



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

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

Dubois

*In Peaceful Rest***Chimes of the Trinity*****Call to Worship**

Psalm 16:8-11

Leader: I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

All: Therefore, my heart is glad, and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because You will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will You let Your Faithful One see decay.

Leader: You make known to me the path of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand.

***Hymn of Praise**

Psalm 67

HYFRYDOL

A Psalm of Thanksgiving

God of mercy and compassion, Lord of love, redeeming grace;
Let the brightness of Your glory Shine upon us in this place.
Show all nations Your salvation, End our dark, long-suff'ring days;
Cause our hearts with joy to greet You; Fill the earth with songs of praise!

Sing with joy, the Lord is coming! God with us, Immanuel,
Brings in triumph our salvation, Death shall die, and life prevail.
In the wisdom of God's justice, Righteousness shall conquer scorn;
On God's head, the crown of nations; In God's heart, a crown of thorns.

Come, Almighty, now and bless us, Your great covenant renew;
May creation yield its increase, Find its greatest gift in You.
Ev'ry tongue shall call You blessed, Ev'ry voice a welcome bring
To the Word of God incarnate; Earth shall bow, and heaven sing!

Prayer of Adoration*Prayer of Confession**

Psalm 51:1-2

All: Father in heaven, You know our faults and our secrets. No one can hide from You or keep their misdeeds in the dark. So we bring our wrongdoing into Your light because, with You, there is forgiveness. Wash us and we are clean. Heal us for Your sake. We ask this in the name of Christ, who denied Himself and went to the cross for us. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

Matthew 26:46, 47, 50, 51

Leader: “About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?”). When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.” And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, He gave up His spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split.”

Song of Praise “Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises”

“Let there be glory and honor and praises
Glory and honor to Jesus, Glory, honor Glory and honor to him”

Reception of New Covenant Partners

***Hymn of Praise No. 555**

THAXTED

Let all Creation’s Wonders

Prayers for the People and Nation

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with our Children

Roxanne Spencer

***Scripture Reading (pg.1164)**

Philippians 4:14-20

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“A Generous Life”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Hymn of Response No. 945**

“Send Me”

THUMA MINA

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Mighty Maker of All

Sawyer

To Our Guests

Welcome! We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning. We hope you find today meaningful and refreshing. Visitors, Please fill out the information card located in the pews. If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer card or call the church office at 704-938-4623.

Children's Activity Bags are available for children age 3 to grade 5. They include a children's bulletin related to the Sunday sermon, crayons, and scrap paper. An usher would be happy to bring you one.

Upcoming

A Note of Thanks: The Efird family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to Pastor Eddie and the church family for the many expressions of Christian love given to us during our time of sorrow. The fellowship of believers is uplifting and inspiring! It is so good to be a part of the family of God at First Presbyterian.

Please welcome our new members that are joining today: Irene Davis, David & Vickie Ellington, and Roxanne Spencer.

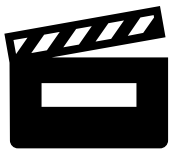
Please welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Patricia Hartsell! Her office hours are Monday through Thursday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Stop by and introduce yourself!

Saltshakers Women's Bible Study will begin on Monday, September 27 at 7pm via Zoom. See Sharon Cranford or Judy Goodnight for more information.

The Joy Group will have a luncheon on Wednesday, September 29 at China Grove Family Restaurant at 12:00pm. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Anyone with a question may contact John or Brenda Gail Roberson at 704-782-7996.

Serve with First Pres at the Salvation Army Night Shelter! Volunteers are needed to prepare meals for 20 people the nights of September 26th through October 2nd. Meals may be dropped off at the Shelter, or volunteers may stay and serve if they wish. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex beginning Sunday, August 29th. See Debbie McDaniel for more information.

It's Shoebox Time! Our goal this year is to pack 400 shoeboxes for the 10-14 age group; 200 girl & 200 boy. You may donate by packing a box on our online Goal Page (link in weekly email), packing your own box (visit display in Narthex), or donating items for our church-wide packing party. See the list above the bin in the narthex for September's collection needs. Contact Michelle Walker for more information.



Kids' Movie Night! Preschool & Elementary youth are invited to gather at the home of Pastor Eddie & Roxanne on Friday, October 8th at 6:00pm for dinner and an outdoor movie. Pizza, popcorn, and drinks will be provided. Sign up in the narthex by Sunday, October 3. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and join in the fun!

