



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**Prelude and Preparation***The Church's One Foundation*

Wesley

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

Hebrews 12:1-3

Leader: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

All: And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

Leader: For the joy set before Him, He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

All: Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hymn of Praise No. 599Come, Christians, Join To Sing*

MADRID

Prayer of Adoration*Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. You, the Creator and Sustainer of all things, and are worthy to receive all glory and honor. Yet we, at times have exchanged the glory of God for the glory of the worship.

Father, purify our hearts, thoughts, words, and actions by Your Holy Spirit that we might rightly love You and others. We pray in the strong name of Jesus, our Savior and Friend.

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

II Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

Profession of our Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead; I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Prayers of the People

***Hymn of Fellowship No. 256** *They'll Know We Are Christians* ST. BRENDAN'S

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with our Children Michelle Walker

Special Music *We Shall Walk Through The Valley In Peace* Appling
Men's Ensemble

Scripture Reading Hebrews 12:28 - 13:3

Sermon "Community" Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Special Music *All I Have Is Christ* Kauflin
Randy Childers, tenor
Kay Yates, piano

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude** *The Family of God* Gaither

*All who are able please stand
CCLI# 2221136

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

**DUE TO CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES,
THE FOLLOWING EVENTS SCHEDULED
FOR JANUARY HAVE BEEN
POSTPONED:**

Men's Fellowship Dinner, scheduled for Thursday,
Jan. 13

JOY Group Luncheon, scheduled for Friday, Jan. 14

Slideshow Presentation, scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 19

Bean Packing for CCM, scheduled for Wednesday, January 26th

We want to ensure that all who wish to participate are able to, so please watch the bulletin and emails for updated information!



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. 30 and

study groups will meet weekly through March 24. 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, Sharon Cranford, Vickie Ellington, Renee Goodnight and Lynn Sechler.



Directory Update

THE NEW YEAR IS A GREAT TIME FOR A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY! Work will begin soon, so please alert the church office of any changes in address, email, or phone number. Also let us know if any information that we have is incorrect!

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

TODAY

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Saltshakers via Zoom

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
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 a prayer card & place in offering plate.

MEMBERS

Opal Hallman- Continuing rehab at home

Connie Lisenby- Begin treatments on this week

David Hamilton- Covid

Lynn and Betty Sechler- loss of Nolan Moss, uncle, and brother-in-law

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Alice Derusser (Amy Hamilton's niece) diagnosed with juvenile diabetes

Cindy Fisher (Lucinda's mother) Recovery from a bad fall

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)



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