



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

Caylin Lowder

Prelude and Preparation for Worship

Moffit/Smith

Hunger and Thirst

I hunger and thirst for You, I hunger and thirst for You
In the desert of my need, You're the fountain that I seek
You're the Living Water I keep running to, I hunger and thirst for You

I hunger and thirst for You, I hunger and thirst for You
Heaven's Manna, Bread of Life, Fill the emptiness inside
Nothing else can satisfy me like You do, I hunger and thirst for You

I hunger and thirst for You, I hunger and thirst for You
Draw me closer to Your heart, To the truth of all You are
Ev'ry day I need You Lord to make me new, I hunger and thirst for You

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

Psalm 63:1-3

Leader: You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek You;
I thirst for You, my whole being longs for You,
in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

**All: I have seen You in the sanctuary and beheld Your power and Your glory.
Because Your love is better than life, my lips will glorify You.**

***Hymn of Praise No. 859**

SLANE

*Be Thou My Vision****Prayer of Adoration 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. Amen.”

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy Father, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us

grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

Isaiah 53:5-6

Leader: But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Song of Response

Psalm 63

O God, my God, with eagerness,
I long to see Your face;
Lost in a dry and barren land,
I thirst to taste Your grace.

Your endless mercies, LORD, are mine,
As Your appointed heir;
Your steadfast love throughout my life
Is joy beyond compare.

My soul has feasted at Your board,
Your glories fill my sight;
I spend my waking hours in praise,
And pray my thoughts at night.

Throughout my life You are my help,
My soul is bold to sing;
And after death, I'll rest beneath
The shadow of Your wing.

Prayers for the People and Nation

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

10 Cents a Meal

Amelia Caskey

*Scripture Reading

Psalm 63: 1-5

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Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Soul Prescription”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Hymn of Assurance No. 934 “*God of Mercy, God of Grace*”

DIX

*Prayer and Benediction

*Postlude

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Crosby

*All who are able please stand
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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, 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.

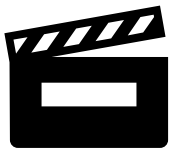
Upcoming

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 is in the Narthex. 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!



MEN OF THE CHURCH
We are firing up the grill for a
Men's Cook Out at Pastor Eddie's

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

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Cabarrus County CROP Hunger Walk

October 10, 2021

Concord, North Carolina

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 begins at Forest Hill United Methodist Church in Concord at 2:00pm and the walk has been shortened to a little over a mile due to Covid. Thank you to all who have

registered. Please let Judy Goodnight know if you are interested in walking. There is still time to register. 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.

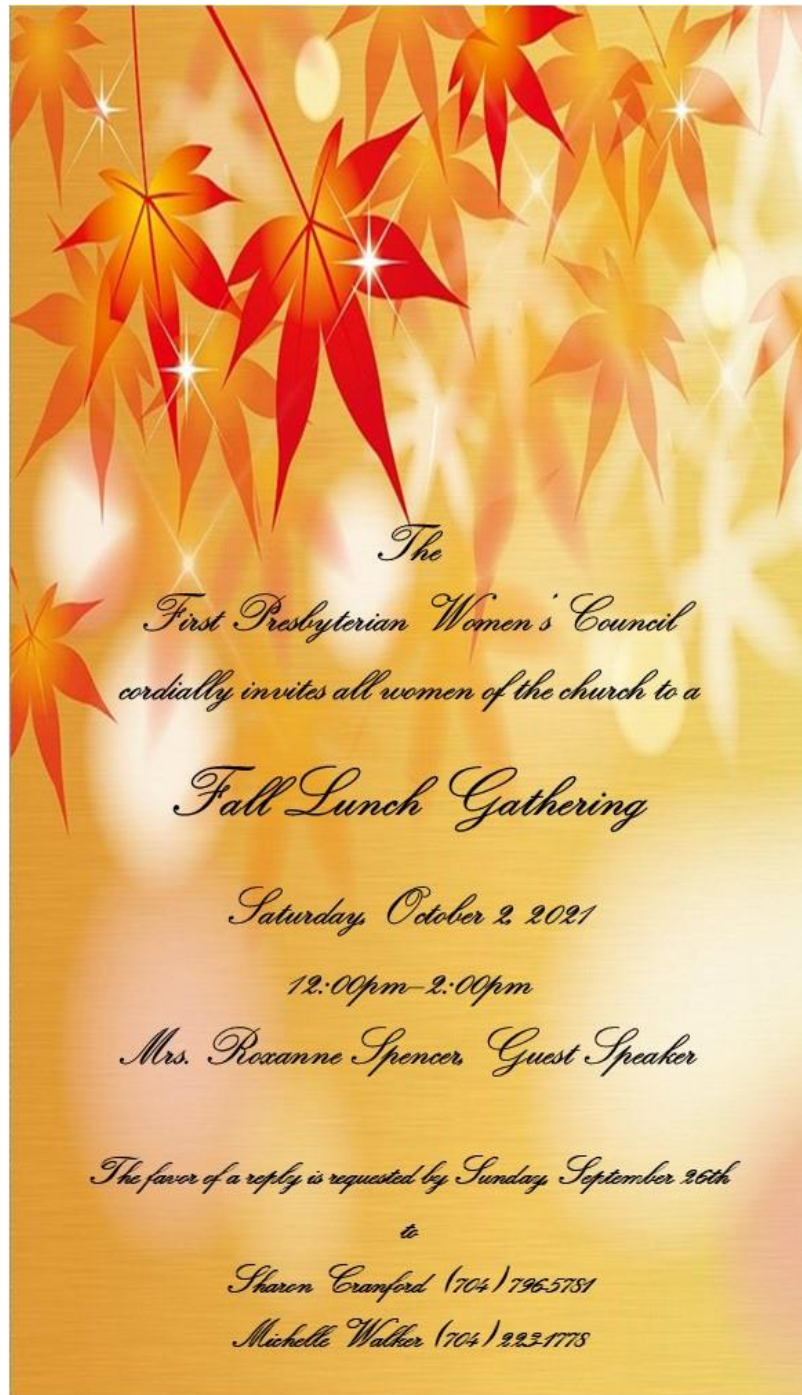
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Phone: _____

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)



*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. Roxanne Spencer, Guest Speaker

The favor of a reply is requested by Sunday, September 26th

to

Sharon Cranford (704) 796-5781

Michelle Walker (704) 223-1778

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.

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 Argabrite'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)
- **Nolan Moss** - brother-in-law of Betty Sechler (small cell carcinoma in right lung)
- **Ken Boucher** - (health concerns)
- **Barbara Wise** - friend of Bonnie Goodnight (moved from ICU to Regular Room as she recovers from Covid)
- **Patti Miller** - friend of Pat Hill/Lowders/Walkers (returned to Hospital, continues to suffer from low oxygen after Covid-19 infection)
- **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)
- **Richard Spencer** – (Eddie's brother fell and have severe injuries to his ankles and knee)

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)

Special Church Member of the Week

Charles Seaford

304 Larry Dr.

Kannapolis, NC 28083-6144

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 Rumple

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

This Week

TODAY

10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. - **Saltshakers Women's Bible Study via Zoom**

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

12:00 p.m. - **Joy Group Luncheon at China Grove Family Restaurant**

THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. - **Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study**

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

SATURDAY

12:00 P.M. - **Women's Council Luncheon**

NEXT SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**



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