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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**

Violet Hamilton

**Prelude and Preparation**    *Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone*    Traditional/Tomlin**Chimes of the Trinity****\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 36:5-7

Leader: Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the skies.

**All: Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, Your justice like the great deep.**

Leader: How priceless is Your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 363***Blessed Assurance***\*Prayer of Adoration****Prayer of Confession**

“Father of mercy and God of grace, teach us how to handle deep disappointment and hurt, as redemptively as possible. Teach us the difference between appropriate grief and destructive self-pity. Teach us how to hope when we want to blame someone. Teach us how to keep from importing old wounds into new relationships. Teach us how to listen to You and others quietly, rather than launching into our own opinions. Teach us how to be honest and repent, and not gossip and mock. Teach us the difference between worldly sadness and godly sorrow. Show us how to be still and know that You are God. Show us that the home for which we were created and redeemed is the palpable sense of Your presence in our lives. Father, let us feel the grasp of grace.”

**Assurance of the Gospel**

Psalm 23:6

**\*Hymn of Invitation No. 615***Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling*

THOMPSON

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

Alpha Barger



# 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 (via Zoom) Vickie Ellington, Renee Goodnight, Lynn Sechler or facilitator Judy Goodnight for more information.

## 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!



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13!

Once again, we will collect donations of canned/dry goods, as well as monetary donations, for Cooperative Christian Ministry.

**Please focus your shopping on these specific needs:**

- **Canned Goods:** pinto beans, baked beans, tomato soup, potatoes, carrots, mixed vegetables, and peas
- Cereal
- Low Sodium Items
- Sugar-Free Items
- Whole Grain Items.



# 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**

**Peggy Snider**- in hospital with Covid

**Brenda Ramsey**- in hospital with Covid

**Jane Argabrite**- loss of brother-in-law

**Opal Hallman**- Recovery from Covid and knee surgery

**Connie Lisenby**- Has started treatment

**Sandy Bessent**-Knee replacement Tuesday

**Mike Freeman** - recovering from COVID

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

## **FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS**

**Joshua Storie**-(Linda Hattaway's family member)- 17 year old who lost his father

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

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

**Barbara Boucher** - healing from congestion

**Rumia Suiarkolova**\_(friend of Irene Davis)- recovery from covid and heart attack

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

**Kathy Boyles** - (Mike Freeman's secretary) in hospital with lung problems and recovering from COVID

## **HOMEBOUND**

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

**Peggy Barnhardt** - at Morningside

**Iris Efirm**- 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

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Dear Church Family,

Amy and I are blessed and humbled by the generosity of the Christmas Eve offering. It did not occur to either one of us that the church would plan this. We see God at work often in our support raising and He always surprises us with blessings! Your partnership with GEM is so important for sharing the gospel in the dark country of Germany!

Thank you again!  
Love, The Hamilton's

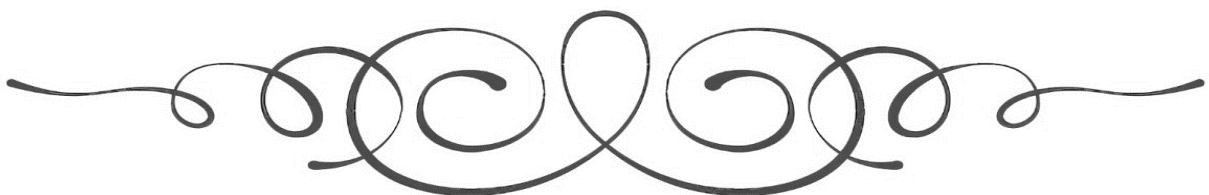
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Dear First Presbyterian Church,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the awesome team at First Presbyterian for hosting one of our Drop off locations for Operation Christmas Child.

Your church played a Vital Role in taking the gospel to the ends of the world. We praise God for You and Your Ministry at First Presbyterian.

Paul Hill  
Logistics Coordinator South Piedmont NC Team







# 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

## 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  
4:00 p.m.                      *The Last Supper* informational meeting in Fellowship Hall



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