



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Prelude

May the Words of My Mouth

Hughes/Hill

Welcome

David Hamilton

Chimes of the Trinity

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 103

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, praise His holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits;

All: Who forgives all your sins, and heals all your diseases; Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him.

All: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Song of Praise

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Robbie Ruffin -soloist

Robinson

***Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Merciful Father, we have sinned against and are guilty before You. Forgive us the sins of our tongues —

All: For deception and untruthfulness; for resentment, coldness, impatience, and tempers out of control.

Leader: Forgive us for the sins of our eyes —

All: For impurity in our glances and imagination; for pining after more beauty, comfort, status, and wealth than You have given us.

Leader: Forgive us the sins of our hearts —

All: For hard-heartedness toward You and our neighbors; for pride, self-absorption, and self-pity. Holy Father, give us grace to be transformed into Your likeness and to live wholly for your glory.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Isaiah 43:25 I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

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

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Townend

Scripture Reading

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“What Ebenezer Taught Me”

Mike Ruffin

~ 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.

Song of Commitment

His Mercy is More

Papa/Boswell

***Benediction**

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

***All who are able please stand**

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Sunday School update: We will be live streamed again on Jan 31 at 10am! We will be finishing the book of James and Debbie McDaniel will be our teacher.

On Feb. 7, Frank Gibson will begin our study of Max Lucado's *Begin Again*, (click the book title and you will be able to preview the book and order on Amazon). Frank will cover the Forward, Chapter 1 and 2. Because the class will be live streamed, anyone can participate in the class by purchasing the book and following along. An opportunity will also be provided for virtual members to participate by emailing or texting with questions or comments prior to, and possibly during the class. We will have to see what works best. Our Sunday School teachers change weekly; the teacher's name will be provided each week so you will know who to contact. Renee Goodnight will teach the following week.

Here is Max Lucado's [website](#) that has information on the book. He is also doing a study on the book you can sign up for that started Jan 25.

The book is also available at Sam's and at the Christian Supply Shoppe.



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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

Class of 2023

Dave Argabrite
Renee Goodnight
Ryan Walker

Church Staff

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 Efirid

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

Miss Loretta Young

Five Oaks Manor- Room 302 Bed A
413 Winecoff School Road
Concord NC 28027

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

The Shirley Family- Friend of Chariti Goodnight (6 year old daughter being treated in the hospital with MIS-C related to Covid)

Dana Belk-Friend of Bonnie Goodnight- (In ICU with Covid)

Tony & Judy Hunter- (Homeschooling Granddaughter/Pray for all parents, teachers & students)

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

Laneece Ramsey- Cousin of Mark Goodnight (Has seen improvements in her recent Dr Appts.)

Shari Blackman- neighbor to the Stricker's (Struggling to recover from a heart & lung transplant.)

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

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

Krystle Tacia- friend of Chariti Lowder (Finished radiation, doing well, awaiting one more surgery.)

Linda Greer- Chariti Lowder's Grandmother (Surgery went well, please pray for smooth recovery & for long term back pain relief.)

Amy Ritchie- friend of Jane Jacobs (Facing new obstacles & issues with a tumor around liver & pancreas, inoperable, oncologist didn't see a solution.)

Roxanne Debord - daughter of Tony & Judy Hunter (finished Chemo & has begun radiation.)

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:

Information needed! If you have a student in college, please send their name, address, email, and phone number to Angela in the church office - angelasimpson@firstpresb.org. We are updating our information for this group.

If you are currently worshipping at home and would like a bulletin mailed to you, so that you may follow along with the YouTube service, please let the church office know, and one will be sent to you!

Youth Service Project! For the month of February, our youth will focus on serving our shut-ins and college students. Youth or families may adopt a shut-in to send a care package to. We will also be making cards to send to our college students, along with some gift card treats. Please let Michelle Walker know if your youth would like to participate!!!

Cabarrus Health Alliance is now offering COVID-19 vaccination clinics for Health Care Workers, Long-Term Care Staff and Residents, and adults 65 years of age or older. Appointments can be made by calling (704) 920-1205 or visiting their website at <https://www.cabarrushealth.org/611/COVID-19-Vaccine-Clinics>. If you do not have internet access or need assistance making an appointment, please let Michelle Walker know and she will gladly help you!

Mark your calendars for the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 7! A collection bin will be placed outside the Fellowship Hall for canned or dry goods, and a donation 'pot' will be available in the Narthex. All contributions will go to Cooperative Christian Ministry.

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

New Bible Study! Women Without Reservations will begin a new Bible Study on Sunday February 7th. We will follow Lysa TerKeurst's book "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way." All women of the church are welcome to join us. Please contact Michelle Walker for more information.

Men's Fellowship will meet on Saturday, February 13th at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall or on Zoom, using the link below.

(<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88269131782?pwd=YWRSSGhSWG9SUDR1SEh3bGs2YndqZz09>). Coffee and biscuits are provided. Please let Dave Argabrite know if you will attend.

Important Information: If you have an emergency need arise and it happens on a day when the church office is not open please contact your assigned personal Elder. Angela is in the office on **Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9am-3pm** so on those days you can contact the church if there is a death, hospitalization, etc that staff & elders need to be aware of. We want to be there for all of you as best we can during these times.

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Monday - 6:00pm - Saltshakers (virtual - contact Sharon Cranford)

Tuesday - 12:00pm - NA in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday - 7:00pm - Elementary Wednesday Night Life (virtual - contact Michelle Walker)

Thursday - 10:30am - "Bad Girls" Bible Study in Parlor
- 12:00pm - NA in Fellowship Hall

Friday -

Saturday -

Sunday - 10:00am - Sunday School in Sanctuary (available on YouTube)

11:00am - Worship Service in Sanctuary (available on YouTube)

7:00pm - Women Without Reservations (virtual - contact Michelle Walker)



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