



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*His Eye Is On the Sparrow*

Gabriel

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

On this new morning and in every moment of our lives, gracious God,
from generation to generation, we praise your holy name.

Like our ancestors before us, we proclaim your greatness to our children,
for we have seen your deeds of power and witnessed your goodness in our lives.

As you have opened your hand to all, giving us the gifts of life and love
open our hearts so that we might share the gifts we have received from you.

All: Let us worship God in gratitude and joy!

Hymn of Praise*Take My Life and Let It Be*

HENDON

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

***Prayer of Confession**

God of compassion and justice hear our prayer. Christ calls all to repent, and we protest we are virtuous people. Christ calls us to costly discipleship, and we cling to the status quo, focused on our own security and well-being. Christ calls us to love you and one another and we find excuses to put off faithfulness until tomorrow. Forgive us, O God. By your grace, cleanse and renew us, we pray.

(Time of silent prayer and reflection)

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

***Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, this Good News is for all the world: Christ was born, lived and died, and rose again that we would be freed from sin and death. Know that indeed you are forgiven and be at peace.

Alleluia! Amen.

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

Born Again
David Hamilton, tenor
Kay Yates, alto

Asbury/Gretzinger/Cook

Sermon

The Race

Dr. Stuart Bond

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12:1-4

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 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

CONVERSE/ERIE

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh what needless pain we bear—
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness—take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his arms he'll
take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Allen

***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.

- 9/20 - 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 beginning on Sept. 23rd 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 will begin the 2020-2021 Women's Bible Study – "The Unchanging God" virtually on Monday, September 28 at 6:00pm.

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!

It's SHOEBOX TIME!!! In light of current conditions, the Missions Team is introducing the Frances Milem Memorial Shoebox Challenge! In honor and memory of Frances Milem's love for children, we're challenging our church members to provide for at least 200 boxes, if not the 400 we usually pack. There are three ways to participate:

1. Pack a box and bring to church by Sunday, November 15. Please include a \$9.00 check made to Samaritan's Purse for shipping.
2. Build a box online through our Church Goal page (details coming soon). OR

3. Donate money to our fund. Please send your donation, marked for OCC Shoeboxes, to the church office by October 31.

All contributions will be given to build shoeboxes online, at a cost of \$25.00 per box (including shipping). Boxes will be put together by Samaritan's Purse with high-quality items that are easy to distribute. Children around the world still need to know the love of God, even if our gifts look a little different this year!

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

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

Peggy Barnhardt

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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
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David Hamilton
Director of Music

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