

11:00 am WorshipMarch 17, 2024WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Choral Call to Worship“The Lord Is In His Holy Temple”Choir
Greeting/Announcements/Scripture Reader:Mike Rand
Prelude:Special Music by Jim Luedtke

*Salutation and Call to Worship: Psalm 148:1-6
1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
Praise Him in the heights!
2 **Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!**
3 Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light!
4 **Praise Him, you heavens of heavens,
And you waters above the heavens!**
5 Let them praise the name of the LORD,
For He commanded and they were created.
6 **He also established them forever and ever;
He made a decree which shall not pass away.**

**Hymn:*“All Hail King Jesus!”Hymnal #92

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:
O Heavenly Father, have mercy on us, and forgive us as we struggle against our own desires, instead of following Your perfect will. We continue to do what we do not want to do, but You Lord are faithful to all generations and are full of grace and love for Your fallen children. Please help us to remember that in Christ we are a new creation, that our sins have been cast as far as the East is from the West, that we have freedom in Christ. Merciful Lord, as we humbly confess our sins, remind us who we are in You. Remind us that we are Your redeemed and reconciled children, and that Jesus has washed us as white as snow. It’s in Jesus name that we pray. Amen

*Silent Confession of Sin
*Assurance of Pardon: Rom. 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17
34 Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.
17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven!

*The Gloria PatriHymnal # 734
Walks with JesusJohn McCarthy
First Scripture:Hebrews 12:1-3Pew Bible #1170

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

*Hymn:“Amazing Love”Hymnal #259
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
*DoxologyHymnal #34
*Prayer
Anthem: (Pepper Choplin)“Resurrection People”Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD
Second Scripture Reading:Isaiah 53Bible #716
Sermon:“Jesus, The Suffering Servant”John McCarthy
Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostles’ CreedHymnal – Inside Front Cover
*Hymn:“The Old Rugged Cross”Hymnal #260
* Charge and Blessing
* Postlude
*Congregation Standing

Students in Zambia
Shut-in/not attending: Ann Cabell Zimmerman
- 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 in celebration of 67 wonderful years together and with thanksgiving to God for all His tender mercies, by Sam and Kay.

Ushers – serving today Rick Harrell at the North Door and Frances Harrell* at the South Door. Audio is Robin Hall.

This Week’s Announcements

5 Cents-a-Meal – Today! We collect for the Presbytery’s fund. Mark donations accordingly.

Elders – Meet today at 12:30

Women’s Bible Study –Wednesday, March 20 at 10:30 am.

Lenten Lunch – Only a couple more opportunities to come fellowship and enjoy these special devotionals. Come, bring a bagged lunch and join us for fellowship from 12:00- 12:30; a pastor from the community will provide a short devotional from 12:30 -12:45. The schedule will be as follows:
March 20 – Rev. Thad Decker – Beth Car Baptist
March 27 – John MCarthy, First Presbyterian

Men’s Bible Study –Thursday, March 21 at 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.

- Mark Your Calendar –
- Palm Sunday Processional** – Sunday, March 24. Meet for the annual processional at Halifax Medical Building by 10:00 am for the prayer and Welcome. Processional will begin at 10:10 am. The Deacons are providing donuts and juice afterward for all.
 - Maundy Thursday**, Thursday, March 28. The service to be hosted by First Presbyterian at 7:00 pm. Rev. Bill Boelte from First Baptist will provide the message.
 - Sunrise Service** – Easter Sunday, March 31 at 7:00 am in the Prayer Garden at Main Street Methodist church.
 - Flowering of the Cross** – First Pres. will again flower the cross in this time-honored tradition. Please plan and watch for blooming flowers, or help purchase some by bringing them, or submitting funds to help purchase flowers. Mark donations as “Cross Flowers” or “Flowering the Cross”.

<u>Calendar</u>	
Sunday, March 17	9:30 am Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship 12:30 pm - Session
Wednesday, March 20	10:30 am - Women’s Bible Study 12:00 noon – Lenten Luncheon fellowship 12:30 pm - Devotional 6:00 pm - Choir
Thursday, March 21	1:00 pm – Evangelism Study at Busy Bean 6:30 pm – Men’s Bible Study 8:00 pm - AA
Friday, March 22	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)

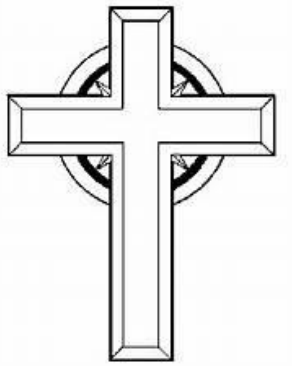
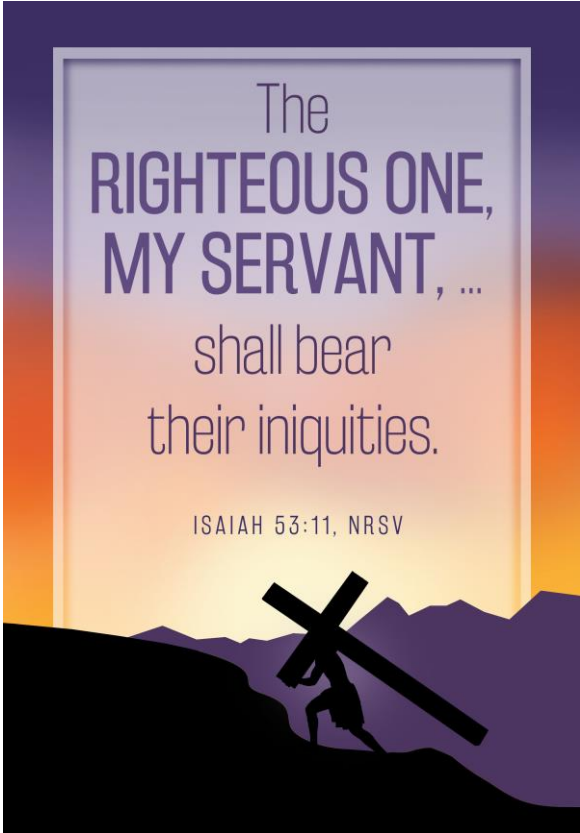
David McCollum
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Paige Powell
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Our Missionaries

Matthew & Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Cameroon
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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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