



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,
and make Him known.

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Welcome

Dr. Stuart Bond

Time of Meditation

John Wyeth, 1813, arr. Margaret C. Petty

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Chimes of the Trinity

*Call to Worship

We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos.

Our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.

We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice.

We bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.

We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love.

All: Let our joy resound through singing, teaching, and reflecting on the word.

Hymn of Praise

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation,
has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now
Alleluia! He is near us;
faith believes nor questions how.
Through the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Heavenly High Priest,
here on earth our help, our stay;
Alleluia! Hear the sinful
cry to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

*Prayer of Confession

God of all, you love each one of us and you grieve the way we hurt one another. Forgive us. Forgive us for our narrowness and prejudice, our quick tempers and stingy grace, our attention to the faults of others and blindness to our own. Help us be the people you created us to be. Help us live together

**in peace, loving and caring for one another as you love and care for us all.
We ask it in Christ's name.**

(Time of silent prayer and reflection)

***Assurance of Pardon**

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103: 8-12)

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Ordination of Elder

Questions of Ordination for Elder:

- a. Do you believe in One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and do you boldly declare Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and acknowledge Him Lord of all and Head of the Church?
- b. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, and, inspired by the Holy Spirit, the unique witness to Jesus Christ and the authority for Christian faith and life?
- c. Will you receive, adopt, and be bound by the Essential Tenets of ECO as a reliable exposition of what Scripture teaches us to do and to believe, and will you be guided by them in your life and ministry?
- d. Relying on the Holy Spirit, do you humbly submit to God's call on your life, committing yourself to God's mission, and fulfilling your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture and guided by our confessions?
- e. Will you be governed by ECO's polity and discipline? And will you be accountable to your fellow elders, deacons, and pastors as you lead?
- f. Do you promise to be faithful in maintaining the truth of the Gospel and the peace, unity, and purity of the Church?
- g. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
- h. Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people in their worship, nurture, and service to God?

Questions to the congregation:

- a. Do we, the covenant partners of this congregation, accept David Argabrite as an elder, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ according to the Word of God and the Constitution of ECO?
- b. Do we agree to pray for David, to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Special Music

The Blessing

by Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe and Steven Furtick

David Hamilton, tenor

Kay Yates, alto

Margaret C. Petty, cello

Stuart Bond, percussion

Amy Hamilton, piano

The Lord bless you
And keep you.
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his
Face toward you,
And give you peace.
Amen.

May his favor
Be upon you,
And a thousand generations,
And your family,
And your children,
And their children,
And their children.

May his presence
Go before you,
And behind you,
And beside you,
All around you,
And within you.
He is with you.
He is with you.

In the morning,
In the evening,
In your coming,
And your going,
In your weeping,
And rejoicing.
He is for you.
He is for you.

Sermon

The Priest for You

Dr. Stuart Bond

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 4:14-5:10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostle's 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.**

Hymn of Commitment

Jesus Paid it All

Words and music by Alex Nifong/Elvina Hall/John Grape.

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in me thine all in all."

Chorus

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain -
He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone.

Chorus

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.

Chorus

O praise the one who paid my debt
And raised this life
Up from the dead.

***Benediction**

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is our God

arr. Phillip Keveren

***All who are able please stand.**

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June Financial Update

Year to Date Budget - \$138,147.00
Year to Date Income - \$127,626.00
Year to Date Expenses - \$131,127.43

Announcements

A Congregational Meeting will be held today after the worship service for the purpose of approving the Pastor Nominating Committee. The proposed committee is:

Alpha Barger
Jeff Barnhardt

Tracy Caskey
Carol Lowder

Karen Pless
Lynn Sechler

You are invited to a combined adult Sunday School class beginning **TODAY** in the Fellowship Hall! The schedule of speakers is:

July 12th - Frank Gibson
July 19th - Larry Efird
July 26th - Larry Efird

Join us for socially-distanced learning and fellowship!

If you would like to contribute flowers for worship, please see the sign-up poster on the bulletin board just outside the church office. The cost for an arrangement is \$56.

Prayer Concerns

New Prayer requests will be placed in the bulletin for two weeks.
Please help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly updates emailed to firstpresb@firstpresb.org.

HOMEBOUND

Peggy Barnhardt - at Morningside
Iris Efird
Juanita Holt
Frances Milem - Hospice Care at Concord Place
Betty Overcash - at Elmcroft in Salisbury
Barbara Wise
Loretta Young - at Five Oaks

MEMBERS

Judy Goodnight - Cancer
Bill Hammond - Health concerns
Connie Rary - Cancer, radiation treatments
Paul Barnhardt - Health concerns
Debby Baker - Cancer

Special Church Member of the Week

Frances Milem
c/o Concord Place
1501 Zion Church Road, East
Concord, NC 28025

Send a card, make a visit or a call, or offer a prayer. All to say, "God loves you and the church cares about you."



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The Session

Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk of Session

Class of 2021

Jeff Barnhardt
Frank Gibson
Phil McLain

Class of 2022

Debbie McDaniel
Gip Rumble
Bill Stricker

Class of 2023

Dave Argabrite
Renee Goodnight
Ryan Walker

Church Staff

Dr. Stuart Bond
Transitional Pastor

David Hamilton
Director of Music

Michelle Walker
Director of Children's Ministries

Terri Pruett
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates
Organist

Irene Davis
Nursery Director

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Mother of Tony Hunter - in hospital following a fall

Krystle Tacia - friend of Chariti Lowder (Breast Cancer, chemo)

Roxanne Debord - daughter of Tony & Judy Hunter (chemo)

Amy Ritchie - friend of Jane Jacobs (Breast Cancer)

Wade Nunnery - father of Karen Pless

Bob Smith - Judy Hammond's brother (Stage 3 Lung Cancer)

Barbara Coffey - friend of Judy Hunter (Cancer treatment)

Lori Holder - daughter of Sam McAllister (MS)

Hope Community & Pastor Nate Stratman (church plant in Wilmington, NC)

Prayer request? Please write it down on the blue pew prayer card, & place in the offering plate.



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