



**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***Give Me Jesus*

African American Spiritual

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

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

**give thanks to him and praise his name.****All: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.** (From Psalm 100)**Hymn of Praise***Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

**\*Prayer of Confession****Compassionate God, we cannot save ourselves. Though we may be frantic with activity, our efforts do not yield peace, peace as only you can give.****Today we would be quiet enough to hear your voice. Today we would be still enough to feel your touch. Help us to receive as well as give, wait as well as act, and listen as well as speak. Come to us now, through Jesus the Christ.**

(time for silent prayer and confession)

In Christ's name. **Amen****\*Assurance of Pardon**

Let us hear from the Lord our God:

**Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him...for he will freely pardon.****(Is. 55: 6 & 7)**

Friends, in Jesus Christ, you have received mercy and forgiveness.

**Praise 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**

The Lowder Family

**Hymn of Preparation**

*Have Thine Own Way Lord*

Adelaide

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after Thy will,  
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Search me and try me, Master, today!  
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,  
As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!  
Power, all power, surely is Thine!  
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!  
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me.

**Sermon**

Listen Up!

Dr. Stuart Bond

**Scripture Reading**

Hebrews 12:25-29

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

*God of Mercy, God of Grace*

*DIX*

God of mercy, God of grace,  
show the brightness of thy face.  
Shine upon us, Savior, shine,  
fill thy Church with light divine,  
and thy saving health extend  
unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
be by all that live adored.  
Let the nations shout and sing  
glory to their Savior King;  
at thy feet their tribute pay,  
and thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
earth shall then her fruits afford;  
God to man his blessing give,  
man to God devoted live;  
all below, and all above,  
one in joy, and light, and love.

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

*God of the Sparrow*

Schalk

\*All who are able please stand

## Announcements

**Youth Activity! Wednesday, in lieu of Elementary & Youth zoom**, all youth are invited to gather in the church parking lot to mark & draw spaces for our Vespers service October 25<sup>th</sup>. Those attending Bible Study in the Sanctuary are kindly ask you to park along West Avenue.

**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.

- 10/18- 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 Miley Memorial Shoebox Challenge! In honor and memory of Frances Miley'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!



[www.firstpresb.org](http://www.firstpresb.org)

201 Vance Street  
Kannapolis NC 28081-4383  
Phone - 704-938-4623

## **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 Efirid**

**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

**Emily Griggs**- (Hope she feels better soon.)

**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)

**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

#### **Tod Godnight**

311 Brook Street  
Kannapolis, NC 28023-6005

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."



**FIRST**  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**CHURCH**

First Presbyterian Church • 201 Vance Street • Kannapolis, NC 28081

704-938-4623 • Fax 704-938-4631

[www.firstpresb.org](http://www.firstpresb.org) • [office@firstpresb.org](mailto:office@firstpresb.org)