



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Pentecost 2021****The Old Testament Origin of Pentecost**
(Leviticus 23:9-21)

⁹ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁰ “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land that I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest, ¹¹ and he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, so that you may be accepted. On the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. ¹² And on the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb a year old without blemish as a burnt offering to the LORD. ¹³ And the grain offering with it shall be two tenths of an ephah^[b] of fine flour mixed with oil, a food offering to the LORD with a pleasing aroma, and the drink offering with it shall be of wine, a fourth of a hin.^[c] ¹⁴ And you shall eat neither bread nor grain parched or fresh until this same day, until you have brought the offering of your God: it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

¹⁵ “You shall count seven full weeks from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering. ¹⁶ You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath. Then you shall present a grain offering of new grain to the LORD. ¹⁷ You shall bring from your dwelling places two loaves of bread to be waved, made of two tenths of an ephah. They shall be of fine flour, and they shall be baked with leaven, as firstfruits to the LORD. ¹⁸ And you shall present with the bread seven lambs a year old without blemish, and one bull from the herd and two rams. They shall be a burnt offering to the LORD, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the LORD. ¹⁹ And you shall offer one male goat for a sin offering, and two male lambs a year old as a sacrifice of peace offerings. ²⁰ And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs. They shall be holy to the LORD for the priest. ²¹ And you shall make a proclamation on the same day. You shall hold a holy convocation. You shall not do any ordinary work. It is a statute forever in all your dwelling places throughout your generations. [NOTE: The word “Pentecost” is derived from the fifty days mentioned above.]

Welcome

David Hamilton

Prelude*I Want To Know You*
Abigail Malinovsky, soprano

Farren/Robinson/Thompson

Chimes of the Trinity

***Call to Worship**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: Let us worship God.

***Hymn of Praise No. 601**

CORONATION

All Hail The Power Of Jesus's Name

***Prayer of Confession**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the Good News: Jesus Christ died for us; He was raised for us; He reigns in power for us; He prays for us. Anyone who is in Jesus Christ is a new creation, because the old life has gone, and a new life has begun. Believe the Good News of the Gospel: In Jesus the Messiah, you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

Words of Appreciation

Jeff Barnhardt

***Hymn of Forgiveness & Pardon No. 706** *There Is a Balm in Gilead* BALM IN GILEAD

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

Dave & Jane Argabrite

***Hymn of Preparation No. 863** *Take My Life and Let It Be*

HENDON

The Scripture Lesson

Genesis 17: 1-8, 15-22; 18:1-3, 9-15

Sermon

"Are You Talking to Me?"

Dr. Stephen Moss

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' 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. Amen**

***Hymn of Commitment No. 742** *Will You Come and Follow Me?* KELVIN GROVE

*The Benediction

*Postlude

Come, Holy Spirit

Plainsong Mode VII

Acolyte:

Caylin Lowder

Our Guest Minister this morning is Dr. Stephen A. Moss, a retired minister of Salem Presbytery. Dr. Moss served in the U.S. Navy as a Supply Corps Officer, for fourteen years, and saw service during the Vietnam War. He then attended and graduated from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1973, and in 1986 earned his Doctor of Ministry degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He has served pastorates in Boynton Beach, Florida, St. Albans, West Virginia, and the Thyatira Presbyterian Church at Mill Bridge, in Rowan County, North Carolina, from which he retired in 2000. Since that time, he has served in part-time capacities at the First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton, Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, and Trinity Presbyterian Church, Salisbury. He is a past Moderator of Salem Presbytery. He worked with the Mwandi Mission Hospital in Zambia for over twenty years, and has made five mission trips there. He will be back here as guest preacher again on June 13. He and his wife Rachel live in Forsyth County.

***All who are able please stand**



The Session

Church Staff

Irene Davis
Nursery Director

Sermon Notes:

Passage Genesis 17: 1-8, 15-22; 18:1-3, 9-15

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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

Special Church Member of the Week

Mrs. Barbara Wise

c/o Oaks at Hampton

Room 509

5610 Hampton Park Dr

Cumming GA 30041

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."

MEMBERS

Paul Barnhardt - Health concerns

Debby Baker – Cancer

Mark and Renee Goodnight praise God for

fearfully and wonderfully making their granddaughter, Macray Haynes Goodnight, born to Caleb and Lauren on May 11, measuring 20 inches and weighing 8.4 lbs. It meant so much to have a body of Christ to pray for her safe arrival and for her parents. Praise be to God!

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

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

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:

The Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Peggy Gibson, in great appreciation for her service as church Treasurer for the last 15+ years.

This week, we collect our monthly 10 cents a meal offering. Collection jars are in the Narthex.

Summer Sundays continue: 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 on Bible Study nights. Our next meal will be on Sunday, May 30, and will consist of Grilled Chicken sandwiches, chips, drinks & dessert.

Please sign up HERE <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4AABAC2EA1FB6-summer> **by Wednesday, May 26 if you want a meal. Cost is \$5/person, max \$20 per family.** Don't miss out this summer!!!

Sunday Singing on the Steps Summer Concert Series Begins Today: 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. The Caskey's- Leader. (For Zoom link contact Michelle Walker)

-Children/Youth Sunday School on Choir Hall

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

-4:00pm Summer Singing on the Steps with Jessica Yates & Friends.

Monday:

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:

Frank Gibson-Leader

- Children/Youth Sunday School on Choir Hall

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

-5:00pm Summer Sunday Bible Study

-6:00pm Summer Sunday Meal



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