

11:00 am Worship

March 29, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Call to Worship (Hymn #387) "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"
Greeting/Announcements/Scripture Reader: Mike Rand
Prelude:

*Salutation and Call to Worship: (from Psalm 118)

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

The stone that the builders rejected

Has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever! Let us worship God.

*Hymn: "Lift Up Your Heads" (x2) Hymn# 271

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Lord, You are full of compassion and grace, slow to anger, and abundant in mercy; there is always forgiveness with You! Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let Your word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will. Amen

*Silent Confession of Sin

*Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:1, 8:1

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through Jesus Christ. There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ.

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

*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734
Walks with Jesus Rev. John McCarthy
First Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Pew Bible #597

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: "All Glory, Laud and Honor" Hymn # 265

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Hymn #34

*Prayer

Anthem: (Mark Patterson) "Hosanna Unto the King" Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:1-11 Pew Bible #955

Sermon: "The King Has Arrived" Rev. John McCarthy

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostles' Creed Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: "Hosanna" Hymn #266

*Charge and Blessing

* Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Matthew & Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators

Prayers continue: Connie Troy

- 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 – As we remember Christ's triumphal entry, we give thanks for the humble King who enters our lives with hope, peace, and redeeming love, by Paige, Les, and Sue.

Ushers – Serving today Paige Powell at the North Door. Sue Wilkins at the South Door. Acolyte today Liam McCarthy. Audio is Robert Guthrie.

This Week's Announcements

Women's Bible Study – Wednesday, April 1 at 10:30 am

Lenten Luncheon –The final Lenten Luncheon is this Wednesday, April 1 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 Rev. John McCarthy deliver his devotional in preparation for Easter.

Palm Sunday – March 29th. 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.

Good Friday Service – Friday, April 3 at 7pm. Come out to our joint service with Christ Church of Southern Virginia in solemn remembrance of the sacrifice of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the love and grace He freely offers.

Easter Sunday, April 5 -

* **Sunrise Service** –at 7:00 am in the Prayer Garden at Main Street Methodist church.

* **Communion Sunday**

* **Flowering of the Cross** – After worship all are welcome to go out to the cross to help flower the cross. Please plan to bring flowers, or donations are being accepted, to help provide flowers to beautify the cross.

Good Samaritan – April – canned fruit and/or vegetables.

Operation Christmas Child – April collection – Hygiene items – toothbrush (no toothpaste), washcloths, combs, hairbrushes, nail file/clippers, etc.

Memorial Service – There will be a celebration of life memorial service here at First Presbyterian, for Kim Albert, on Saturday, April 18 at 1pm.

Calendar

Sunday, March 29 9:45 am - Sunday School
 10:30 am - Fellowship
 11:00 am – Worship

Wednesday, April 1 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

Friday, April 3 Office Closed
 12 noon – AA
 7:00 pm – Good Friday Worship

Church Staff

Rev. John McCarthy - Pastor
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 Sue Wilkins, Church Treasurer

Session

Rev. John McCarthy – Moderator
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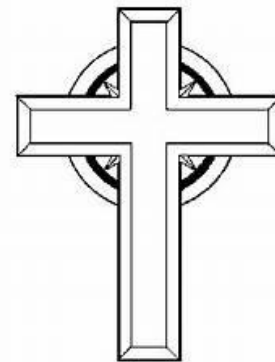
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Mission Statement

"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 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**

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