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**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

*Communion Hymn*

Townsend

Chimes of the Trinity

**\*Call to Worship**

Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

**We gather with them in heart and mind.**

Around the world the broken body is made whole.

**As part of that body we join in its unity.**

Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

**We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.**

Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty.

**Hymn of Praise**

*The Table*

Tomlin/Cash/Jolley

I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I won't hunger anymore at His table

*Chorus*

*Come all you weary come and find  
His yoke is easy His burden is light  
He is able He will restore  
At the table of the Lord  
(At the table of the Lord)*

There is peace at the table of the Lord  
There is peace at the table of the Lord  
I won't worry anymore at His table

There is healing at the table of the Lord  
There is healing at the table of the Lord  
Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table

I'm invited to the table of the Lord  
I'm invited to the table of the Lord  
He says come just as you are to His table

I know He has a place for me  
Oh what joy will fill my heart  
With the saints around the mercy seat of  
God

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Lord, on this world communion Sunday, help us examine our hearts so that we may pay proper respect to Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Thank you for offering reconciliation to all of humankind, the forgiveness of sins through Christ, our high priest.**

**Almighty and ever-present God, we confess our sins to you. We are truly sorry for our wrongdoings and shortcomings, for sins of commission and sins of omission. Forgive us, we pray, in Christ's name.**

Empower us to serve you fully, to share the resources we have with those who have less, to weep with those who weep, and to laugh with those who laugh. Help us to be good stewards over the earth you have placed in our care; help us to unite in love and concern for one another, not just in our local community, but with brothers and sisters in all the world. As we draw near to your holy table we thank you, Lord, for providing the Bread of Life for us. As we partake, impart on us your grace and mercy, unite us with Christ, our Lord, and with one another. May your kingdom be established in all the earth.

(time of silent prayer and reflection)

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

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

This is the promise we have from God:

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.**

Friends, in Christ we are redeemed.

**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**

*Now the Feast and Celebration*

Haugen

*Chorus*

*Now the feast and celebration,*

*All of creation sings for joy*

*To the God of life and love and freedom;*

*Praise and glory forevermore!*

Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,

Whose blood has freed and united us

To be one great people of God.

Power and riches, wisdom and might,  
All honor and glory to Christ forever.

For God has come to dwell with us,  
To make us people of God,  
To make all things new.

**Sermon**

Are There Holes In Our Holiness?

Dr. Stuart Bond

**Scripture Reading**

Hebrews 12:14-17

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.**

**Sacrament Of Communion**

**Hymn of Commitment**

*Is He Worthy?*

Peterson/Shive

David Hamilton, tenor  
Kay Yates, Alto

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Trust and Obey*

Towner

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

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## Announcements

**Today is communion Sunday when we traditionally collect donations for the Good Sam Fund.** We have been blessed to have been able to help several of those in need. If you could prayerfully consider giving to this fund, we will be able to help many more of those who are in need. Thank you for your generosity!

**The flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mel & Debbie McDaniel's 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**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.

- 10/4 - Cooperative Christian Ministries
- 10/11 - Emily Griggs
- 10/18 -Rice & Bean Packing CCM
- 10/25 - Renee Goodnight

**Join us on Sunday October 18 at 4 pm** for a special spiritual concert with David Hamilton and friends. David will be joined by Teresa Moore-Mitchell, soprano; Tika Douthit, flute; Kania Mills, clarinet; Sharon Wellington-Wilkins, cello, and Gregory Thompson, piano. The concert is called *His Name So Sweet* and will feature favorite spirituals. The concert will also be live streamed on our YouTube channel. Come and enjoy a special afternoon of live music. We could all use a live performance that glorifies God right now!

**Wednesday Night Life continues!** Pastor Stuart leads an adult Bible Study on "Becoming a Healthy Disciple" at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. The class is also live-streamed on our YouTube channel. Elementary youth meet online with Michelle Walker at 5:00pm. We will be following the "Kids' Travel Guide to the Parables". Middle and Senior High Youth meet online with Raegan Swaringen at 7:00pm. They will be exploring "Believe-It-Or-Not Bible Studies". Michelle will send meeting links to parents, so watch your email. Don't miss out on these opportunities to "Fall for Jesus 2020!"

**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  
<https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanpurse.org/view/3870c03a-68cd-49cf-9dca-007f23494e99> 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!



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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  
Bookkeeper/Videographer

Angela Simpson  
Office Manger

Kay Yates  
Organist

Irene Davis  
Nursery Director

**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](mailto: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

**Mark Keller** - uncle of Charity Lowder (On the death of his mother Robbin)

**Cindy Barnhardt**-Cousin of Bonnie Goodnight (Diagnosed with ALS)

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

**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)

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

### Special Church Member of the Week

**Betty Overcash**  
c/o Elmcroft Salisbury  
1915 Mooresville Rd  
Salisbury NC 28147

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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