



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

Erica Efird

Prelude and Preparation for Worship

Spanish Melody

Come Christians, Join to Sing

Chimes of the Trinity

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 51:13,8

Leader: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me.

All: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

***Hymn of Praise**

PETRA

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me
Let me hide myself in Thee
Let the water and the blood
From Thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Save from wrath and make me pure

Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to the cross I cling
Naked, come to Thee for dress
Helpless, look to Thee for grace
Foul, I to the fountain fly
Wash me, Savior, or I die

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone
Thou must save, and Thou alone

While I draw this fleeting breath
When mine eyes shall close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown
See Thee on Thy judgement throne
Rock of Ages, cleft for me
Let me hide myself in Thee

***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

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from

my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones You have crushed rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.” (Psalm 51: 1-3, 7-9)

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

Song of Response

Smith/Cortazio/Heideriqui/Gamboia

Come and Behold Him

Abigail Malinovsky, soprano - soloist

Prayers for the People and Nation

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with our Children

Chris & Chariti Lowder

***Scripture Reading**

Psalm 51

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Leader: This is the Word of God

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Soul Prescription for Regrets”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Hymn of Commitment**

Psalm 51

AZMON

A Psalm of Penitence

Have mercy Lord, according to
The measure of Thy love
Blot out my sin, and from my heart
All wickedness remove.

Into my secret heart send truth,
Let wisdom in me grow
O wash the evil from my hands
And make me pure as snow.

The failings of my deeds and thoughts
Are ever in my sight
Release me from the path of death
And set my course aright.

A clean and upright hear, O LORD
Exchange for mine of stone
Thy Holy Spirit meld with mine
And leave me not alone.

A contrite heart is Thy desire
My offering, the same
My lips unlatch, my mouth engage
Thy Praises to proclaim.

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

BLISS

The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God and in honor of Caylin Elizabeth Lowder's 10th birthday. We are very proud of and wish the happiest of birthdays to our oldest baby girl, who is now in the double digits. Enjoy turning "10 on 10/10"!! We love you!! Mommy, Daddy, Camryn, and Cierstyn Psalm 46:5

Congratulations to Marcus and Jane McDaniel on the birth of their son, Bowie More McDaniel on Wednesday, October 6th. Bowie weighed 4 lbs. 9 oz. and measured 18.5". Paternal grandparents are Mallory and Debbie McDaniel. The rosebud on the altar is placed in his honor.

*All who are able please stand
CCLI# 2221136

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 EVENTS

CABARRUS COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK - TODAY!

Donations will support Cooperative Christian Ministry in its efforts to end hunger in our community. CCM will be accepting canned goods and you may still donate via the link in the weekly email or by marking your offering "CROP Walk."

DETAILS:

- Walk begins at Forest Hill United Methodist Church in Concord at 2:00pm.
- Be in the parking lot between 1:00 and 1:30pm.
- Look for your team captain to get more information for your team.
- If you have signed up for a boxed lunch, pick it up in the Fellowship Hall!



FALL FESTIVAL

Invite family and friends to our Fall Fun Fair on Sunday, October 24th!

Enjoy chili beans with fixings or hot dogs outside on the patio immediately after worship. Then join in the fun with games, crafts, a dunking booth, a cake walk (donations needed), treats, and music from The Efirm Family! Please sign-up on our website/facebook or in the Narthex, so we have enough for everyone.

IT'S SHOEBBOX 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 next meeting will be October 20th the Fellowship Hall. We will begin meeting weekly in November. Please see Tracy Caskey for more information.

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!



Churchwide CleanUp



CHURCH-WIDE CLEAN-UP DAYS!

On Saturday, October 23, and Saturday, October 30th, volunteers are needed to spruce up the outside of our church property. The Building and Grounds Team has divided the work into sections. You or your family may 'adopt' a part of the church grounds to work on - just see Dave Argabrite in the Narthex before or after the worship service. The ladies of the church are invited to pitch in on Saturday, October 23rd from 9am - 12pm. We will focus on organizing and straightening the interior of our buildings. Lunch will be provided on October 23rd by the Fellowship Team.

YOUTH ARE INVITED TO CHURCH DAY AT WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY!

On Saturday, October 30th, 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!



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 13th 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!!!



LET'S TELL OTHERS HOW "SWEET" IT IS TO TRUST IN JESUS WITH A FIRST PRES CHRISTMAS FLOAT! Work will begin on Wednesday, October 20th at 6:30pm. Help is needed to make decorations and work on construction of our float. Volunteers are invited to walk or ride with us on Saturday, December 11th in the Kannapolis Christmas Parade. See Lynn or Shannon Sechler for more information.

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** – A concerning report
- **Debby Baker** - Cancer
- **Amy Hamilton** – Health concerns

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

- **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 (in hospital, slowly recovering from Covid)
- **Patti Miller** - friend of Pat Hill/Lowders/Walkers (returned to hospital. Removed from ventilator and she is slowly improving)
- **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)
- **Madelyn Bost** –_daughter-in-law of Jean Bost-battling cancer
- **Becky Montgomery**- friend of Mark & Renee Goodnight, soon to undergo stem cell transplant.
- **Jane McDaniel** – healthy baby – Bowie More McDaniel. Baby and mother are doing well.

Special Church Member of the Week

Miss Loretta Young

Five Oaks Manor – Room 302
Bed A
413 Winecoff School Rd.
Concord, NC 28027

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 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)

THIS WEEK

TODAY

10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**
2:00 p.m. - **CROP Walk**

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

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**

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 TODAY! Signup sheets are available in the Narthex.



September 2021 Financial Update:

Year to Date Budget - \$183,702
Year to Date Income - \$181,759
Year to Date Expenses - \$161,953



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The Session

Jeff Barnhardt, **Clerk of Session**

Class of 2022

Jeff Barnhardt
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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

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