



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*Nearer, My God, to Thee*

Mason

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, satisfying the desire of every living thing

All: open our hearts so that we might share the gifts we have received from you. Let us worship God in gratitude and joy!

Hymn of Praise*Friend of God*

Gungor/Houghton

***Prayer of Confession**

God who comes to us in love, we come now in confession and repentance. You call us to love and serve others, but we cling to self-interest and small-mindedness. Despite your generosity and comfort, we are too full of complaints toward you and those around us. Despite your compassion and love for us and all people, we are too full of judgment and fear. Though we come seeking your forgiveness for all the ways we sin, we hoard the forgiveness that others would ask of us. Forgive us, welcome us, and reconcile us to you and one another, we pray.

(Time of silent prayer and reflection)

In Christ's name. **Amen**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Your Word, O God, tells the deepest truths.

There we read, "And these things we write, so that our joy may be made complete. And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1: 4-7)

In Jesus Christ, we are set free from our sin to walk in his light.

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
Song of Preparation	<i>Savior, like a shepherd lead us</i>	BRADBURY
Sermon	“The Benediction”	Dr. Stuart Bond
Scripture Reading		Hebrews 13:20-25
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 *Benediction (As you go)* Smith/Riddle/Gayle

***Benediction**

Postlude *Lasst Uns Erfreuen* Geistliche Kirchengesange, 1623

***All who are able please stand**

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Announcements

Urgent!! Volunteers needed to staff Shoe Box Drop Off Location: This year First Presbyterian has been asked to serve as a drop-off location for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! During National Collection Week, community members may deliver shoeboxes through a curbside drop-off process. We will need volunteers during the following dates and times to help collect, count and cartonize:

Monday Nov.16-Friday Nov. 20 4pm-7pm

Saturday Nov. 21:11am-2pm

Sunday Nov. 22: 2pm-4pm

Monday Nov 23: 9am-11am

On Monday, Nov. 23, volunteers will also be needed at 11am to load the cartons and transport them to the central drop-off location of Pitts Baptist Church in Concord.

If you are able to serve during this week, please let Michelle Walker know the dates/times you are available. Please also pray for a safe and successful collection. **Sign Up today for open times!**

Your family is invited to participate in a “Live Nativity” on Sundays during advent! We will set up a walkway in front of the Sanctuary building on Sundays from 7pm-9pm. Your family may take the entire time slot or just an hour. Costumes will be provided, but help is needed to ‘create a set! Please contact Michelle Walker, if you are interested!!

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.

- 11/15 – Bill Stricker
- 11/22- Emily Griggs
- 11/29- Rice & Bean Packing for CCM

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 **7:00pm**. (**Note the time change**) They are following the "Kids' Travel Guide to the Parables", and meeting links are sent out weekly. Don't miss out on these opportunities to "Fall for Jesus 2020!"

Women Without Reservations is beginning an Advent Study, “The Weary World Rejoices,” from Lifeway Women, on Sunday Nov. 22. The group meets virtually on Sunday evenings at 7pm. All women of the church are invited to join us! Contact Raegan Swaringen or Michelle Walker for more information.

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> by November 23rd OR
3. Donate money to our fund. Please send your donation, marked for OCC Shoeboxes, to the church office by November 15th!

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!

Christmas Poinsettias: It's that time of year, Advent is quickly approaching and we will again have beautiful Poinsettias in our sanctuary. You may purchase as many as you would like in Honor or in Memory of a loved one by completing the form in today's bulletin. **Deadline for orders is Sunday, December 6th.**



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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.*

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

Paul Barnhardt - Health concerns

Debby Baker – Cancer

Special Church Member of the Week

Mrs. Barbara Wise

c/o Oaks at Hampton
Room 509
5610 Hampton Park Dr.
Cumming, GA 30041

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."

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Shari Blackman- neighbor to the Stricker's (Had both heart & lung transplant this past week, she is struggling to recover.)

Tammi Ford- friend of the Stricker's (In the hospital with Covid 19)

Cindy Fisher-friend of Lucinda Stewart (At Transitional of Kannapolis with Covid 19 & pneumonia, she is doing much better with breathing treatments.)

Sam McAllister-(2 grandchildren recovering from Covid)

Farrar Griggs- (In the hospital with Covid 19.)

Susan Gibson-Daughter in Law of Frank Gibson (Undergoing treatment for cancer.)

Krystle Tacia- friend of Chariti Lowder (Breast Cancer, second surgery complete, recovering at home, awaiting radiation.)

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

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.



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