



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

Papa/Boswell

*O Give Thanks**David Hamilton, tenor; Richard Little, guitar; George Maxwell, guitar***Chimes of the Trinity*****Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.

All: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

***Hymn of Praise No. 543**

NUN DANKET

*Now Thank We All Our God****Prayer of Adoration****Prayer of Confession**

All: “God, our heavenly Father, You are our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Every good and perfect gift comes from You. Yet we confess that at times we have received Your gifts with a thankless heart and have doubted Your generous heart. We have murmured and complained against You. We have failed to give thanks to You in all circumstances. Empower us to cast off any attitude of ingratitude slowing us down in our race of faith. May Your Holy Spirit so rule us that You give us victory over this and all the other sinful tendencies of our hearts. For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord.”

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

I Peter 1: 3-5

Leader: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

Praise and Prayers of the People

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Word with our Children

Abigail Malinvosky

Special Music

Sczebel

Jesus, Thank You

Chancel Choir; George Maxwell, guitar; Richard Little, guitar

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

***Scripture Reading**

Psalm 95

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Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Worship”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Hymn of Praise No. 5**

ASH GROVE

Let All Things Now Living

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Smith

Give Thanks

*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. **A nursery is available for newborns through age 4. It is located on the second floor of the Educational Building.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

SIGN-UP TO SERVE AT THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROCESSING CENTER IN CHARLOTTE!

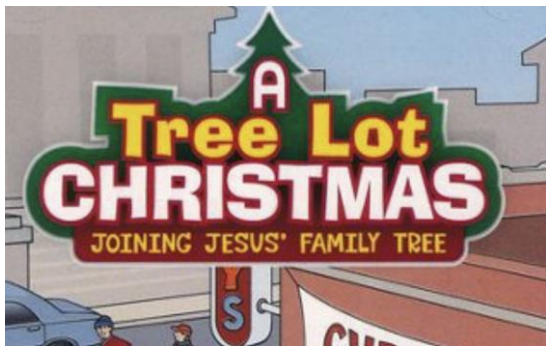
Volunteers will process shoeboxes and prepare them for shipping. Our time slot is Friday, November 26th from 4pm - 10pm. You may reserve the whole time-slot, or a 3-hour portion. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex-please sign up by **TODAY!**



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!

SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER!

We will go Christmas Caroling to our shut-ins on Sunday, December 19th. Meet at the church at 5pm if you would like to participate!



THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH WILL PRESENT THE CHRISTMAS MUSICAL, "A TREE LOT CHRISTMAS," on Sunday, December 5th at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. The Fellowship Team will provide dinner beginning at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will consist of ham, green beans, mashed potatoes, and roll, all on a donation basis. Come support our youth as

they focus our hearts and minds on the reason we celebrate! Sign up using bulletin insert.



LOOK FOR THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FLOAT IN THE KANNAPOLIS CHRISTMAS PARADE! Children and youth are invited to ride &/or walk in the parade, and volunteers are needed to staff a hot chocolate/cotton candy booth on our front walk. The parade begins on Saturday, December 10th at 6pm. See Shannon Sechler (parade) or Roxanne Spencer (booth) 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

- **Tony Hunter**- Loss of brother and nephew
- **Jeff Barnhardt** – Loss of father
- **Shannon Sechler**- recovery from surgery
- **Dave Argabrite**- Recovery from surgical procedure to remove melanoma
- **Roxanne Spencer** – Praise for a good report
- **Opal Hallman** – Has knee surgery November 29th.

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

- **Tom Cavin's father, Eugene**- About the same
- **Ken Boucher** – Home and under Hospice Care
- **Wade & Mary Nunnery** – (parents of Karen Pless) Dementia worse
- **Barbara Wise (friend of Bonnie Goodnight)** – continuing to battle Covid

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

The Mike Lowder family would like to thank the congregation for their prayers, calls, and other acts of kindness during and following his surgery. Your thoughtfulness and love mean so much!

I would like to thank everyone at First Presbyterian for all of the love and concern during my Dad's illness and upon his passing.

Jeff Barnhardt



**6 1/2" Pots with bows
@ \$10.00 each
Deadline: Sunday, December 5**

How Many _____ Total Cost \$ _____

Given by:

In loving memory of:

In loving honor of:

Checks should be made to:

First Presbyterian Church with "Poinsettias" in the memo line

Please return this form if you will attend the
Fellowship Dinner on December 5 at 5:30pm:

Family Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Allergies: _____

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

TODAY

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. OCC Collection

MONDAY

10:00a.m. - 2:00 p.m. OCC Collection
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. Handbell Practice
6:30 p.m. Christmas Float Prep

THURSDAY Happy Thanksgiving

12:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

4:00p.m. -10:00p.m. OCC Processing Center in Charlotte

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. Advent Decorating

NEXT SUNDAY

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



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