



**FIRST**  

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**PRESBYTERIAN**  

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**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**

Landon Walker

**Prelude and Preparation***Jesus, the Light of the World*

Elderkin

**Chimes of the Trinity****\*Call to Worship**

Based on Ephesians 3:14-18

Leader: Come and kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

**All: According to the riches of His glory,  
may He strengthen us with power through His Spirit**

Leader: And being rooted and established in love, together with all the Lord's redeemed people,

**All: May we grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 102**

Arise, Your Light Has Come

FESTAL SONG

**\*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer****Prayer of Confession:**

"God our heavenly Father, You are the One worthy of our exclusive devotion. Yet, our hearts are restless and prone to manufacture idols. We look to other things and people to satisfy us and make us happy. We confess that the world and its values seduce us away from a simple, pure, and undistracted devotion to You. Forgive us for the times that we have believed the devil's lies and have not resisted the enticements of the flesh. Rule and defend us by Your Word and Spirit so that You might reign unrivaled in our hearts. For we pray in the mighty name of Jesus Christ our King."

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

I John 1:8-9

**\*Hymn of Joy No. 105**

As With Gladness Men Of Old

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**Prayers of the People****Doxology****~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~****Word with our Children**

Michelle Walker

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 2:8-20

**Sermon**

“Peace”

Eddie Spencer

**~ Responding to the Word of God ~**

**Special Music**

*All Glory Be To Christ*  
*traditional Scottish folk tune*  
*David Hamilton, tenor*  
*Kay Yates, organ*

Should nothing of our efforts stand  
No legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house  
In vain its builders strive  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain  
Tell me what is your life  
A mist that vanishes at dawn  
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our king  
All glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing  
All glory be to Christ

His will be done His kingdom come  
On earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread  
Praise Him the Lord of love  
Let living water satisfy  
The thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet  
All glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am  
The faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain  
Is making all things new  
Behold our God shall live with us  
And be our steadfast light  
And we shall e'er his people be  
All glory be to Christ

**\*Prayer and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*De tierra lejana venimos*  
*From a distant Puerto Rican carol*

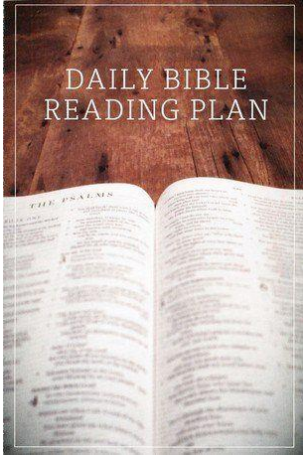
\*All who are able please stand  
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## To Our Guests

**Welcome!** We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning, and hope you find today meaningful and refreshing. Visitors are asked to fill out a Visitor Information Card and place it in the offering plate. Prayer Requests may be noted on the reverse side. The cards are located in the pews, or in the Narthex. Feel free to ask an Usher for assistance.

**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 FOR THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN 2022 BIBLE READING PLAN in the Narthex!** Please list your name and your email address. Pastor Eddie will send you an introduction to each book we will be reading. We will read a chapter a day throughout the year. The principle is to read less and meditate more on our daily reading. In addition to the introductions, Eddie will send regular Bible reading and study helps.

The 2022 plan will take us through the historical narrative of the Old Testament beginning with Joseph (Genesis 37) and through the division between the northern tribes and the southern tribes of Israel (I Kings 14). It's a captivating history of how God interacted with His people. All four gospels, the book of Acts, three minor prophets, four New Testament letters, several of the Psalms, the Song of Songs and a few other timely chapters of the Bible are a part of the plan.



**HELP IS NEEDED TO PUT AWAY OUR ADVENT DECORATIONS** and reset the altar in the Sanctuary. Meet at the church on Saturday, January 8th at 10am if you are willing to help!

**MEN OF THE CHURCH** are invited to dinner in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, January 13th at 6pm! The menu will consist of steak or chicken, baked potato, salad, and dessert. Rev. Michael Taylor - Pastor of Phaniels Baptist Church in Rockwell, Chaplain for the Rowan County Sheriff's Office, and founder of Shield A Badge with Prayer - will be our guest speaker. Sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend.





## A CHURCH-WIDE BIBLE STUDY ON THE LORD'S PRAYER IS BEGINNING SOON!

On Wednesday, February 2, the congregation is invited to gather for a Prayer Meeting, as we prepare our hearts and minds to receive what

God's word holds for us. Pastor Eddie will begin a sermon series on Jan. 29 and study groups will meet weekly through March 23. Children and youth will meet on Wednesday evenings, when a Fellowship Meal will be provided (donation basis). Please sign-up in the narthex if you are interested, or see one of our group leaders: Dave Argabrite, Danny Bost, Sandra Boucher-Bessent, Vickie Ellington, Frank Gibson, Renee Goodnight and Lynn Sechler.

## JOY GROUP LUNCHEON

Friday, January 14 at 12:00 p.m.

Will be meeting at Johnny's Farmhouse Restaurant (290 Copperfield Blvd. Concord, NC). For more information, contact Hosts: Danny & Linda Bost at 704-932-5689.



Join us for a Fellowship Dinner and Slideshow Presentation

# FULFILLING OUR PURPOSE:

CELEBRATING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS AND ANTICIPATING GOD'S FUTURE

Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>  
6:00p.m.



"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."  
Ephesians 2:10



# PRAYER CONCERNS

Please help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly updates.  
Please email the church or write down  
on a prayer card & place in offering plate.

## **MEMBERS**

**Opal Hallman**- continuing rehab at Liberty Commons

**Connie Lisenby**- Recovery from surgery and a blood clot

## **FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS**

**Jeff Stewart** (Lucinda's husband)- health concerns

**Cindy Fisher** (Lucinda's mother) health concerns

**Mandy Graham**- (Raegan Swaringen's Medical Assistant) diagnosed with cancer

**Tom Cavin's father, Eugene**- About the same

**Ken Boucher** – Home and under Hospice Care

**Wade & Mary Nunnery** – (parents of Karen Pless) Dementia worse

## **HOMEBOUND**

**Richard Roberts**- Moved to Crescent Heights in Concord

**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)

*thank you*

Opal Hallman and family want to thank each church member and friends for all the beautiful cards, phone calls, visits and words of encouragement. Each one is so special. Also, the food was a welcome site and appreciated.



# THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

## TODAY

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

## TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

## WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m. Moms in Prayer  
6:30 p.m. Handbell Practice

## THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study  
12:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

## SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. Advent Tear Down

## NEXT SUNDAY

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