



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Welcome

Dr. Stuart Bond

Minute for Missions

Chariti Lowder

Time of Meditation

God So Loved the World

Stainer

Chimes of the Trinity

*Call to Worship

Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

Sing to him a new song, play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.

All: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! (Psalm 33: 1-12)

Hymn of Praise

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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*Prayer of Confession

O God, we think we love you well on many occasions, but the truth is our love for you is diluted and weak. Our hearts are divided, and our passion for your Kingdom half-hearted. Our trust in you seems pure only for brief moments. Our affections are drawn away too quickly, and our devotion to you dies far too easily. Forgive us. In your deep mercy, rekindle our love for you as we see anew Jesus' love for us.

(time for silent prayer and confession)

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Let us say God's Word of Pardon together:

"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate... (Joel 2: 12-13)

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and renewed.

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 *He's Got the whole World in His Hands*

Bonds

Teresa Moore-Mitchell, soprano

Sermon

A Better Mountain

Dr. Stuart Bond

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12:18-24

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

Ride On, King Jesus!

Johnson

Teresa Moore-Mitchell, soprano

Ride on king Jesus
No man 's gonna hinder me
Ride on king Jesus ride on
No man 's gonna hinder me
He is the great King of Glory
Every where
He is the great King of Glory
Every where
When I get to heaven am gonna wear a robe
No man 's gonna hinder me
Am gonna meet king Jesus sitting on the throne
No man 's gonna hinder me
Am gonna walk right upon the streets of gold
No man 's gonna hinder me
Going to a land where I 'll never grow old
No man 's gonna hinder me
I lift my hands in total praise to You
Amen

*Benediction

Postlude

Jesus Shall Reign

Price

Announcements

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Pastor Stuart & Cindy Bond for Clergy Appreciation.

September Financial Update:

Year to Date Budget - \$207,220

Year to Date Income - \$191,024

Year to Date Expenses - \$192,061

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.

- 10/11- Emily Griggs
- 10/18- Rice & Bean Packing CCM
- 10/25- Renee Goodnight
- 11/01- Time of Prayer
- 11/08 - Heath Burchett of Habit Missions

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.samaritanspurse.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 Manager

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.*

HOMEBOUND

Peggy Barnhardt - at Morningside

Iris Efird

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

Susan Gibson-Daughter in Law of Frank Gibson (will be having surgery on 10/14 to remove tumor.)

Krystle Tacia- friend of Chariti Lowder (Breast Cancer, completed chemo, awaiting another surgery, then radiation to begin)

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

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

Amy Ritchie - friend of Jane Jacobs (Undergoing new chemo treatment at Duke)

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

Dwight Franklin Goodnight

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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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