When: Thursday, October 7th at 5:30 pm

Where: 1008 Sprucewood, Kannapolis

Menu: Steak or chicken, green beans, baked potato & dessert

We will be discussing the future direction of our Men's Group

Cost: \$10
Use the sign up in the bulletin



Join the Cabarrus County CROP Hunger Walk! On Sunday, October 10th, groups from across Cabarrus County will walk to support Cooperative Christian Ministry in its efforts to end hunger in our community. The walk (3.7 miles) begins at Forest Hill United Methodist Church in Concord at 2:00pm. Please let Judy Goodnight know if you are interested in walking. To donate, you may go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/first-presbyterian-church-kannapolis> or write a check to the church and mark it for Crop Walk and we will send it on for you.

Show off your church with new First Presbyterian t-shirts! The Missions Team is taking orders for t-shirts featuring our church logo on the front and Mission Statement on the back. The shirts are silver in color, a 50/50 blend of cotton and polyester, and available in sizes Youth XS – XL or Adult S - 5X. All shirts are \$10.00. To order, please fill out the form below, include \$10.00 per shirt, and place in the offering plate or return to the church office. The deadline to order is Sunday, October 10th. See Michelle Walker for more information.



Name: _____

Phone: _____

No. of Youth Shirts: _____ XS _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL

No. of Adult Shirts: _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2X _____
3X _____ 4X _____ 5X

Amount Enclosed: _____ (\$10.00 per shirt)

Prayer Concerns

Please help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly updates. Please email the church or write down on prayer card & place in offering plate.

HOMEBOUND

- **Peggy Barnhardt** - at Morningside
- **Iris Efird**
- **Betty Overcash** - at Elmcroft in Salisbury
- **Barbara Wise** - Oaks at Hampton, Cummings, Georgia
- **Loretta Young** - at Five Oaks
- **Cindy Fisher** - Mother of Lucinda Stewart (At Transitional Health)

MEMBERS

- **Roxanne Spencer** - Awaiting test results
- **Paul Barnhardt** - Health concerns
- **Debby Baker** - Cancer
- **Iris Efird & Family** - In the passing of Don Efird.

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

- **Beth & Paul** - Jane Aragabrite's sister and brother-in-law (Paul has dementia, Beth is his caregiver and is having a hard time)
- **Tom Cavin's father** - (health concerns)
- **Katie Jones** - Bass Player for Wildwood Honey Band (leaving September 22nd for 6-month Mission in Mexico. Katie asks that we pray for her safety and her ability to outreach during her time there)
- **Nolan Moss** - brother-in-law of Betty Sechler (small cell carcinoma in right lung)
- **Sandy & Paul Bessent** - (health concerns)
- **Ken & Barbara Boucher** - (health concerns)
- **Barbara Wise** - friend of Bonnie Goodnight (in ICU with Covid-19)
- **Patti Miller** - friend of Pat Hill/Lowders/Walkers (home recovering from Covid-19 and pneumonia)
- **Laura Hunter** - friend of Dawn Cavin (Elderly, dealing with health issues)
- **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)
- **Lori Holder** - daughter of Sam McAllister (MS)

Special Church Member of the Week

Claudine Larson

PO Box 56

Alamo, ND 58830

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."



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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
Renée Goodnight
Ryan Walker

Class of 2024

Tracy Caskey
Tony Rary
Donnie Swaringin

Church Staff

Eddie Spencer
Pastor

David Hamilton
Director of Music

Michelle Walker
Director of Children's Ministries

Terri Pruett
Bookkeeper/Worship Technology

Patricia Hartsell
Administrative Assistant

Kay Yates
Organist

Irene Davis
Nursery Director

The
First Presbyterian Women's Council
cordially invites all women of the church to a

Fall Lunch Gathering

Saturday, October 2, 2021
12:00pm - 2:00pm
Mrs. Rosanne Spencer, Guest Speaker

The favor of a reply is requested by Sunday, September 26th
to
Sharon Cranford (704) 796-5781
Michelle Walker (704) 222-1778

This Week

TODAY

10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**

11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**

MONDAY

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. - **Narcotics Anonymous**

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. - **Thursday Morning**

Women's Bible Study

12:00 p.m. - **NA**

NEXT SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**

11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**



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