



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*There Is a Redeemer*

Green

Chimes of the Trinity***Call to Worship**

Welcome this day to the house of our God.

We are greeted in peace and in love.

Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator.

We worship in hope and with grace.

Welcome this day to our community of faith,

Where we are sisters and brothers in Christ.

Friends, let us worship God.

Hymn of Praise*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is the new creation by water and the Word.From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.Though with a scornful wonder the world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.***Prayer of Confession**

Sometimes, O God, we forget people, or we toss them aside – the difficult ones, the needy ones, the ones that are hard to spend time with, the ones who confront us. And sometimes when we do things like that, it's not really about the other people, but about us. We are uncomfortable, or we feel guilty, or we follow brighter, shinier people, or we worry about what will make us look good. We are in such desperate need of your forgiveness. We need to be forgiven for our sin, for our mistakes, for mistaking what the

world values with what you value. Help us to be better, and to see more clearly, and to care more thoroughly.

(time of silent prayer and meditation)

In Christ we pray. **Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.

Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

All: But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53: 1-5)

Friends, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

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 ~

10 Cents a Meal

Ken & Marilyn Sides

Hymn of Preparation

HAMBURG

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Sermon

A Clean Conscience

Dr. Stuart Bond

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 9

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

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

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 pleas,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

*Benediction

Postlude

I Love to Tell the Story

Fisher

*All who are able please stand.

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Announcements

Please extend a warm welcome to our guest Sunday School speakers, Ken and Marilyn Sides. Ken is the Lay Pastor for Old Dock Methodist Church in Whiteville, NC. Marilyn serves as a Chaplain for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's Rapid Response Team. They will also have the "Word with our Children" today.

You are invited to a combined adult Sunday School class in the Sanctuary each Sunday at 10:00 am! Join us for socially-distanced learning and fellowship!

8/23 - Ken Sides, Lay Pastor at Old Dock Methodist Church in Whiteville NC
Marilyn Sides, Chaplain w/ Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's Rapid Response Team

8/30 - Dave Argabrite

9/6 - TBD

9/13 - Vickie Dickerson, Volunteer Church Relations Coordinator for Operation Christmas Child

The CE Team will meet virtually on Monday, August 24th at 3:00p.m. Michelle will send an email with the meeting link.

Women's Ministries Opportunities Coming Soon!

Saltshakers Ladies' Bible Study registration is now in progress! We will be studying "The Unchanging God" – a study of Minor Prophets. In this time of so much change in our world, it is our goal to safely provide a serious Bible study about our God who never changes! We will meet virtually on Monday evenings at 6:00pm from September 28, 2020 to April 2021. To register, please contact Judy Goodnight at (704) 938-4623 or register online by clicking the link in the weekly emails.

Women Without Reservations will begin the Proverbs' 31 online Bible study entitled "Trustworthy" in September. Meetings are tentatively set for Mondays at 7pm and will mostly be online. Please let Raegan Swaringen or Michelle Walker know if you would like to participate by Sunday, August 30!

"Living Free: Learning to Pray God's Word", a Beth Moore study, will begin in September. Vickie Ellington will facilitate, and needs to know of your interest by Sunday, August 30!

"Bad Girls" Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 10:30a.m. at the Church. Please contact Kay McAllister for more information.

The Circle of Women meets on the second Monday of each month at 2:00p.m. Meetings will be held at various locations, beginning in January of 2021. Please contact Judy Goodnight or Sharon Cranford for more information.

"Wednesday Night Life" Survey Happening Now! Offerings will be available for children and adults, but we need to know what interest there is! The entire congregation is asked to fill out the online form found in the weekly email if you are interested in fall studies. Please respond by Sunday, August 30 so the CE Team can better plan how and where to best nurture the spiritual growth of our members!!!

Men of the Church - Dave Argabrite and I are inviting all of you to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a little fellowship, a little breakfast, and a little devotion on the second Saturday morning of each month, beginning in September, from 8:30-9:15 a.m. Since we can't really cook things at the church, let me know you are coming, and I'll get you an Egg McMuffin. We'll have drinks of some kind and social distance. Dave and I will lead in content and then we will discuss and pray together. Got a friend who is not part of the church? Bring him along! Hope to see you at our first meeting on Saturday, September 13 at 8:30 a.m. Feel free to speak to either Dave or me if you have questions. *Pastor Stuart*

Juanita Holt is now using her cell phone number, (704) 560-2043.

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 Efir

Juanita Holt

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

Special Church Member of the Week

Loretta Young

Five Oaks Manor

Room 302 Bed A

413 Winecoff School Road

Concord, NC 28027

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
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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

Paul Barnhardt - Health concerns

Debby Baker - Cancer

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Rev. Bill and Doris Campbell – friends of Lowder/Walker family (Rev. Campbell is still in ICU and now on a ventilator with complications from COVID-19)

Amy Ritchie - friend of Jane Jacobs (Breast Cancer, chemo/radiation)

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)

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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