

11:00 am Worship

May 3, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

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

Greeting/Announcements/Scripture Reader:

Prelude:

*Salutation and Call to Worship: Psalm 31:1-5

¹ In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

² **Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue;
be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.**

³ Since you are my rock and my fortress,
for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

⁴ **Keep me free from the trap that is set for me,
for you are my refuge.**

⁵ Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.

*Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" Hymn# 507

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

O Lord, we come before You humbly, acknowledging You are the Creator of heaven and earth. Father, as we strive to follow You, we stumble and fall like small children. We follow our own will and desires, rather than Your perfect and holy path. Please Lord, guide me along the paths of righteousness for Your name sake, and give us the faith to follow wherever You lead. In the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

*Silent Confession of Sin

*Assurance of Pardon: Romans 3:22-24

²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

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

*The Gloria Patri

Walks with Jesus

First Scripture: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Hymnal # 734

Rev. John McCarthy

Pew Bible #1177

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: "To God Be the Glory" Hymn #66

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Hymn #34

*Prayer

Anthem: (Hymn #483) "Take Time to Be Holy" Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: John 14:1-14 Pew Bible #1045

Sermon: "Jesus Is the Way" Rev. John McCarthy

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostles' Creed Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: "As We Gather at Your Table" (v 1) Hymn #695

Lord's Blessing

*Hymn: "As We Gather at Your Table" (v 2-3) Hymn #695

*Charge and Blessing

* Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Dave & Rachael Carter, Pioneers

Prayers continue: 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 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.

Ushers – Serving today Robert Guthrie at the North Door. Sterling Roberts at the South Door. Acolyte today Liam McCarthy. Audio is Don Cherry.

This Week's Announcements

Diaconate – This morning at 9:00 am

Session – The next Session meeting will be Sunday, May 17th after worship,

Upper Room – May/June issue is now available at all entrances.

Good Samaritan – May collection: canned meats, tuna, chicken, peanut butter, etc.

Operation Christmas Child – May collection: small toys for both boys and girls.

Card Ministry – This Tuesday, May 5 at 10:30 am. Come out and enjoy this fun time that helps to brighten others' lives thru beautiful cards.

National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 7 at 6:30 pm at Halifax County High School Auditorium. The speaker will be Randy Johnson, founder of God's Pit Crew. Come join us and the community as we pray together for our nation and leaders. God hears and answers prayers of the faithful.

Graduation Sunday – Sunday, May 10th! Mark your calendar and come out and celebrate the hard work and achievements of Ashton Cranford our high school graduate this year. He has been accepted to UVA. Congratulations!

Baptism - Sunday, May 24 – Jacqueline Powell will be baptized. Save the date plan to come to support her.

Mark your calendar –

Stand Firm Youth Revival – Wednesday, June 17 at Constitution Square. Watch for more information.



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



Calendar

Sunday, May 3
9:00 am - Diaconate
9:45 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Fellowship
11:00 am – Worship

Tuesday, May 5
10:30 am – Card Ministry

Wednesday, May 6
6:00 pm - Choir
6:00 pm – NA

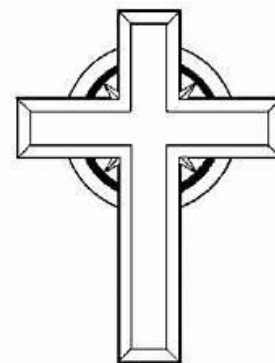
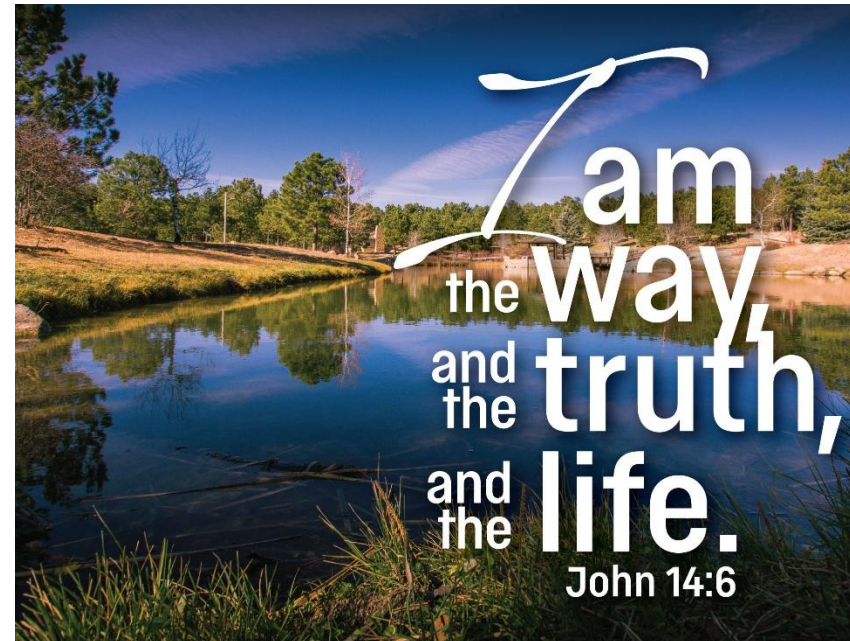
Friday, May 8
Office Closed
12 noon – AA

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



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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Class of 2026

Bob Hughes
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Class of 2027

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Class of 2028

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Diaconate

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