly Lenten Luncheons each Wednesday between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Come, bring a bagged lunch and join us for fellowship from 12:00-12:30; when a pastor from the community will provide a short devotional, ending at 12:45, so those who need to get back to work can do so. The schedule will be as follows:

February 21 – Rev. Bill Boelte – First Baptist  
February 28 – Rev. Bill Greer – Main Street Methodist  
March 6 – Rev. Bill Wilkins – Mt. Vernon Baptist  
March 13 – Laurie Fox – Sentara Halifax Hospice  
March 20 – Rev. Thad Decker – Beth Car Baptist  
March 27 – John Mcarthy, First Presbyterian

**Men’s Bible Study** –Thursday, February 22at 6:30 pm.

**Evangelism Study** – Each Thursday at 1 pm at The Busy Bean. The study is *They Like Jesus But Not the Church* by Dan Kimball. It’s not too late to start.

<u>Calendar</u>	
Sunday, February 18	9:30 am Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship 12:00 pm – Fellowship Meal 12:45 pm – Session 3:00 pm - Diaconate
Wednesday, February 21	10:30 am - Women’s Bible Study 12:00 noon – Lenten Luncheon fellowship 12:30 pm - Devotional 6:00 pm - Choir
Thursday, February22	1:00 pm – Evangelism Study at Busy Bean 6:30 pm – Men’s Bible Study 8:00 pm - AA
Friday, February 23	Office Closed 12 noon – AA

**Church Staff**

Pastor John McCarthy – Lay Pastor  
Sherolyn Barnett, Office Manager  
Christopher (Chris) D. Jones, Church Musician  
Sue Wilkins, Church Treasurer  
Ernest (Avon) Traynham, Sexton

**Session**

Rev. Glenn Coleman – Moderator  
Don Cherry – Clerk of Session

**Class of 2024**

Don Cherry  
Joni Owens  
Colter Wickemeyer

**Class of 2025**

Robert Guthrie  
Mike Rand

**Class of 2026**

Kim Albert  
Les Powell

**Diaconate**

Frances Harrell and Sterling Roberts – Co-Chair

**Class of 2024**

Frances Harrell  
Larry McPeters  
Maelyn Fraser Freshour

**Class of 2025**

Sterling Byrd-Roberts  
Carol Foster  
Robin Hall

**Class of 2026**

Sandi Hughes  
Kim Wickemeyer

**Trustees**

Mark Foster  
(2024)

Eric Roberts  
(2025)

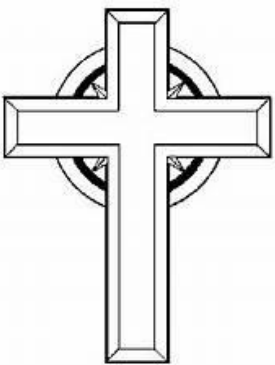
David McCollum  
(2026)

**The W.W. Glass Scholarship Fund Trustees**

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(2024)

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**Our Missionaries**

Matthew & Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Cameroon  
Persecution Project Foundation, Sudan

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**South Boston, Virginia**



**Mission Statement**

**"Growing God's Presence"**  
**Foundational Principles**  
*Christ Centered~Biblically Based~*  
*Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love*  
**Values**  
*Committed~Servant Heart~*  
*Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning*

No nursery or Children’s Church will be provided at this time.  
5 cents-a-meal Offering is collected the third Sunday of each month.  
Worship every Sunday 11:00 am; Sunday School is at 9:30 am.  
Fellowship at 10:15 am. Internet: 1stPresWifi-guest: 800north

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