Salisbury
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

7:00 a.m. Online
8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

*Please rise in body or spirit.
♦ at 11:00 a.m. only

STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Jim King, Pastor & Head of Staff
The Rev. Nate Taylor, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Hezron Thumbi, Seminary Intern
Dr. Mark Patterson, Director of Music & Composer in Residence
Cathy Armistead, Organist
Jenny Kirkbride, Children's & Youth Choir Director
Greg Shultz & Meghann VanSant, Operations and Finance Managers
Amber Earley, Communications Coordinator
Kathryn Boyle, Administrative Assistant
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WEEKLY E-NEWS SIGN UP

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Service for the Worship of God

March 16, 2025

Welcome & Announcements — Rev. Nate Taylor

Prelude — *Prelude, from Prelude, Fugue and Variations* — Cesar Franck

Call to Worship

Leader: When confidence in our way of life is shaken, and shadows grow,
**People: God gives us community—loved ones to cling to,
sacred spaces to seek serenity.**
Leader: When the path is unclear, when the fog of despair hangs heavy, and hope dims,
People: God, break through our fears. Let your light shine through the haze.

*Hymn of Adoration — # 744 *Arise, Your Light is Come!*

*Prayer of Adoration and Silent Prayer of Confession — Rev. Dr. Jim King

*Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess to You, O God, that we have been tempted by evil and have succumbed to sin. You nourish us with Your eternal word, but we hunger for bread that perishes. You call us to worship You alone, but we seek to serve worldly powers. You offer us salvation, but we gamble with the gift of life. Forgive us, God of grace. Guide us by Your Word and guard us with Your Spirit, so that we may live in faith and follow You faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

People: For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38b–39.
Leader: Believe the good news of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.
People: Thanks be to God!

*Affirmation of Faith — Excerpts from the Confession of Belhar (1986)

We believe that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged. We believe that God calls the church to follow Him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly
We believe that the church, as the possession of God, must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.
Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and

any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel. Amen.

*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.

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson — Psalm 27 — p. 468

♦Anthem — *Write Your Blessed Name* — K. Lee Scott

♦Children's Message

Second Lesson — Philippians 3:17–4:1 — p. 1003

Sermon — Follow the Leader

*Hymn of Reflection — #463 *How Firm a Foundation*

Prayers of the People, and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

♦Choral Response

Offertory — *Adagio, from Toccata, Adagio and Fugue, BWV 564* — J.S. Bach

*Doxology

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

*Sharing Christ's Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

*Hymn of Parting — #834 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

*Benediction

♦Choral Benediction — *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* — AR HYD Y NOS

Postlude — *Prelude and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 554* — J.S. Bach

FLOWER DEDICATION
The chancel flowers are given by Stacy & Mike Pendleton in celebration of Amanda Pendleton's birthday.

Ushers: 8:45 a.m. Rick & Linda Cozad
11:00 a.m. Kristen, Joe, Danny & Noah Welsh

Kid Zone Kathryn Boyle

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:
8:15 a.m. Sunrise Singers
8:45 a.m. Early Worship
9:15 a.m. Children's Choirs
9:45 a.m. Youth & Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
Inquirer's Class
11:00 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Save the Date:
Saturday March 22 Spring Church Campus Clean Up.

April 17 Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 p.m.

April 18 Good Friday Service 7:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School!
June 23-27
"*Road Trip! On The Go With God."*

Easter Lilies & Hydrangeas
Sign up for your flower in REALM or call the church office. Orders must be received by Friday March 28.

Tithes & Offerings
can be placed during offertory or electronically through our church website www.thesalisburychurch.org or scan this QR code:

Next Sunday March 23, Rev. Dr. Jim Kings's sermon will be