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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

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

**~ Gathering before the Word ~****Welcome**

Eddie Spencer

**Lighting of the Candles**

Landon Walker

**Prelude and Preparation for Worship** *King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Dykes

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

Psalm 96:1-4

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.

**Unison: 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.**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 601** *All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name* CORONATION**\*Prayer of Adoration****Prayer of Confession**

**Unison: Heavenly Father, Your Son teaches us that the greatest commandment is to love You with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, and that the second is like it: to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

Father, we are absorbed with ourselves. We love our accomplishments, our pleasures, and our plans more than You. We show it in our neglect of secret prayer and of feeding on Your holy Word. We compare ourselves to our neighbors, leading us both to pride and to resentment and envy. Have mercy on us and change us. Grant us new repentance; in our Savior's name we pray, Amen.

**Silent Prayers Of Confession****Assurance Of The Gospel**

**Unison: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.  
(Isaiah 53:6-7)

## **\*Affirmation Of Faith**

Philippians 2:5-11

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **Song of Response**

*Only A Holy God* Farren/Robinson/Smith/Thompson

(Words on the Back of your Bulletin)

## **Prayers For The People and 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 and ever. Amen.**

## **~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~**

### **Celebration of VBS**

Michelle Walker

### **\*Scripture Reading**

Luke 7:18-23

Leader: This is the Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

“Jesus Meets The Doubts of John The Baptist” Eddie Spencer

## **~ Responding to the Word of God ~**

### **\*Hymn Of Response No.440**

*He Leadeth Me*

AUGHTON

### **\*Prayer And Benediction**

### **\*Postlude**

*Grand Chorus In A Minor*

Demorest



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## The Session

Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk of Session

### Class of 2022

Jeff Barnhardt  
Debbie McDaniel  
Gip Rumble

### Class of 2023

Dave Argabrite  
Renee Goodnight  
Ryan Walker

### Class of 2024

Tracy Caskey  
Tony Rary  
Donnie Swaringen

## Church Staff

Eddie Spencer  
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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.

## Sermon Notes:

Text: Luke 7:18-23

Topic:

“Jesus Meets The Doubts Of John The Baptist”

## Outline:

I. How do we not give up when God is not showing up?

II. Learn spiritual honesty.

III. Look to Christ when not feeling it.

IV. Live the Power of hope.

## 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-Oaks** at Hampton,

Cummings, Georgia

**Loretta Young** - at Five Oaks

### **MEMBERS**

**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**

**Jerry Salemi**- Friend of Mark Goodnight (has lung cancer and is undergoing treatments)

**Jim & Gwen Ward**- Friend of Judy Hammond (Both having health issues)

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

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

**Susan Gibson**- Daughter- in -Law of Frank Gibson (Better and is thankful for all the prayers.)

**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:

**Joy Group** will host a luncheon Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 12-1 pm in the fellowship hall. Please bring your favorite cold salad or dessert. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex or call the church office and leave a message.

**Registration for Saltshakers Bible Study is open!** This fall's study is "The Superiority & Sufficiency of Jesus Christ: A study of the books of Hebrews and Galatians. Sign up here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1z0LMGUwdU7syNNpkTdjcgUwJikbm3jnulx4-yePocYoHA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1z0LMGUwdU7syNNpkTdjcgUwJikbm3jnulx4-yePocYoHA/viewform?usp=sf_link) or contact Sharon Cranford or Judy Goodnight for more information. Meetings will be Monday evenings at 7:30pm via zoom, beginning late September.

**Sunday Singing on the Steps Summer Concert Series Finale 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 feature Cabarrus Station.



**EVENTS THIS WEEK:**

**Today:** 10:00am Adult Sunday School continues in Fellowship Hall at 10am. Danny Bost- Leader.

-Children/Youth Sunday School on Choir Hall

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

-6:00pm Summer Singing On The Steps  
Finale: Cabarrus Station

**Monday:**

**Tuesday:** 12:00 pm - 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: Renee Goodnight- Leader

- Children/Youth Sunday School on Choir Hall

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

## Only A Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?  
Only a Holy God!

What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendor outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice?  
Only a Holy God!

Come and behold Him  
The One and the Only  
Cry out sing holy  
Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God!

What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated?  
Only a Holy God!

Who else could rescue me from my failing?  
Who else would offer His only Son?  
Who else invites me to call Him Father?  
Only a Holy God!  
Only my Holy God!



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