

**Worship of the Living God
Christ the King Sunday**

Prelude John Stafford; organ
Prelude on NETTLETON

Welcome Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

* Call to Worship Rev. Josh Musser Gritter
Let our hearts exult in the Lord;
Our strength is exalted in God.
Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise;
God has given us the victory.
There is no Holy One like the Lord;
There is no rock like our God.
Praise the Lord!

* Hymn 41 LYONS
O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

* Confession of Sin
**God of grace, all around us are wars,
and rumors of wars.**
We are afraid for ourselves and for all of creation.
**Sometimes we follow the wrong leaders
and grasp for false security.**
Forgive us, Lord,
for we are quick to forget that all of life is in your hands.
**Renew our hope, increase our courage,
and keep us watchful for the signs
of your just and peaceful reign that is to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
A moment of silent confession

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Musical Response 581 GLORIA PATRI
Glory Be to the Father

Children's Message

Scripture: Psalm 132:1-12; Revelation: 4b-8

Anthem Sanctuary Choir
Sing Praises

Scripture: John 18:28-38

Sermon Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

* Affirmation of Faith Dr. Randy Kirby
Adapted from the Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Announcements & Celebrations

Minute for Mission TWAM

Offering

Offertory Bell Tower Ringers
From Sorrow to Joy

* Doxology 606 OLD 100th
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 441 NETTLETON
Hear the Good News of Salvation

* Benediction

Postlude John Stafford; organ
O Worship the King

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

**The cornucopia today is given in praise and thanksgiving to
God for the abundant blessings bestowed upon us,
and for God's 200 years of guidance to this community of faith,
given and arranged by Sara and Bob Cook**

Joys and Concerns this week:

Luke Bryan, Danny Fisher, Scott Hay, Mike Farris, Martha Lassiter,
Bill Lee

Continuing Concerns:

Keith Corriher (Jan Corriher Smith's cousin), Christine Corrington
(Scott Hay's niece), Lois Boyd (Ellie Grover's mother), Maria
Hudson, Steven Lescoe, Jan Lewis, Rocky Mead (Chris Mead's
father), Judy Rochelle, Sean Walker, Acey Worthy

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.

Pictorial Directory!

Please stop by our FPC photo booth and have your family's picture
taken (no sales, no long wait, no appointments) on Sundays,
November 21, 28, and December 5. Our booth will be set up after
both worship services—Lewis Hall foyer at 9:15 and on the Parking
lot sidewalk at 12:00. If the weather does not permit us to be outside,
it will be set up in the Lewis Hall foyer. The staff hopes everyone will
make this a priority. We want to have everyone pictured in the
upcoming in-house directory!

“Deeply Rooted—Branching Out”

This year our theme for Commitment has been the same as our 200th Celebration, “Deeply Rooted—Branching Out.” We have experienced a wonderful celebration of what God has done through our church in the last 200 years, and commit ourselves to branching out into God’s future. Our giving is always in response to God’s giving to us.

We are excited about your commitment. As of November 18, we have received 165 pledges totaling \$851,403 toward our 2022 budget. It is with deep gratitude and thankfulness that we thank all those who have turned in their commitment cards. However, we as a congregation still have a financial challenge. We still need \$273,866 in pledges to meet our budget for next year. The session cannot complete the budget process without hearing from you.

First Presbyterian Church has always exemplified generosity in giving of our time, talent, and money. We are confident that will continue to be the case. If you have not made your pledge for 2022, you may do so by mailing your commitment card to the church office, by going to www.salisburyfirstpres.org and clicking on ‘Pledge Now,’ by contacting Christina Lewis directly at (704) 636-1321 or simply by emailing her at clewis@salisburyfirstpres.org. Your pledge is always confidential.

Tom Overcash, Commitment Committee Moderator

2021 Giving Update

As of October 31, 2021	
YTD Budgeted Giving	\$869,686.67
YTD Giving	<u>\$855,304.93</u>
Short	\$14,381.74

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Hands-on Local Missions
Friendship Across Difference
Embracing the Unchurched

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