

11:00 am Worship

March 15, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Call to Worship (Hymn #387) "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

Greeting/Announcements/Scripture Reader: Robert Guthrie

Prelude: (Hymn #251) "I Come to the Cross"

\*Salutation and Call to Worship: Psalm 23

**<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**<sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down in green pastures;**

**He leads me beside the still waters.**

**<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.**

**<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil; For You are with me;**

**Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

**<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

**You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.**

**<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

**All the days of my life;**

**And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.**

\*Hymn: "As the Deer" Hymn# 471

\*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God and Heavenly Father, even though we have called Jesus our Lord and savior we continue to sin against you.**

**Gracious and merciful Lord, please help us to be who you made us to be, a new creation in Christ. Holy Spirit, produce in us good fruit to help and bless those around us that we may have neglected in our weakness. As we confess and repent of our sins, Lord, come upon us mightily with your Spirit and fill us with your love, wisdom, peace, and grace, filling our cup till it overflows and pours out to all those around us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen**

\*Silent Confession of Sin

\*Assurance of Pardon: Romans 10:9-10

<sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

**In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734  
Walks with Jesus Rev. John McCarthy  
First Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Pew Bible #276

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: "Take My Life and Let It Be" Hymn # 466

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology Hymn #34

\*Prayer

Anthem: (Elisha A Hoffman) "Washed in the Blood of the Lamb" Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 Pew Bible #1136

Sermon: "Wake Up, Sleeper" Rev. John McCarthy

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Apostles' Creed Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

\*Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Hymn #59

\*Charge and Blessing

\* Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

**Directives for Prayer**

Art & Andrea Carter, OMF

Prayers continue: Patricia Burton

- 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 a card sent to someone we pray for during the service, please fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Our prayer card ministry team will send a card the following week.

**Flowers** These Harbinger's of Spring offered by Sam and Kay for the Patience of God through the bad, the good, and the ugly over the past 69 years of our marriage. As our devotion to each other has been, His love is everlasting and unconditional.

**Ushers** – Serving today Mike Freshour at the North Door. Terri Smith at the South Door. Acolyte today is Matthew Fraser Freshour. Audio is Colter Wickemeyer.

This Week's Announcements

**5 Cents-a-Meal** – We collect today for the Presbytery program.

**Session** – Today after worship.

**Good Samaritan** – March collection: Canned meats/Peanut Butter, and cereals.

**Women's Bible Study** – Wednesday, March 18 at 10:30 am

**Office Schedule** – Sherolyn will be out of the office on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. The office will be closed.

**Operation Christmas Child** – In March we are asking for monetary donations in increments of \$10 to help cover the cost of shipping the shoeboxes. Our goal is to pack and ship 60 boxes = \$600. Please mark donations accordingly so they are accurately recorded.

**Lenten Luncheon** –Lenten Lunches continue this Wednesday, March 18 at 12 noon. Bring a bagged lunch and enjoy the fellowship of others as you enjoy lunch. Beverages and desserts will be available. At 12:30 we will be honored to hear Chaplain Laurie Fox, Bereavement Coordinator At 1<sup>st</sup> Care Hospice, deliver her devotional as we prepare for Easter. The schedule of upcoming pastors providing a devotional:

March 25 – Rev. Jennifer Greer – Glenwood UMC/Olive Branch UMC

April 1 – Rev. John McCarthy – First Presbyterian

**Concert event for the family** – Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> –with Brent Vernon. His programs are designed for the whole family and blend energetic, heartfelt music and storytelling. The concert also includes a visit from Sam, his ventriloquist puppet—a hit with kids of all ages! I am also a children's author and illustrator, so I spend a great deal of time with younger audiences, but his concerts are intentionally crafted to connect with everyone—from kids to seniors. *Take a flyer – invite friends and family.*

**A Look ahead -**

- **Palm Sunday** – March 29<sup>th</sup>. Meet for the annual processional at Halifax Internal Medicine Building by 10:00 am for the prayer and Welcome. Processional will begin at 10:10 am. The Deacons will provide donuts and juice afterward for all.
- **Sunrise Service** – Easter Sunday, April 5 at 7:00 am in the Prayer Garden at Main Street Methodist church.

