

11:00 am Worship

April 19, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Call to Worship (Hymn #387) "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"
Greeting/Announcements/Scripture Reader: Don Cherry
Prelude: (arr. Lari Goss) "Shall We Gather At the River"

*Salutation and Call to Worship: (from Psalm 116)

¹ I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.

² **Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.**

¹⁷ I will sacrifice a thank offering to you
and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁸ **I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,**

¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD—
in your midst, Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD.

*Hymn: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" Hymn# 289

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God and Heavenly Father, God of Hope and
Promise, we admit that our faith sometimes falters. We
acknowledge that our doubts and grievances often
overwhelm. We struggle to comprehend Your will and Your
ways. Pardon us when we lose faith in You. Guide us back to
the path You have laid out for us, and give us the faith of
Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, and Rahab. Father, You are
the author of salvation, and we will follow where You lead.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen**

*Silent Confession of Sin

*Assurance of Pardon:

God's grace is given freely. God's love is steadfast. Receive
the good news that you are forgiven, and live liberated from
sin to the glory of God.

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

*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734
Walks with Jesus Don Cherry
First Scripture: Isaiah 51:1-6 Pew Bible #1176

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: "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" Hymn # 299
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Hymn #34

*Prayer

Anthem: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35 Pew Bible #1052

Sermon: "Jesus Reveals" Rev. John McCarthy

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostles' Creed Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: "He Lives" Hymn #302

*Charge and Blessing

* Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Students in Zambia

Prayers continue: Wayne Adams

- 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 – given in loving memory of our father, Buck Wilkins, and grandfather, Raleigh Osborne, for their April birthdays, by Paige and Sue.

Ushers – Serving today Colter Wickemeyer at the North Door. Kim Wickemeyer at the South Door. Acolyte today Liam McCarthy. Audio is Robert Guthrie.

This Week's Announcements

5 Cents a Meal – Collecting today! Mark donations accordingly.

Session – Meeting today after worship.

Women's Bible Study – Wednesday, April 22 at 10:30 am

Leadership Retreat – Friday and Saturday, April 24 & 25th. Mark your calendars. The book *Autopsy of a Deceased Church* by Thom S Rainer, will be discussed. Get your copy so you will be prepared for the discussion.

Diaconate – Next Diaconate meeting – Sunday, May 3, 2026, at 9am.

Upper Room – May/June issue is now available at all entrances. Get your copy early so you have it on May 1 to start the month off right.

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.

**First Presbyterian Church
800 North Main Street
South Boston, Virginia**



Calendar

Sunday, April 19 9:45 am - Sunday School
 10:30 am - Fellowship
 11:00 am – Worship
 12:00 pm - Session

Wednesday, April 22 10:30 am – Women’s Bible Study
 6:00 pm - Choir
 6:00 pm – NA

Friday, April 24 Office Closed
 12 noon – AA
 Leadership Retreat

Saturday, April 25 Leadership Retreat

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

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

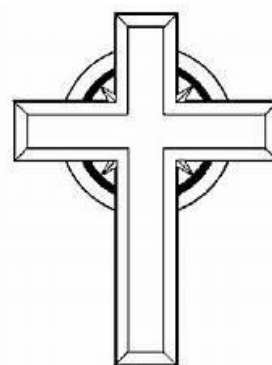
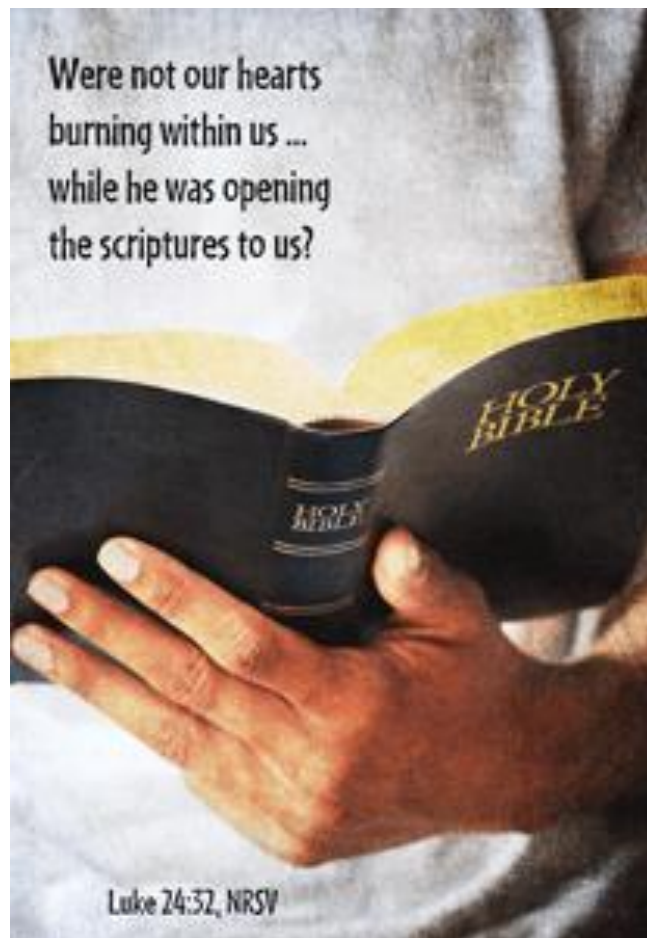
(2028)
 Mike Rand

The W.W. Glass Scholarship Fund Trustees

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Our Missionaries

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

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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