



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*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Runyon

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

We are gathered in the sanctuary or online. However we come together, we are a foretaste of that great gathering before the throne of God that will be in eternity. So for our Call to Worship, let us look forward to that scene, found in Revelation:

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

“Amen!
Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!” (Revelation 7: 9-12)

Hymn of Praise*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

***Prayer of Confession**

Oh God, we are so deeply aware of our shortcomings this week. We are at odds with one another in our country, prone to fight and even kill. That same problem is in each of our hearts. Lord, help us see ourselves more clearly, as sinners in deep need of your grace. We turn to you now and ask for your mercy.

(time of silent prayer and confession)

In Christ's name, Amen

***Assurance of Pardon**

Jesus spoke to the crowd of his day, and he speaks to us today: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11: 28-30)

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 ~

A Word with Our Children

Michelle Walker

Song of Preparation

Come unto Him from Messiah

Handel

Sermon

“What Does This Weekend Mean”

Dr. Stuart Bond

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:8-22

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

Amazing Grace

Hale Smith

***Benediction**

Postlude

Holy Manna

Moore

***All who are able please stand**

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Gip Rumble

Class of 2023

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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

Dwight Goodnight-Cancer

Special Church Member of the Week

Mr. Tod Goodnight
311 Brook Street
Kannapolis NC 28083

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

Donna Shaner-Sister of Sharon Cranford (Lives in Georgia and tested positive for Covid)

Laura Hunter-Friend of Dawn Cavin (Elderly, dealing with health issues)

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- (At home recovering from Covid 19.)

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

Krystle Tacia- friend of Chariti Lowder (Breast Cancer, has begun radiation treatments.)

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.

Announcements:

Circle of Women of First Presbyterian Church Kannapolis-meetings postponed until a later time in the year.

The CE Team will meet Sunday January 24th at 2pm. Watch for an agenda & meeting link in your inbox.

New Bible Study! Women Without Reservations will soon begin a new study based on Lysa TerKeurst's book "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way." Any women of the church are welcome to join us. Please contact Michelle Walker for more information.



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