



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

Noah Walker

Prelude and Preparation for Worship No. 567

Hughes

*Here I am to Worship***Chimes of the Trinity*****Call to Worship**

Isaiah 41:10; Isaiah 43:2; Hebrews 13:5-6

Leader: Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

All: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

Leader: Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

All: So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

***Hymn of Praise No. 599**

MADRID

*Come, Christians, Join To Sing****Prayer of Adoration****Prayer of Confession**

"Father in Heaven, You are our promise-keeping God. Although we acknowledge Your great faithfulness toward us, we admit we struggle to trust You. You have commanded us to speak, but we are inclined to silence. You have called us to do what is just, but we can be fearful. You have given us gifts to steward, but we are inclined to use them for ourselves. Pour out Your grace upon us that we may live more worthy of our calling in Christ."

Silent Prayers of Confession**Assurance of the Gospel**

John 3:16-17

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him."

Prayer for the Persecuted Church

“Sovereign God, we worship You. and we acknowledge that You know all of those who suffer in Your name. We remember those who are imprisoned for their faith. May they inspire and embolden their fellow believers to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly. God of all comfort, for those who are tortured both in body and mind, give them the grace to endure. Merciful God, for those asked to pay the ultimate price, who are martyred because of their love for You, may they truly know Christ and the power of His resurrection. Father God, for those who are widowed and orphaned may they know the comfort that comes from Your promised presence even when they walk through the valley. Heavenly Father, we ask that You make us ever mindful of our brothers and sisters around the world who need us to stand with them as they suffer in Your name. Teach us what it means to overcome by the power of Christ and by the word of our testimony; we pray that we would not love our lives so much as to shrink from sacrifice and suffering for Christ. O Lord, hear our prayer.”

***Hymn of Trust No. 405 (Stanzas 1-4)**

ST. ANNE

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

Special Music

Choplin

Lay Up Your Treasures In Heaven

Mens Ensemble:

Alex Avila, Randy Childers, David Hamilton, Gip Rumple, Ryan Walker

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with our Children

Jane Jacobs

***Scripture Reading**

I Corinthians 13

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Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“The Most Excellent Way”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Hymn of Praise No. 604**

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Love Lifted Me

Smith

*All who are able please stand

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To Our Guests

Welcome! We are delighted that you are worshipping 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. **A nursery is available for newborns through age 4. It is located on the second floor of the Educational Building.**

UPCOMING EVENTS



A SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR PASTOR EDDIE SPENCER will be held **today** at 5:00pm. The congregation is invited to join in this special time of worship. A reception will immediately follow in the Fellowship Hall.

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 TODAY!** 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 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. A nursery will be provided. We will "bless" our shoeboxes during the Worship Service on November 14th.



THERE WILL BE A SHORT TRAINING MEETING FOR ALL OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DROP-OFF VOLUNTEERS NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 14, immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. If you are not able to attend, please let Michelle Walker know.

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!



ALL MIDDLE & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS ARE INVITED TO A CHRISTMAS COOKIE SWAP! Bake about 3 dozen of your favorite Christmas Cookies and bring them to The Swaringens' home on Friday, November 19th at 6pm. (1524 Rilan Place, Kannapolis, 28081). Please RSVP to Raegan Swaringen as soon as possible!

THE CHURCH WILL BE DECORATED FOR ADVENT on Saturday, November 27th at 9:00a.m. Help is needed to put up Christmas Trees, hang wreaths, and set the altar extension for the Christmas Play. All are welcome!



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

- **Jeff Barnhardt** – Loss of his father, Paul Barnhardt
- **Dave Argabrite**- Recovery from surgical procedure to remove melanoma.
- **Jean Bost**- Pinched nerve in back
- **Roxanne Spencer** – Continues treatment
- **Amy Hamilton** – Diagnosed with Fibromyalgia and under care of rheumatologist
- **Mike Lowder** – Recovering from surgery 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** – Battling Covid, she is off the ventilator and is improving.
- **Jerry Threatt** (Charti Lowder's grandfather)- Remains in hospital with Covid complications.
- **Wade & Mary Nunnery** – (parents of Karen Pless) Dementia worse

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

Special Church Member of the Week

Mr. Tod Goodnight

311 Brook St.

Kannapolis, NC 28083-6005

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."

October 2021 Financial Update:

Year to Date Budget - \$204,113.30

Year to Date Income - \$200,723.51

Year to Date Expenses - \$178,987.64

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*

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 Swaringen

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

TODAY

10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Sunday School
Worship Service

5:00 p.m.

Installation Service for Pastor Eddie

MONDAY

7:00 p.m.

Saltshakers Women's Bible Study via Zoom

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

Mom's in Prayer
Christmas Play Practice
Dinner in Fellowship Hall
Shoebox Packing Party
Handbell Practice

THURSDAY

10:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m.

Veterans's Day

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study
Narcotics Anonymous

NEXT SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Sunday School
Worship Service



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