



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

Landon Walker

Prelude and Preparation

GOTT WILL'S MACHEN

*Far From Home We Run, Rebellious***Chimes of the Trinity*****Call to Worship**

Exodus 15: 1, 2, 11, 13

Leader: I will sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted. The Lord is my strength and my defense; He has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise Him.

All: Who among the gods is like You, Lord? Who is like You—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

Leader: In Your unfailing love You will lead the people You have redeemed.
In Your strength You will guide them to Your holy dwelling.

Hymn of Praise No. 590Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Azmon

***Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty Father, You have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before Him or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world and the desires of our hearts and have failed to give Him glory. Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father; and free us from our sin, guilt, and shame. Renew us in the grace and strength of Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus, our Redeemer and Friend.

Silent Prayer of Confession**Assurance of the Gospel**

Matthew 11:28-29

Hymn of Invitation No. 627Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

WOODWORTH

Prayers of the People

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with our Children

Chris & Chariti Lowder

Special Music

Nothing But The Blood
Chancel Choir

TRADITIONAL
arr. by Craig Courtney

Scripture Reading

Luke 15: 25-32

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Sermon

“Elder Brother Likeness”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Special Music

When God Ran
David Hamilton, tenor
Kay Yates, piano

Hester/Parenti

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Joyful, Joyful

Beethoven

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



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- At home recovering from Covid
Brenda Ramsey- At home recovering from Covid
Jane Argabrite- loss of brother-in-law
Sandy Bissent- Recovery from knee surgery
Opal Hallman- Recovery from knee surgery
Connie Lisenby- Continues treatment

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Joshua Storie- (Linda Hattaway's family member) 17-year-old who lost his father
Landra Staab (Goodnights' daughter)- recovery from Covid
Becky Montgomery (Florida friend of Goodnights)- stem cell transplant
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)

thank you

Dave and Jane Argabrite would like to express their gratitude to the congregation for all the calls, prayers, and other acts of kindness during the recent illness and passing of their brother-in-law.

A Note of Appreciation

Dear Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church of Kannapolis,

We just completed another remarkable and challenging year. Despite the safety and wellness issues, missing some key big food drives, and supply chain problems, the CCM Food Program still served many families a large amount of food with the help of many remarkable volunteers! Our total food program received and distributed a little more than one million pounds of groceries!

Your congregation had a part in that! According to our records, First Presbyterian collected and donated a total of 274 pounds of food in 2021. We are so grateful you chose to support us in serving the “least of these” in our community. Your compassion and generosity have been inspirational during this unusual time.

Working together to serve our neighbors in need,

Kris Edscorn

Food Program Manager

CCM-Cooperative Christian Ministry

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

TODAY

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Worship Service

12:00 p.m.

Lord's Prayer Leaders in Parlor

4:00 p.m.

The Last Supper informational meeting in Fellowship Hall

MONDAY

10:00 a.m.

Women's Council in Fellowship Hall

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

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Worship Service

Love Quote of the Week

"To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must give it to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements. Lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. To love is to be vulnerable." CS Lewis

Thank you for joining us today!



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