



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

Getty/Townend

*Speak, O Lord**Duet: Lucinda Stewart, soprano; David Hamilton, tenor***Chimes of the Trinity*****Call to Worship**

John 13:34-35

Leader: A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

All: By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.

***Hymn of Praise No. 351**

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*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling****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

“O Father, whose tender mercies are over all Your works, we humbly ask Your forgiveness for allowing the cares of this world to choke out Your word and will in our hearts; for not trusting Your promises of provision; for not faithfully stewarding Your spiritual gifts; for not loving our neighbor as ourselves. May Your Holy Spirit so rule our hearts that You give us the victory over these and all the other sinful tendencies of our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

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

Ephesians 1: 7-8

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.”

Prayers for the People**Word with our Children**

Andrew & Jenna Baker

Blessing of the Shoeboxes

Special Music

Harris

In This Very Room

Trio:

Lucinda Stewart, David Hamilton, Kay Yates

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

***Scripture Reading**

I Corinthians 13

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Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Love Never Fails”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Hymn of Praise No. 316**

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When Love Is Found

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Fisher

Love is the Theme

*All who are able please stand
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One of Christianity’s great distinctives is that we worship a God who is not silent, but who has spoken! From the Father speaking all of creation into existence by the power of His Word, to speaking through His living Word in Christ, to speaking by His Spirit through the written Word, God has made Himself known to us so that we may know, love, and follow Him.

Our Prelude and song of preparation this morning is “Speak, O Lord,” a contemporary hymn by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend. Our prayer is that we would humbly submit to His Word and that God, in His grace, would renew our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit.

“Throughout history, the Word of God has transformed the most proud leaders and the most helpless victims, the greatest civilizations and the remotest of villages, in every age to every corner of the world – so incredible is its power.”

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Dear Church Family,

Jane & I want to thank you for your prayers and concerns during my recent surgery and impending recovery. Thank you for being a loving caring Church family.

Dave & Jane Argabrite

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 HUGE THANK YOU to all who packed and donated toward our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox goal!

THERE WILL BE A SHORT TRAINING MEETING FOR ALL OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DROP-OFF VOLUNTEERS TODAY, 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!



THE JOY GROUP will have a luncheon on Friday, November 19th a 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, hosted by Roxanne Spencer. The program will feature a special concert by Rachel Spencer. Please sign up in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

TODAY

9:00 a.m. **Choir Rehearsal**
10:00 a.m. **Sunday School**
11:00 a.m. **Worship Service**

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. **Saltshakers Women's Bible Study via Zoom**
12:00p.m. - 7:00p.m. **OCC Collection**

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous**
12:00p.m. - 7:00p.m. **OCC Collection**

WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m. **Mom's in Prayer**
12:00p.m. - 7:00p.m. **OCC Collection**
5:30 p.m. **Christmas Play Practice**
6:00 p.m. **Dinner in Fellowship Hall**
6:30 p.m. **Handbell Practice**

THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. **Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study**
12:00 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous**
12:00p.m. - 7:00p.m. **OCC Collection**

FRIDAY

12:00p.m. **Joy Group Fellowship**
12:00p.m. - 7:00p.m. **OCC Collection**

SATURDAY

10:00 a.m. - 4:00p.m. **OCC Collection**

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. **Choir Rehearsal**
10:00 a.m. **Sunday School**
11:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
1:00p.m. - 7:00p.m. **OCC Collection**

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

- **Tony Hunter**- Loss of brother and nephew
- **Jeff Barnhardt** – Loss of father
- **Shannon Sechler**- Surgery Monday
- **Dave Argabrite**- Recovery from surgical procedure to remove melanoma
- **Jean Bost**- Pinched nerve in back
- **Roxanne Spencer** – Continues treatment
- **Mike Lowder** – Recovering from surgery to remove skin cancer

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

- **Tom Cavin's father, Eugene**- About the same
- **Mike Bayne** (former member) brother died
- **Ken Boucher** – Home and under Hospice Care.
- **Jerry Threatt** (Charti Lowder's grandfather)- Home from hospital and continues to recover from Covid complications.
- **Wade & Mary Nunnery** – (parents of Karen Pless) Dementia worse
- **Bob Eudy**- (Randy Childer's friend) serious car accident
- **Carolyn Jean** – (friend of Sandy Bessent) – recovering from Kidney Transplant last week.

HOMEBOUND

- **Peggy Barnhardt** - at Morningside
- **Iris Efird**- in her home
- **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

Mrs. Claudine Larson

PO Box 56

Alamo, ND 58830

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."



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



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