



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

Danyew

Glorioso
Alleluia Ringers

Chimes of the Trinity

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God is our refuge and strength.

All: A very present help in trouble.

Leader: Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations.

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

***Hymn of Praise No. 776**

EIN FESTE BURG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

***Prayer of Adoration**

Prayer of Confession

Waken our hearts, O Lord, our God; make them ever watchful to serve You. Disturb us with the smallness of our vision and work and the greatness of Your command to make disciples of all nations. Disturb us with Your great love for sinners and our own slowness to make You our greatest love. Comfort us by drawing us to Yourself with the cords of Your unfailing love. Comfort us, O Lord, with the assurance of our salvation and unending glory with You when we suffer and are afflicted. Rekindle in us a renewed desire for the coming of Your glorious kingdom when all wrongs will be made right, when everything that is broken will be made whole, and when we will trade a cross for a crown. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Adapted from the Prayers of Martin Luther

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

***Song of Response**

Doxology

Affirmation Of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

Question: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Answer: That I belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; He protects me so well that, without the will of my Father in heaven, not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, everything must fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Special Music

arr. Sue

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with our Children

Michelle Walker

*Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 13

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Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Love & Heaven”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Hymn of Comfort No. 254

SINE NOMINE

For All The Saints

*Prayer and Benediction

*Postlude

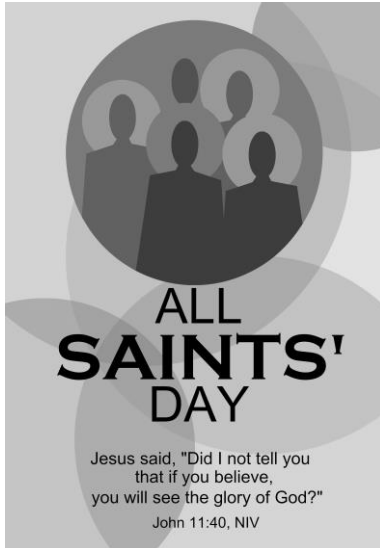
The Church's One Foundation

*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.



TODAY WE GIVE THANKS for and celebrate those who have faithfully served our Lord and Savior through the ages, impacting our lives and our church family.

We express our gratitude to God:

- For those who have given, prayed, served, and loved to ensure that the Gospel torch burns brightly in the church family of First Presbyterian, in the Kannapolis area, and around the world.
- For those in our church family and others who have now been ushered into the presence of the Lord, but on earth influenced and loved us.

Those within First Presbyterian Church this year who have died, are deeply missed, and have been ushered into God's loving presence are as follows:

Jean Roberts
Francis Milem
Juanita Holt
Connie Rary

Dwight Goodnight
Ron Maguire
Jamin Hodge
Bill Hammond
Don Efird Sr.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Today, many Protestant churches celebrate Reformation Day. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses/Protests on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany. These protests were surreptitiously printed in the German language and became a catalyst for a movement which would become widely known as the Protestant Reformation.

Luther, Calvin, and the other Reformers believed that the church of their day was drifting away from the essential and foundational truths of the Christian Faith. Guided by biblical convictions, the reformers sought to reorient Christianity on the foundations of the Apostles and Prophets, with Jesus Christ as the Chief Cornerstone (Ephesians 2:19). The five "Solas" (Latin phrases) which gave unity and summarized the core theological convictions of the Protestant Reformation are as follows:

- Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone): The Bible alone is our highest authority.
- Sola Fide (Faith Alone): We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.
- Sola Gratia (Grace Alone): We are saved by the grace of God alone.
- Solis Christus (Christ Alone): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.
- Soli Deo Gloria (To the Glory of God alone): We live for the glory of God alone.

In these days, may God grant us deeper faith and courage to hold fast to the Word of God, rest in the Gospel of Christ, and live for the glory of our great and glorious God.

UPCOMING EVENTS

IT'S SHOEBOX **CRUNCH TIME!**

We need your help to reach our goal of 400 shoeboxes. Go online to pack on our church goal page OR make a monetary donation **by Sunday, November 7!** We need to cover the cost of filling our boxes and shipping them, so we're setting the bar high - **our goal is to raise \$2,500 in the next 2 weeks and get 77 more boxes packed online!** If you pack a box on your own, please deliver it by Sunday, November 14th **and** include a check made to Samaritan's Purse to cover the \$9.00 shipping cost **per box!!!** See Michelle Walker with questions or concerns.



SHOEBOX CRAFT NIGHT IS NOVEMBER 3RD! All ages are invited to come help us decorate 300 drawstring bags to put in our shoeboxes. Dinner (pizza and salad) will be available beginning at 6:00pm. Cost is \$5.00/person, max \$20/family. Crafting will start at 6:30pm!



SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY IS NOVEMBER 10TH!

Dinner will be served at 6:00pm, and we will start packing at 6:30pm. There are 300 boxes to pack, so we need individuals to pack, monitor the donation tables, host the prayer tables, and transport the boxes up to the Sanctuary. We will "bless" our shoeboxes during the Worship Service on November 14th.

FIRST PRES IS A DROP-OFF LOCATION FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES! Volunteers are needed to staff the drop-off (curbside model) from Monday, November 15 through Monday, November 22. Volunteers with large capacity vehicles are also needed to transport the large boxes we fill from our church to the Central Drop-Off on November 22nd at 2pm. Sign-up for a time slot in the Narthex!

SIGN-UP TO SERVE AT THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROCESSING CENTER IN CHARLOTTE! Volunteers will process shoeboxes and prepare them for shipping. Our time slot is Friday, November 26th from 4pm - 10pm. You may reserve the whole time-slot, or a 3-hour portion. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex!



WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Next Meeting: November 1st at 10am.

SALTSHAKERS

Ladies Bible Study - The Unchanging God – A Study of Minor Prophets.

In this time of so much change in our world, it is our goal to safely provide a serious Bible Study about our God Who never changes! Mondays at 7pm. For more information, call 704-938-4623.

The Saltshaker Ladies will have a fellowship: November 1st at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall.



A SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR

PASTOR EDDIE SPENCER will be held Sunday, November 7, at 5:00pm. The congregation is invited to join in this special time of worship. A reception will immediately follow.

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

TODAY

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Worship Service

MONDAY

10:00 a.m.

Women's Council

4:00 p.m.

Saltshakers Fellowship

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

5:30 p.m.

Christmas Play Practice

6:00 p.m.

Dinner in Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m.

OCC Craft Night

6:30 p.m.

Handbell Practice

THURSDAY

10:30 a.m.

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

12:00 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous

NEXT SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Worship Service

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

- **Paul Barnhardt** – Hospice care
- **Frank Gibson**- Recovering from a fall and concussion
- **Dave Argabrite**- Surgical procedure to remove melanoma Nov. 5
- **Jayne Jacobs**- Severely broken arm
- **Jean Bost**- Pinched nerve in back
- **Roxanne Spencer** – Begins treatment soon
- **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** – Home and under Hospice Care.
- **Barbara Wise** – (friend of Bonnie Goodnight)- Covid and still in hospital after months
- **Patti Miller** – Covid and put back on ventilator
- **Wade & Mary Nunnery** – (parents of Karen Pless) Dementia worse
- **Madelyn Bost** – (daughter-in-law of Jean Bost)- In between chemo treatments

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

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THE SESSION

Jeff Barnhardt, **Clerk of Session**

Class of 2022

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Gip Rumble

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Ryan Walker

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