



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

Violet Hamilton

Prelude and Preparation for Worship

MARTYRDOM

How Long Will You Forget Me, Lord? Psalm 13

Chimes of the Trinity

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 13:5-6

Leader: I trust in Your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in Your salvation.

All: I will sing the Lord's praise, for He has been good to me.

***Hymn of Praise No. 772**

SOLID ROCK

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

***Prayer of Adoration**

Prayer of Confession

“Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.”

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

Psalm 103: 1,2,3

“Bless the Lord, my soul, And all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, And do not forget any of His benefits; Who forgives all your sins.”

Song of Response No. 559

Myrin/Redman

Ten Thousand Reasons

Reception of New Covenant Partners

Sacrament of Baptism

Benton Hugh Maxwell, son of George and Kaitlyn Maxwell

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Blessing of Our Covenant Children

French Huguenot Blessing

Blessed child of the Covenant, for you God made the world.

For you the prophets and patriarchs were sent. For you the covenants and promises were given. For you God's revelation was written down. For you our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ became a man, lived a perfect life, died upon the cross, and was raised again for your salvation. You cannot possibly know these things now, but we your church promise to tell them to you until you make them your own.

***Doxology**

***Scripture Reading**

Psalm 13

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Leader: This is the Word of God

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Soul Prescription for Sorrows”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Hymn of Commitment No. 361**

RESURRECTION

Because He Lives

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

It Is Well With My Soul

BLISS

*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 EVENTS

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 Efirid Family! Please sign-up in the Narthex, so we have enough for everyone.



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.

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.



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. Signup in the Narthex or let Tracy Caskey know if you'd like to attend!

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.

Churchwide CleanUp



FALL LUNCHEON

Friday, October 29 at Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Please bring: Soup & Sandwiches (4 volunteers are needed to bring soup) or a few sandwiches to share. Drinks and dessert are provided. Sign up in the Sanctuary Hallway. If you would like your picture included in the online Church Instant Directory, pictures will be taken at this time.

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 LVM Coliseum featuring a former NFL coach, a voucher for lunch, and a ticket to the game. All others are \$21. Sign-up in the Narthex!



IT'S SHOEBOX TIME!

Our goal this year is to pack 400 shoeboxes for the 10-14 age group: 200 girl & 200 boys. 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.

CROP WALK UPDATE

A huge thank you to all that participated in the CROP Walk for Hunger last Sunday! Shoutouts to the Fellowship Team who handled lunches, the walkers and those who donated! We had 36 total including 10 youth. We have raised \$1,100 to date! We had fun, fellowship and the day was a huge success. Most importantly a BIG thanks to Judy Goodnight for her leadership!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW COVENANT PARTNERS



Irene Davis works part-time as our Nursery Director, and full-time as Case Coordinator for the Children's Developmental Services Agency in Charlotte. She has a grown daughter, Emily, and a four-legged child named Merlin. Irene finds joy in gardening, exploring the mountains, and relaxing at the beach. She also speaks three languages - Spanish, Guarani, and English!



George and Kaitlyn Maxwell grew up in Raeford, NC on family farms a couple of miles from each other. George works in Concord at AC Technical Services as an Automation Specialist, while Kaitlyn serves as a landscape designer for Landcare Innovations in Charlotte. George likes spending time outside, hunting, and making lightsabers. Kaitlyn enjoys cooking, baking, and playing golf. They are proud parents of Benton, and intend to raise him with the same strong, core values that were instilled in them.



David and Vickie Ellington were high school sweethearts and will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary this November. Their three children are married, and they are proud grandparents of six! Vickie works at Shoe Show, Inc. In her time off, she enjoys gardening, reading, art and cooking. David's hobbies are gardening and reading. They look forward to making long-lasting relationships as they get to know everyone better.



Roxanne Spencer is from Due West, SC and moved to Madison, New Jersey in 8th grade. She returned to South Carolina to attend Erskine College, where she graduated in 1984. She is married to Eddie, and they have three children and one granddaughter. Roxanne has served with Eddie in four churches, teaching children in Sunday School and Children's Church for over 35 years. Roxanne's most notable career has been in real estate in NC, SC, and FL, and she hopes to continue that career in Kannapolis. She is delighted to be a member of First Presbyterian Church!

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
- **Mike Lowder** – Having surgery Nov. 4th to remove skin cancer.

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** – is home and under Hospice Care.
- **Barbara Wise** - friend of Bonnie Goodnight (in hospital, slowly recovering from Covid)
- **Patti Miller** - friend of Pat Hill/Lowders/Walkers Improving and moved to Rehab.
- **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

Special Church Member of the Week

Mrs. Peggy Deal Barnhardt
507 Queens Gate Dr.
Bed A
Kannapolis, NC 28083-4056

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)
- **Lori Holder** – (McCallister's daughter) M.S.

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

10:30 a.m. - **Mom's in Prayer**
5:45 p.m. - **Christmas Play Practice**
6:30 p.m. - **Christmas Parade
Float Creation**
6:30 p.m. - **Handbell Practice**

THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. - **Thursday Morning
Women's Bible Study**
12:00 p.m. - **Narcotics Anonymous**

FRIDAY

6:30 p.m. - **Women Without
Reservations (Afton Tavern -
Patio)**

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. - **Church-wide CleanUp
Day**

NEXT SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**
12:00 p.m. - **Fall Festival**

CHURCH STAFF

Eddie Spencer
Pastor
David Hamilton
Director of Music
Michelle Walker
**Director of Children's
Ministries**
Terri Pruet
**Bookkeeper/Worship
Technology**
Patricia Hartsell
**Administrative
Assistant**
Kay Yates
Organist
Irene Davis
Nursery Director



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



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