**Calendar**

Sunday, March 15      9:45 am - Sunday School  
 10:30 am - Fellowship  
 11:00 am – Worship

Wednesday, March 18      10:30 am – Women’s Bible Study  
 12:00 noon - Lenten Luncheon  
 12:30 pm – Lenten Devotional  
 6:00 pm - Choir  
 6:00 pm – NA

Thursday, March 19      Office Closed – Sherolyn Out of Office

Friday, March 20      Office Closed  
 12 noon – AA

**Church Staff**

Rev. John McCarthy - Pastor  
 Sherolyn Barnett, Office Manager  
 Jim Luedtke, Church Musician  
 Sue Wilkins, Church Treasurer

**Session**

Rev. John McCarthy – Moderator  
 Don Cherry – Clerk of Session

**Class of 2026**

Bob Hughes  
 Les Powell

**Class of 2027**

Don Cherry  
 Joni Owens  
 Colter Wickemeyer

**Class of 2028**

Mike Freshour  
 Eric Roberts

**Diaconate**

Sterling Roberts – Chair

**Class of 2026**

Sandi Hughes  
 Kim Wickemeyer  
 Joanna Hughes

**Class of 2027**

Sallie Adams  
 Melissa Fraser  
 Terri Smith

**Class of 2028**

Carol Foster  
 Robin Hall  
 Sterling Byrd-Roberts

**Trustees**

(2026)  
 David McCollum

(2027)  
 Rick Harrell

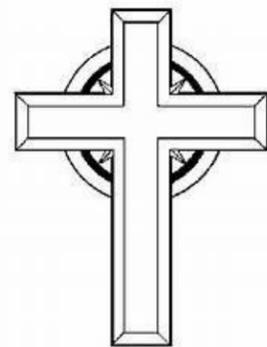
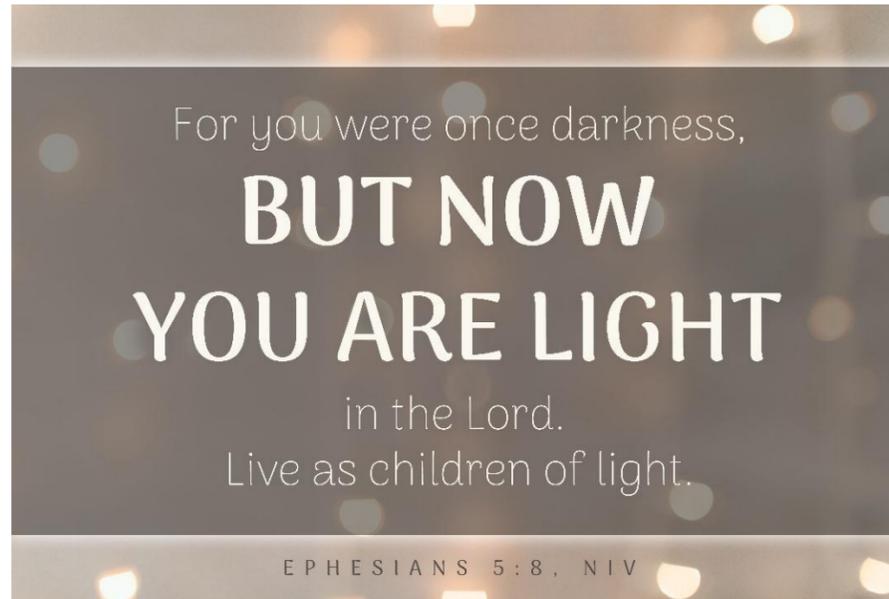
(2028)  
 Mike Rand

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

(2026)  
 Terri Smith

(2027)  
 Ann Crabtree

(2028)  
 Teresa McCollum



**Our Missionaries**

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

**First Presbyterian Church  
 800 North Main Street  
 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 will be provided at this time.  
 Children's Church (Jesus Squad) meets during Sunday School time  
 5 cents-a-meal Offering collected the third Sunday of each month.  
 Worship every Sunday at 11:00 am; Sunday School is at 9:30 am.  
 Fellowship at 10:15 am. **Internet: 1stPres: Romans3:24**

Contact us for more information about  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 Office: 434-572-3581 or 434-572-3588 (fax)  
 Office hours: Mon – Thur. 9 am – 2 pm  
 Closed Fridays

**Web page: 1stpres.cc**

E-mail:  
[secretary@1stpres.cc](mailto:secretary@1stpres.cc)  
[Pastor@1stpres.cc](mailto:Pastor@1stpres.cc)