



**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**

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

CIVILITY

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**\*Call to Worship**

Isaiah 40:28-31

Leader: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom.

**All: He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;**

Leader: but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 553**

*How Great Thou Art*

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**Prayer of Confession**

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wandering, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our rebellious attitude toward Your purposes, our drifting from Your ways, our refusal to love and serve others, our neglect of Your life-giving Word, and our indifference to the treasures of heaven. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation so that we may more and more desire what is good, love what You love, and do what pleases You, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Assurance of the Gospel**

Romans 5:8

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

**Profession of our Faith**

Isaiah 61:1-3

“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.”

**\*Doxology**

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn of Fellowship No. 578**      *Forever*

**~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~**

**10 Cents a Meal**

Andrew & Jenna Baker

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 15:1-2

**Sermon**

“Gospel Love”

Eddie Spencer

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

**Special Music**

*O Fount of Love*  
*David Hamilton, tenor*  
*Kay Yates, piano*

Boswell/Papa, arr. Grassi

**\*Prayer and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Love Divine*

Wesley

\*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

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

On February 16, adults will gather in the Sanctuary for a Prayer Gathering while children are invited to explore what prayer is and how we pray. Beginning February 20, Pastor Eddie will lead us in a sermon series exploring 7



components of The Lord's Prayer. Small groups will then meet weekly from February 23 – April 6, while children continue their own studies on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Fellowship Meals will be provided on Wednesdays from 5:45pm – 6:30pm on a donation basis. See a small group leader (Dave Argabrite, Sandra Boucher-Bessent, Danny Bost, Sharon Cranford, Vickie Ellington, Renee Goodnight, Lynn Sechler) or facilitator Judy Goodnight for more information.



## 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 SUNDAY IS OUR 10 CENTS A MEAL COLLECTION!** Your loose change benefits Cooperative Christian Ministry, Meals on Wheels, and Compassion International.



# 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**- Recovery from Covid and knee surgery

**Connie Lisenby**- first treatment Wednesday

**Church members with Covid, all with mild to moderate symptoms**

## **FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS**

**Rumia Suiarkolova**\_(friend of Irene Davis)- Covid and heart attack

**Mandy Graham** (Reagan's medical assistant)- recovery from cancer surgery

**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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# 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 via Zoom
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## TUESDAY

12:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
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## 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*

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