



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*We Gather Together*

Kremser

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.** (Psalm 100)**Hymn of Praise***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
Valerie Head (Guest Vocalist)

Neander/Bennett

Prayer of Confession*One:** In the midst of our thanksgiving, let us pause in silence to recall how we so often lose sight of the gifts of each day and of their Giver.*(a moment of silence)*

Let us pray.

O God, we know that we forget about you,

we forget to love you,

we forget to help our neighbors,

we forget to thank you.

All: Forgive us.*(a moment of silence for private confession)*

Grant us clear minds to know you, new hearts to love you

All: Strong hands to serve you Help us live this day, this week, and always so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you. Amen

***Assurance of Pardon**

One: God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the world, but to be its Savior. We can trust God's word. We are a forgiven people.

All: 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 ~

Children's Message

Dedication of Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes

Song of Preparation

Give Thanks

Moen

Sermon

"Giving Joyful Thanks"

Dr. Stuart Bond

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

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

Now Thank We All Our God

Rinkart/Cruger

***Benediction**

Postlude

To God Be the Glory

Doane

***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:

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.

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.

- 11/22- 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 22. 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 22nd!

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 Efird

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. Iris Harrington Efird

407 Iris Avenue
Kannapolis NC 28083-3940

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

Laneece Ramsey-Cousin of Mark Goodnight (Throat Cancer)

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-Mother 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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