

The Worship of God
10:00 AM March 30th, 2025
Traditional Service

PRELUDE

Psalm XIX

Marcello

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures
here below; Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Stan Carmical

*HYMN 80

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hid my iniquity; I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

II Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

SERMON

“Deliverance”

Rev. John Muse

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN 306

Fairest Lord Jesus

*5 cents a meal offering may be brought forward

*BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

Agincourt Hymn

arr. Proulx

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Session has called a congregational meeting on **April 6th** for the purpose of hearing a report from the Officer Nominating Committee.

Wednesday Nights Together: This week’s menu is baked potato bar, salad, garlic bread, and all the fixings.. Price is \$8 for adults and \$25 for a family. You must RSVP for Wednesday supper if you would like a plate. Reservations for dinner are to be made before NOON on MONDAY. As always, PLEASE let Kristin know if you can attend, (kristin@fpclumberton.org, 910-739-7581, ext. 0).

Vanco: Online giving is available now through our website as well as a QR code. Its easy and simple to use. Just scan the QR code and it will take you directly to our giving page. Happy giving!!



Butterflies: If you haven’t paid for butterflies, please do so by writing a check to First Presbyterian Church with the word “butterflies” on the memo line and place it in the offering basket or you may also scan the QR code. Thank you!

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Ushers: Peggy Barrington, Brooke Hardee, Nancy Herthel, Travis Kemp, Mary Ann Masters, Joanna Read, Linda Scoggin

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Evelyn Johnson Kirkland by her family.

Acolyte: Kenan Taylor

Flower Arranger: Mildred Barrett

Flower Delivery: Brooke Hardee and Linda Price

THE SESSION

Interim Pastor Rev. John Muse

Kathy Carmical, *Clerk*

Buddy McLean, *Treasurer*

Class of 2025:

Peggy Barrington

Joan Bowen

James Martin

Ken Ransom

Class of 2026:

Betty Lamb

Mary Ann Masters

Johnny Talton

David Watkins

Class of 2027:

Stan Carmical

Zac Greene

Renie Mills

Linda Scoggin

BOARD OF DEACONS

Greg Gibson, *Moderator* Nancy Herthel, *Secretary*

Class of 2025:

Bebe Bollinger

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Nancy Herthel

Travis Kemp

Alicia Page

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Class of 2026:

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Emmaline Mathis

Becca Revels

Frankie Taylor

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Jamie Hooks

Nancy Pittman

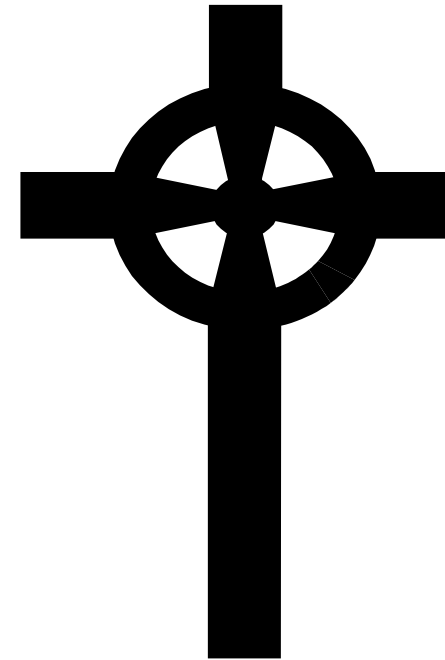
Linda Price

Joanna Read

Melissa Vance

Brenda Weathington

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Vision

Jesus Christ calls, redeems, and empowers us, as First Presbyterian Church, to be a witness of faith, hope, and love to Lumberton and the world.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria,

and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

Mission

We join Christ’s mission to the world.

God gathers us, freed and forgiven in Jesus Christ, for

Prayer and worship,

Faith formation and education,

Christ-like compassion and care.

God sends us forth, sustained and empowered by the Holy Spirit, for:

Proclamation,

Discipleship,

Service.