



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*The Church's One Foundation*

Wesley

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

By grace we have been saved through faith.

And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.

For we are God's handiwork, redeemed in Christ Jesus for good works,
works God has prepared for us, that we should walk in them.

Praise the Lord!

All: The Lord's name be praised!

Hymn of Praise*Rise Up, O Church of God*

Merrill/Thomas

Rise up, O church of God,
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and mind and soul and
strength

To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O Church of God!
His kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O sons of God!
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task,
Rise up, and make her great!

Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where His feet have trod;
As foll'wers of the Son of Man,
Rise up, O Church of God!

***Prayer of Confession**

Great and ever present God, whose mercy is an unexpected miracle: in Jesus Christ you offer your presence at all times and in all places and conditions. Yet we confess that so often we do not recognize you and your work that is in everything. Forgive us for the many ways we fail you. Teach us how to forgive and accept each other. Fill us with new life and renewed hope that you promise us all in the power of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

(Time of prayer and reflection)

In Christ's name. **Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

Then brothers and sisters, hear this Word of the Lord and rest in this truth: "As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:11–12).

Amen.

In Jesus Christ you 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 ~

Word with our Children

Michelle Walker

Hymn of Preparation

As the Deer

Nystrom

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship You.

Refrain

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship You.*

I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the true joy giver,
And in You I now reside.

Sermon

Pandemic Perspective

Dr. Stuart Bond

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 10:26-39

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

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Bode/Mann

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me,
My Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my guide.
O let me feel you near me,
The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle;
The tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw still nearer
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear you speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
True guardian of my soul.
O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee,
That where Thou art in glory,
There shall your servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my friend.

*Benediction

Postlude

Standing on the Promises

Carter

*All who are able please stand.

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Announcements

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. If you can't make it in person, join us as we go live on YouTube.

- 9/6 - David & Amy Hamilton, on their missionary calling
- 9/13 - Vickie Dickerson, Volunteer Church Relations Coordinator for Operation Christmas Child
- 9/20 - TBD
- 9/27 - Renee Goodnight

Wednesday Night Life will look a little different this year, but there will be opportunities for all ages to continue their spiritual growth!

- **Preschoolers and Kindergarteners** will follow Kids Quest Catechism at home, with Alpha Barger facilitating. Each week, your child will receive a mailing with the materials they need, as they learn the essential tenets of our faith.
- **Elementary-aged children** will join Michelle Walker each week online.
- **Middle and Senior High Youth** will be led by Raegan Swaringen. They will meet virtually once a week
- **Adults wishing to participate in a live bible study** can join Pastor Stuart each Wednesday Night at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. The class, "Becoming a Healthy Disciple," will be live-streamed for those wishing to follow on YouTube.

Please contact Michelle Walker if you have questions or need additional information on any of these classes.

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.

Hello Everyone, I wanted to take a moment and encourage those that may be on the fence about this study; Living Free, Learning to Pray God's Word by Beth Moore. I've had an opportunity to work thru the details of the first week and I am still amazed and renewed in seeing God's love for me and his protection that he gives. We all have periods of time when strongholds grip us and can even paralyze us in our journey to a peaceful and productive relationship with Christ. God put so much effort into writing his word thru feeble and imperfect creatures as ourselves so that we can live victoriously. Thru knowledge and Prayer we can recognize these strongholds and then learn simple steps for confession and renewal. Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever right? Please join us as we dip into this precious time of learning that He is our One Stronghold and how to pray God's word over our lives and those we love. If you would like to call me, Vickie Ellington, my cell # is 704-706-4395. It appears our study is taking shape for Tuesdays @ 6:00 at the Church. The study will begin on September 15. If this

changes, I will advise. I need to get books ordered so please let me know of your interest. The cost is about \$13.00 + shipping. *Vickie Ellington*

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 12 at 8:30 a.m. Feel free to speak to either Dave or me if you have questions. *Pastor Stuart*

Law Enforcement Appreciation Event! Join the Missions Team in honoring the 85 officers and 17 dispatchers of the Kannapolis Police Department with gift bags and a car parade on Wednesday, September 23 at 5:00pm. Each family is asked to make up 3-5 small gift bags and place them on the designated table in the Church Fellowship Hall by Monday, September 21. Please sign up at the link provided in the weekly email for the number and type of bag you will provide. All members are then invited to decorate their vehicles and line up in the church parking lot on September 23 at 4:45 for a parade past the Kannapolis Police Department. Bags for officers should include: black or blue ink pens, small memo pad, travel size Kleenex, small hand sanitizer, chap stick, auto air freshener(s), hand wipes, small bottles of car upholstery and/or or glass cleaner, and individually-wrapped gum and hard candies. Dispatcher bags should include: black or blue ink pens, travel size Kleenex, small hand sanitizer, chap stick, hand wipes, tea bags, honey sticks, gum, and candy. Thank you for your support!

FPC will be providing and serving evening meals at the Salvation Army Homeless Shelter in Concord the week of September 27, 2020 through October 3, 2020. We are asking for volunteers to help us provide food and serve. We need food preparers for each item and two servers for each evening. You may sign up for one thing for a night or everything for a night. The shelter is located at 216 Patterson Avenue, Concord 28025, 704-782-7710. Signup online at: <https://forms.gle/abSEmbrTK8kyHtVJA>

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.



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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

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

Paul Barnhardt -
Health concerns

Debby Baker - Cancer

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Amy Ritchie - friend of Jane Jacobs (Breast Cancer,
completed radiation and considering a new clinical trial for
chemo)

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.

Special Church Member of the Week

Donna Whitley
2755 Cannon Farm Road
China Grove, NC 28023

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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