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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**

Noah Walker

**Prelude and Preparation for Worship No. 416**

DISTANT OAKS

*In My Day of Fear*

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 34:1-3,8

**Leader:** I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips.

I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together.

**All: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

Cooper

*Wonderful Peace*

Far away in the depths of my spirit tonight  
rolls a melody sweeter than psalm  
In celestial like strains it unceasingly falls  
o'er my soul like an infinite calm.

What a treasure I have in this wonderful peace  
buried deep in the heart of my soul  
so secure that no power can mine it away  
while the years of eternity roll.

I am resting tonight in this wonderful peace,  
resting sweetly in Jesus' control  
for I'm kept from all danger by night and by  
day, and His glory is flooding my soul.

And I think when I rise to that city of peace  
where the Author of peace I shall see  
that one strain of the song which the ransomed  
will sing in that heavenly kingdom shall be:

*Chorus:*

Peace! Peace! wonderful peace, coming down from the Father above,  
sweeping over my spirit forever, I pray, in fathomless billows of love.

**\*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**

**Assurance of the Gospel**

## **\*The 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 at 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.**

## **Song of Response**

*Psalm 56*

*A Prayer for Deliverance*

Be gracious unto me, O LORD,  
For great is my distress;  
At ev'ry hand, Thy foes conspire  
An end to righteousness.

When bound by fear of their assault,  
I set my faith in Thee;  
If Thee I trust with spirit sure,  
What harm can come to me?

Thou, LORD, hath seen what I endure  
Each step along the way;  
O keep a record of my tears  
And turn each threat away.

My faithful vows I must perform,  
For God, whose Word I praise;  
That thou to me might faithful be  
Throughout my future days.

## **Prayers for the People and Nation**

**~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~**

**Word with our Children**

Judy Goodnight

**\*Scripture Reading**

Psalm 56

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**Leader:** This is the Word of God.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

“Soul Prescription for Fear”

Eddie Spencer

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

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**\*Hymn of Commitment No. 945 “Send Me, Lord”**

THUMA MINA

**\*Prayer and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*How Firm a Foundation*

Early American Tune

\*All who are able please stand

## 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

### Cabarrus County CROP Hunger Walk - Sunday, October 10th!



Donations will 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. Please register with Judy Goodnight in the Narthex. You may also donate via the link in the weekly email or by marking your offering "CROP Walk."

**CHALLENGE ACCEPTED!** The Fellowship Team will provide boxed Subway lunches to anyone who is walking in the CROP Walk immediately after Worship on 10/10. Signup in the Narthex. Phil

McLain will donate \$5 toward our church's goal for every child/youth that walks in the CROP Walk! Finally, all children and youth who complete the walk will be treated to ice cream at Cabarrus Creamery immediately after we finish! Slip on your walking shoes and join the fun!!!

### 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 October's collection needs. Contact Michelle Walker for more information.



**Moms in Prayer International** impacts children and schools worldwide for Christ by gathering mothers to pray. Join our newly formed prayer group this fall on Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30am as mothers unite in prayer for the purpose of intentionally praying over our children and our schools. Our first meeting will be held October 6<sup>th</sup> on the front patio of the church and will be led by the

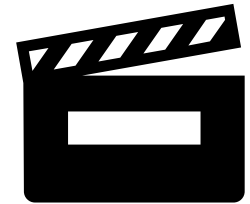
Moms in Prayer Area Coordinator, Pam Icard. Our following meeting will be October 20<sup>th</sup>. We will begin meeting weekly in November. Please see Tracy Caskey for more information or with questions.



**Men of the Church** - We are firing up the grill for a Men's Cook Out at Pastor Eddie's! Join us Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at 1008 Sprucewood St. Kannapolis. On the menu will be steak or chicken, green beans, baked potato and dessert. We will be discussing the future direction of our Men's Group. Cost is \$10. Sign up in the Narthex.

### **Kids' Movie Night!**

Preschool & Elementary youth are invited to gather at the home of Pastor Eddie & Roxanne on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 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!



**Women Without Reservations *outing!*** Our next get-together will be for dinner on the patio at Afton Tavern on Friday October 22 at 6:30pm. Sign-up in the narthex, or let Tracy Caskey know if you'd like to attend!

**Fall Festival coming soon!** Invite family and friends to join us for worship, fellowship, and fun on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. We will enjoy lunch outside on the church grounds immediately following the worship service. There will be fun games and activities for the kids. Music will be provided. Sign-up in the narthex by Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>!



### **Youth are invited to Church Day at Wake Forest University!**

On Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, the Demon Deacons football team will take on Duke University in Winston-Salem. Tickets for youth will be provided by the church, and include a pre-game activity at LJVM Coliseum featuring a former NFL coach, a voucher for lunch, and a ticket to the game. All others interested in attending are \$21. See Michelle Walker for more information and sign-up in the narthex ASAP!

### **First Pres Cares Team Members needed!**

If you are interested in being part of our new congregational care team, please join us on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 10a.m. We will meet at the home of Roxanne Spencer (1008 Sprucewood St., Kannapolis) to get our card and contact ministry started. Don't worry - frequent meetings not required!!!



## 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
- **Amy Hamilton** – Health concerns

### 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. Removed from ventilator and she is slowly improving)
- **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)
- **Richard Spencer** – (Eddie's brother fell and have severe injuries to his ankles and knee)
- **Madelyn Bost** – daughter-in-law of Jean Bost-battling cancer
- **Becky Montgomery**- friend of Mark & Renee Goodnight, undergoing stem cell transplant.

#### Special Church Member of the Week

**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."

### HOMEBOUND

- **Peggy Barnhardt** - at Morningside
- **Iris Efirid**
- **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)

## 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

5:45 p.m. - **Children's Christmas Play Practice**

### THURSDAY

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

**Women's Bible Study**

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

5:30 p.m. - **Men's Steak Dinner – 1008 Sprucewood, Kannapolis**

### FRIDAY

6:00 p.m. - **Kids Movie Night**

### NEXT SUNDAY

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

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

2:00 p.m. - **Cabarrus County Crop Hunger Walk**

**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 10<sup>th</sup>. Signup sheets in the Narthex





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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***



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