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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

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

**~ Gathering before the Word ~**

**Prelude** *Speak O Lord* Getty/Townend  
David Hamilton

**Welcome** David Hamilton

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 96

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.

**All: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; He is to be feared above all gods.**

Leader: For all the gods of the nations are but idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and glory are in His sanctuary.

**All: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound and all that is in it.**

**Song of Praise** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us. And grant, O most merciful Father, for Jesus' sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and joyful life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon 1 John 4:7-16**

Leader: Dear Friends, let us love one another, for love is from God.

**All: Everyone who loves has been born of God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.**

Leader: This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.

**All: This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

Leader: Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**All: No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.**

Leader: This is how we know that we live in Him and He is us: He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.

**All: If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.**

### **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**

*What Wondrous Love*

**Scripture Reading**

1 John 4:8

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

“God’s Love Languages”

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**    *They'll Know We are Christians*

ST. BRENDAN'S

**\*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**

*Blessed Assurance*

Knapp

**\*All who are able please stand**

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**Sunday School New Series:** Frank Gibson will lead the first lesson in our new Sunday School study titled *Begin Again* by Max Lucado. Frank will cover the Introduction through Ch 2. For virtual attendees, if you have any questions or comments before Sunday morning's class, contact Frank at: [fgibson@carolina.rr.com](mailto:fgibson@carolina.rr.com). Renee Goodnight will teach the following week covering Chapters 3 & 4.



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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](mailto:firstpresb@firstpresb.org).*

### HOMEBOUND

**Peggy Barnhardt** - at Morningside

**Iris Efir**

**Betty Overcash** - at

Elmcroft in Salisbury

**Barbara Wise**

**Loretta Young** - at Five Oaks

### MEMBERS

**Bill Hammond** - Health concerns

**Paul Barnhardt** - Health concerns

**Debby Baker** – Cancer

### Special Church Member of the Week

**Mrs. Donna Whitley**

2755 Cannon Farm Road  
China Grove, NC 28023

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)

**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 (Responding well to cancer treatments.)

**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 & Mary Nunnery**- Parents of Karen Pless (Father has Sundowners Syndrome & her mother is primary caregiver and physically needs strength & relief from her own pain)

**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:

**If you would like a hymnal** to follow along with worship service at home, please let Angela in the church office know, and one will be provided for you!

**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!

**Join us for a special Ash Wednesday Prayer Walk on February 17!** The congregation is invited to come to the church at any time on February 17 and follow a printed guide to walk and pray around our church grounds. Copies of the guide will be placed on the lectern in the Narthex beginning Sunday Feb. 7, outside the Fellowship Hall on February 17, or you may print one by clicking [here](#). If you would like a copy sent to your home, please let Angela in the church office know. If it rains, or you are unable to come to the church or physically complete the walk, please pray from home or the church parking lot! Let's unite our hearts in prayer as we begin our Lenten journey to the rugged cross of Christ and the glorious empty tomb!

**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](mailto:angelasimpson@firstpresb.org). We are updating our information for this group.

**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!!!

**Today, Sunday February 7th marks the Souper Bowl of Caring!** 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.

**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.

**Dear Church Family,** We praise our mighty God for answered prayer and give Him all the glory for healing!!! We can't thank you all enough for praying for us during my time of sickness. Your love and prayers have encouraged us all, and God has answered those prayers in ways more abundant than we dared to hope.

Ephesians 3:20-21 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever, Amen!

With so much love and gratitude,

Judy, Steve and family

**Mike and Carol Lowder** and family would like to thank the congregation for the cards, thoughts, prayers, phone calls, and other acts of kindness, during the illness and death of Mike's sister, Gail Burgess. The expressions of sympathy were very much appreciated.

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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