



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

arr. Krug

My Jesus, I Love Thee
Alleluia Ringers

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

Lamentations 3:22-24

Leader: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail.

All: They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for Him."

Hymn of Praise No. 348Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

RUNYAN

Prayer of Adoration*Prayer for Peace****(From Scottie Smith)**

"Dear Lord Jesus, today, like every day, somebody or something is going to seize the passion and preoccupation of my heart. It could be my bitterness, pettiness, or cowardice. It could be shame from the past or fear in the present. It could be overbearing people or aggravating co-workers; my greed to have a little more; or the lusts of my flesh or the longings of my soul. But right now, in submission to God, I choose His peace as the ruler of my heart.

On the cross You secured God's peace with us and our peace with God. May Your peace override the fears and stress, disappointments, and irritants, which will vie for my energy today. No matter what news I receive today—personally or internationally, may Your peace be more obvious than my anxieties and uncertainty. Because you have forgiven me, I will choose to forgive others. Because You have forgiven me, I will choose to ask forgiveness from others. Because You are at peace with me, I will do everything within my power to live at peace with others. So very Amen I pray, in Your merciful and mighty name."

***Hymn of Comfort**

Nearer My God to Thee

Mason

Nearer, my God, to
Thee, nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a
cross that raiseth me,
Still all my song shall
be nearer, my God, to
Thee. Nearer, my God,
to Thee, Nearer to
Thee!

Then, with my waking
thoughts bright with
Thy praise, Out of my
stony griefs Bethel, I'll
raise; So by my woes to
be nearer, my God, to
Thee. Nearer, my God,
to Thee, Nearer to
Thee!

Or, if on joyful wing
cleaving the sky, Sun,
moon, and stars forgot,
upward I'll fly, Still all
my song shall be,
nearer, my God, to
Thee. Nearer, my God,
to Thee, Nearer to
Thee!

There in my Father's
home, safe and at rest,
There in my Savior's
love, perfectly blest;
Age after age to be,
nearer my God to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to
Thee, Nearer to Thee!

Prayers of the People

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with Our Children

Roxanne Spencer

***Scripture Reading**

Matthew 6:9-13

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Sermon

“Your Will be Done”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Special Music

Robinson/Thompson

Your Will Be Done

David Hamilton, tenor; Kaleb Sparks, guitar

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

*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, located in the pew, and place it in the offering plate. Prayer Requests may be noted on the reverse side of the same card.

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. **Children's Church** is available for children 4 years through 2nd grade. After the "Word with our Children," they will be escorted to their classroom on the choir hallway. Parents should report to the classroom immediately following worship to pick up their children. **A Nursery** is available for newborns through age 4. It is located in the Educational Building. If you need assistance or directions, an usher would be happy to help you!

The flower on the altar is placed to the glory of God and in honor of Mike Lowder's 80th birthday on March 12th. We praise God for the wonderful husband, father, and grandfather He has given us! With love from: Carol, Ryan, Michelle, Chris, Chariti, Caylin, Landon, Noah, Camryn, and Cierstyn.

Please welcome our newest Covenant Partners, who joined our church family on Sunday, March 6!



Melba Funderburk comes to First Presbyterian from Oak Island Evangelical Presbyterian Church, where she previously served as a Deacon. She now lives in China Grove. Melba has 2 grown sons, 4 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. She enjoys cooking, flowers, and visiting with family.



Kathleen Crosier is a former member of Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church. She has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. Kathleen enjoys sewing, baking, and gardening. She loves animals and has 1 cat.



The Last Supper - a Display of God's Faithfulness!

The 2022 performance of *The Last Supper* on Sunday, April 10 at 7:30pm, will mark the **20th presentation** by the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Kannapolis! The original production of the tableau by Ernest Emurian took place on March 26, 1961, and showings have continued regularly in the 61 years since - yearly in the beginning, then most recently on a 3-year interval. 2018 marked the Church's most recent presentation. *The Last Supper* drama depicts Jesus and His 12 disciples, as imagined by artist Leonardo da Vinci, just after Jesus' announcement that one of the 12 will betray Him. In turn, the disciples "come alive" to ponder ... "Is it I?" Invite others and make plans to attend this moving worship service, as together we reflect on God's gift of salvation to all.



Donations for Ukraine relief are now being accepted, and will be sent to Samaritan's Purse. When the Russian invasion began, Samaritan's Purse was in the process of distributing 600,000 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Their "disaster response specialists" are in place in Poland, Romania, and Moldova. Additionally, they are now setting up an Emergency Field Hospital outside Lviv, which is planned to include 2 operating rooms and almost 60 inpatient beds. Their desire is "to meet the needs of these families in their darkest moments while pointing them to the light and hope of Jesus Christ." Please note that your donation is for "Ukraine" and place in the offering plate, or give online via our website.

