



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Welcome

Pastor Heath Burchett

Prelude *From The Breaking Of The Dawn (Every Promise)* Getty/Townend

Chimes of the Trinity

*Call to Worship

Psalm 32

Leader: Let all who are faithful offer prayer to You; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

***People:* You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

Leader: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go. I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

***People:* Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise No. 492

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

*Prayer of Confession

Unison: When confronted by temptations, we are easily overcome. They allure us with promises we find hard to resist. We harbor fantasies of how our lives might have been. Our dreams become pervasive, hiding the truth of Your love. Gracious God, have mercy upon us; enable us to discern deception when it appears. Enlighten us to Your genuine renewal in Christ. Amen (Time for silent personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Acts 10:43

Leader: "To Christ all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name." May you receive His forgiveness, grace, love and mercy now and forever more. Amen

*Song of Response

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, 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 ~

A Word With Our Children

Larry Efird

Receiving of Confirmands

Rev. Jason Sentas

*Hymn of Preparation No. 755 *Speak, O Lord*

Getty/Townend

Sermon "The Wonder Of The Word"

Pastor Heath Burchett

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 4:12

~ 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

Wonderful Words Of Life

Bliss

*Benediction

Congregational Meeting

Postlude

Thanks Be To God

Sheppard

Acolyte:

Landon Walker

*All who are able please stand

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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

Paul Barnhardt - Health concerns

Debby Baker – Cancer

Special Church Member of the Week

Mrs. Betty Parker Overcash

1438 Oak Pond PI NW
Concord NC 28027-4187

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

Chuck Scott-Friend of Danny & Linda Bost (Has Covid Pneumonia in both lungs & on oxygen)

Caleb & Lauren Goodnight- Son & Daughter in Law of Mark & Renee Goodnight (Covet your prayers as they await the birth of their firstborn daughter due any time now)

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

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

Cindy Fisher- Mother of Lucinda Stewart (At Transitional of Kannapolis.)

Susan Gibson- Daughter- in -Law of Frank Gibson (Responding well to cancer treatments.)

Roxanne Debord - daughter of Tony & Judy Hunter (has finished radiation and appreciates continued prayers.)

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:

A congregational meeting will be held today, for the purpose of electing elders. Three elders will be elected to serve a three year term as the class of 2024. Also, one elder will be elected to serve a one year term to fill a vacancy in the class of 2022. Tracy Caskey, Tony Rary, and Donnie Swaringen have been nominated by the Session Nominating Committee to serve a three year term as the class of 2024. Jeff Barnhardt has been nominated by the Session to serve a one year term to fill the vacancy in the class of 2022. Additional nominees will be accepted from the floor. Nominees must be current members and should have agreed to serve before being nominated.

Summer Sundays begins today May 16th! This summer, children and adults are invited to gather at the church on Sunday afternoons for Bible Study and Fellowship! One Sunday each month will be dedicated to music on the front steps of the Sanctuary building. Classes will start at 5:00pm, and meals will be available for purchase at 6:00pm — look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. **Please let Ryan Walker know by Wednesday if you want a meal for the next Sunday.** Classes will be led by: Bill Jolley (adults), Donnie and Raegan Swaringen (Middle/Senior High Youth), Michelle Walker (Elementary Youth), and Alpha Barger (Preschool/Kindergarten). Don't miss out this summer!!!

Sunday Singing on the Steps Summer Concert Series: Come enjoy gospel, bluegrass, country, praise and worship, and hymns with local musicians once a month during the summer on the steps of the church. You will enjoy everything from Gaither to Maverick City Music. Bring a lawn chair and invite friends. This is a wonderful music outreach to our community! Concerts start at 4 pm. Dates and musicians are: May 23-Jessica Yates and friends June 20-Wildwood Honey July 11-Dustin Chapman August 8-Cabarrus Station

The Hamiltons:

David and Amy Hamilton were commissioned as missionaries by Greater Europe Mission in 2020. As soon as they reach their support goal, they and their four children will move to Frankfurt, Germany. As a result of the refugee crisis, many Muslim immigrants in Frankfurt are hearing the gospel for the first time and hearts are being regenerated. David and Amy will work with a network of evangelical churches and ministries to disciple new converts, train them to be leaders in the church, and teach them to make disciples. For more information, please check the vestibule for The Hamilton Road newsletter and information about missions in Frankfurt.

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Today: 10:00 am Adult Sunday School continues in the Fellowship Hall at 10am. Ron Lisenby- Leader. (For Zoom link contact Michelle Walker)

-Children/Youth Sunday School on Choir Hall

-11:00am - Worship Service in Sanctuary and on YouTube

-5:00pm Summer Sunday Bible Study

-6:00pm Summer Sunday Meal

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

Tuesday: 12:00pm - NA in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday:

Thursday: 10:30am - "Bad Girls" Bible Study

-12:00pm - NA in Fellowship Hall

Friday:

Saturday:

Sunday: 10:00am - Adult Sunday School in Fellowship Hall:

The Caskeys-Leader

- Children/Youth Sunday School on Choir Hall

-11:00am -Worship in the Sanctuary and on YouTube

- 4:00pm Summer Singing on the Steps Concert with Jessica Yates



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