

Worship of the Living God World Communion Sunday	
Prelude	John Stafford; organ <i>Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee</i>
Welcome New Members	Rev. Josh Musser Gritter
* Hymn 298	ABBOT'S LEIGH <i>Lord, You Give the Great Commission</i>
* Confession of Sin	Dr. Randy Kirby
God our Good Shepherd, We confess that we too easily limit church into a gathering place for those we already know, and a congregation of those who already believe. We confess that we avoid sharing your good news. To do so feels awkward and intimidating. We often don't know where to start. Turn us, O Lord, toward what is lost in us. Turn our hearts towards the lost who are not here with us. For the sake of your kingdom on earth, Amen.	
* Assurance of Forgiveness	
* Musical Response 581	GLORIA PATRI <i>Glory Be to the Father</i>
Scripture: Luke 15:1-7	
Sermon	Rev. Josh Musser Gritter
* Affirmation of Faith	Rev. Lara Musser Gritter <i>The United Church of Canada</i>
We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.	

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.	
Prayers of the People	
Announcements & Celebrations	
Minute for Mission	Janet Loeblein
Offering	
Offertory	Sanctuary Choir <i>The Great Commission</i>
* Hymn 498 vs. 2, 3	BEACH SPRING <i>Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken</i>
Sacrament of Holy Communion	
Invitation to the Lord's Table	
Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer	
The Lord be with you.	
And also with you.	
Lift up your hearts.	
We lift them up to the Lord.	
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
It is right to give our thanks and praise.	
Communion of the People	
<i>"The body of Christ, given for you."</i>	
<i>"The blood of Christ, shed for you."</i>	
* Prayer of Dedication	
* Hymn 36	AR HYD Y NOS <i>For the Fruit of All Creation</i>

* Benediction

Postlude John Stafford; organ

Postlude Cantique

*Those who are able are invited to stand.
Bold indicates words spoken in unison.

**The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of Lois Simone and other family
members, by Richard and Lynn Miller**

Joys and Concerns this week:

Jean Wurster, Jan Kichefski, Libby Fowler, Nadine Potts

Marty Walker and family on the death of his sister, Jane Richmond

Carolyn Alexander and family on the death of her grandson

Tracy Smith and family, on the death of her nephew

Continuing Concerns:

Keith Corriher (Jan Corriher Smith's cousin), Christine Corrington (Scott Hay's niece), Maria Hudson, Wanda Huntley, Jan Lewis, Rocky Mead (Chris Mead's father), Ann Rivera, Judy Rochelle, Acey Worthy

Church Life

Parents: Our children are such precious gifts from the Lord. Please accompany your child when they go to the restroom during worship services or move through the church building to ensure their safety. We want our church to be a safe place for our children, but remember, our doors allow people to come and go.

Sunday School for K-5th Grades

Sundays, at 9:45, for Sunday School, for ages Kindergarten-5th Grades! Meet in Room 211 (2nd Floor of the Educational Building).

Jr and 1st Kids

Jr. and First Kids are back! We're kicking off TODAY, 5:00-7:00. Bring \$35 to cover meals for the rest of 2021 (Oct. 3,10,24, Nov. 7,14,21, Dec. 5,12). It

Book Study on Zoom

Our groups studying “The Color of Compromise” have welcomed new participants this week. There’s still time to share this historical survey of the Christian church’s role in race. To join the book group at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, contact Barrie Kirby at barry.m.kirby@gmail.com. To join the video study group at 7:30 p.m. Sundays, contact Elizabeth Cook at egravescook@yahoo.com. The last meeting is on November 7.

TWAM Youth TODAY

TWAM Youth will enjoy bowling at Woodleaf Lanes today at 12:30. Drop-off and pick-up at the bowling alley. Bring \$10 to help with costs. Lunch provided.

Day School Teachers Needed!

We are enthusiastically seeking teachers and substitutes to help in our Day School. Our purpose is to create a safe, loving environment that enhances educational, social, physical, and spiritual growth. FPC Members are welcome to apply. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please send your resume to: dayschool@salisburyfirstpres.org.

New Members

This morning we welcome new members: Russ, Megan, and Della Adams (Russ is the son of Frank and Cathy Adams), Jared, Meredith, Dempsey, and Teague Rowland, and Liz Williamson (John Messinger’s fiancé).

This Week at FPC

October 3	8:30	Worship in Lewis Hall
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship in the Sanctuary
		Livestreamed to YouTube & Facebook
	12:30	TWAM Youth
October 4	5:00	Jr & 1 st Kids
	7:30	Book Study with Elizabeth Cook
	11:00	PW Bible Study
	6:00	Personnel, Commitment, Youth, CE
	7:00	All Committee
October 5	10:30	Staff
October 6	12:30	RTF Leadership meeting
	5:30	Handbells
	7:00	Choir
	7:30	Book Study with Barrie Kirby
October 7	7:00	LCW Rehearsal

Each Sunday at 11:00 in the Sanctuary, we livestream to Facebook and YouTube.

Giving Update

As of August 31, 2021	
YTD Budgeted Giving	\$695,749.33
YTD Giving	<u>\$681,443.14</u>
Short	\$ 14,306.19
We are behind by 2.1% YTD. Please consider helping us catch back up to date.	

Nursery Available

We are happy to have God’s children of all ages attend worship. However, if you desire, we have a fantastic nursery located in the Family Life Center building. Please see an usher, and they will be happy to guide you to the nursery since the building is locked for the safety of our children.

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
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