UPCOMING



OUR CHURCH-WIDE BIBLE STUDY ON THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONTINUES! As pastor Eddie leads us in a sermon series exploring 7 components of the Lord's Prayer, small groups will meet weekly for discussion. **A Fellowship Meal will be provided each Wednesday at 5:45p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall on a donation basis. This week's menu is: baked ham, mashed potatoes, lima beans, corn cobettes, roll, drink and dessert.



First Pres Kids are invited to a cooking class at Flour Power Studios in Cornelius!

The class will take place on
Saturday, March 19th from 11a.m. – 12:30p.m.

Parents are invited to drop their children
off at 10:55a.m. at the studio –

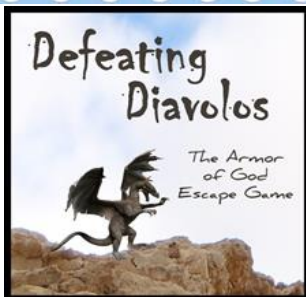
21714 Catawba Avenue, Suite A-1, Cornelius, NC.

Please RSVP by March 16 to Michelle Walker.

Women without Reservations

Women without Reservations is gathering for lunch on Sunday, March 20! We will meet at Chophouse 101 at 12:30p.m. Come enjoy a time of food and fellowship, and hear what we've got planned in the coming months!

Please signup in the Narthex TODAY.



MIDDLE & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH ARE INVITED TO DINNER AND AN ESCAPE ROOM CHALLENGE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 25!

Pizza and drinks will be provided at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Then, we'll work to complete a Bible-based Escape Room challenge called "Defeating Diavolos." See Raegan Swaringen for more information and sign-up in the Narthex!

JOY Luncheon

Friday, March 25th at noon in the Fellowship Hall

- Ham will be provided
- Bring: Salad or vegetable or dessert
- Bring your drink

Sign up in Narthex.



PRAYER CONCERNS

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

MEMBERS

Donna Whitley- loss of brother, William Litaker

Peggy Snider- recovering at home

Richard Griggs- recovery from Covid

Debby Baker- recovery from double pneumonia

Cindy Fisher- Has been in the hospital with health concerns

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Christy Family- loss of grandchild

Madeline Bostian (Risa Little's mother)- Morningside

Don McDaniel (Mallory's dad)- recovery from hip surgery

Gary Burris (Debbie McDaniel family)- under hospice care for cancer

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

HOMEBOUND

Peggy Barnhardt – Morningside

Barbara Hancock- home

Iris Efird- home

Betty Overcash – Meadows of Rockwell

Barbara Wise - Oaks at Hampton, Cummings, Georgia

Loretta Young - Five Oaks

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Ryan Walker

Children's Message: Roxanne Spencer

Children's Message next week: Amelia Caskey

Children's Church: Alpha Barger & Sharon Stricker

Children's Church next week: Adam & Tracy Caskey

Acolytes: Landon Walker

Acolytes next week: Erica Efird

Nursery: Shannon Sechler

Nursery next week: Chariti Lowder

Ushers: Danny Bost, Lynn Sechler

Ushers next week: Mal McDaniel, Ron Lisenby

Greeter: Tracy Caskey

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

9:00a.m.: Choir Rehearsal

10:00a.m.: Sunday School

10:00a.m.: McLain Small Group in Session Room

11:00a.m.: Worship Service

MONDAY, MARCH 14

7:00p.m.: Saltshakers via Zoom

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

12:00p.m.: NA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

5:30p.m.: Ellington Small Group in Parlor

5:45p.m.: Fellowship Meal in Fellowship Hall

6:00p.m.: PraiseMakers rehearsal in Choir Room

6:30p.m.: Kids' Class in Elementary Classroom

6:30p.m.: Argabrite Small Group in Session Room

6:30p.m.: Bost Small Group in Disciples' Classroom

6:30p.m.: Handbell Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

10:30a.m.: Ladies Bible Study

12:00p.m.: NA

6:00p.m.: Cranford Small Group on Zoom

6:30p.m.: Sechler Small Group Off-Site

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

11:00a.m.: Kids at Flour Power

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 20

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10:00a.m.: Sunday School

10:00a.m.: McLain Small Group in Session Room

11:00a.m.: Worship Service

12:30p.m.: Women Without Reservations at Chophouse 101

4:00p.m.: *The Last Supper* Rehearsal in Sanctuary

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