



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

Caylin Lowder

Prelude and Preparation

SOJOURNER

I Want Jesus To Walk With Me

Call to Worship

Patterson

Meditation

PraiseMakers

***Hymn of Praise No. 696**

MOODY

Marvelous Grace

***Prayer of Adoration**

Prayer of Confession (see back of the bulletin)

***Song of Assurance No. 451**
(Stanza 3)

VILLE DU HAVRE

When Peace like a River

Prayers of the People

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with Our Children

Michelle Walker

Special Music

The Southern Harmony, arr. by Betts

What Wondrous Love is This?

David Hamilton, tenor; Kay Yates, piano

***Scripture Reading**

Matthew 6: 9-15

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Sermon

“Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Hymn of Grace No. 770**

Getty/Townend

In Christ Alone

*Prayer and Benediction

*Postlude

Lillenas

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

*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, 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 Session of First Presbyterian is now accepting recommendations from the congregation for Elders in the Class of 2025. Recommendations may be made by members of the congregation after consideration of certain guidelines and qualifications. You may find those guidelines and the Elder Recommendation Form in the Narthex.



Samaritan's Purse®
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

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 have now set up an Emergency Field Hospital outside Lviv, and a clinic at Lviv train station. 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."

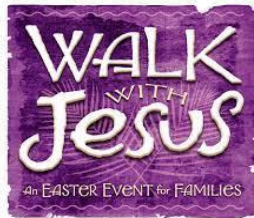
Please note that your donation is for "Ukraine" and place in the offering plate, or give online via our website.

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. The menu for Wednesday: ground beef tacos (hard or soft), black beans, corn, chips & salsa, tossed salad, drinks and dessert.



Families are invited to the "Walk with Jesus" Easter event

on Saturday, April 9 at 10am! We will travel through 5 stations of Holy Week, discovering more about Jesus along our journey. We'll end with an Easter Egg Hunt and lunch.

Please register on our website or see Michelle Walker!

The Last Supper

A Display of God's Faithfulness Part 3

At His final Passover meal, Jesus startled His disciples when He told them, "One of you will betray Me." Their reaction was disbelief that anyone so close to the Master could do such a thing. They immediately searched their hearts, one by one, asking, "Is it I, Lord?" Writer Ernest Emurian spent several months studying Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting before giving words to the disciples' thoughts in his stirring drama, *The Last Supper*. First Presbyterian's 20th presentation of *The Last Supper* will be given on April 10, 2022 at 7:30p.m. Cast members include: Leonardo da Vinci (David Ellington), Leonard's Assistant (Banagher Hamilton), Narrator (Randy Whitey, 6th year), Jesus (Lynn Sechler, Jr., 5th year), Nathaniel (Mark Goodnight, 8th year), James the Lesser (Dave Argabrite), Andrew (Fred Caskey), Simon Peter (David Hamilton, 2nd year), Judas Iscariot (Sam McAllister, 6th year), John (Phil McLain, 13th year), James (Alex Avila), Thomas (William Cranford, 2nd year), Phillip (George Maxwell), Matthew (Donnie Swaringen, 2nd year), Thaddaeus (Bill Stricker, 10th year), Simon the Zealot (Lee Efird, 14th year), and Alternate (Phil Wertz).

Make plans to attend these special Holy Week Services!

Sunday, April 10,

11am: Palm Sunday Worship Service

7:30pm: *The Last Supper* 20th Presentation

Thursday, April 14,

7pm: Maundy Thursday Service at Kimball Lutheran

Friday, April 15

7pm: Good Friday Service at First Pres with Kimball Lutheran

Sunday, April 17

11am: Resurrection Service with Flowering of the Cross

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
Jeff Barnhardt- recovery from kidney stones

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Joy Milam (Tony Sherrill's niece)- loss of daughter
Kyle Burris (Lucinda Stewart's friend)- massive heart attack, on ventilator
Buddy Holson (Lucinda Stewart's friend)- battling cancer
Tammy Childers (friend of Mark Goodnight)- still on a ventilator
Lori Bradshaw (friend of Eddie)- loss of brother
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
Cindy Fisher - Transitional Health

Thank you

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls following the death of Donna's brother, William. Your thoughtfulness and kindness mean so much to us.

Donna & Randy Whitley

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Ryan Walker
Children's Message: Michelle Walker
Children's Message next week: Jenna Baker
Children's Church: Chris & Chariti Lowder
Children's Church next week: Roxanne Spencer & Carol Lowder
Acolyte: Caylin Lowder
Acolyte next week: Noah Walker
Nursery: Raegan Swaringen
Nursery next week: Debbie McDaniel & Emma Sechler
Ushers: Jeff Barnhardt, Chris Lowder
Ushers next week: Fred Caskey, Mark Goodnight
Greeter: Tracy Caskey

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

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 28

6:30p.m.: Missions Team in Session Room

7:00p.m.: Saltshakers via Zoom

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

12:00p.m.: NA

6:00p.m.: Children's Ministry Team in Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

10:30a.m.: Moms in Prayer

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 31

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

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 3

9:00a.m.: Choir Rehearsal

10:00a.m.: Sunday School

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

11:00a.m.: Worship Service

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

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A Prayer about Forgiveness

Gracious Jesus, every time I pray the “Lord’s Prayer,” I’m confronted with the daily call to forgive others. There’s brokenness in me and all around me. Old wounds are tender again and fresh relational hurts are emerging. Even as I pray, names and faces come before me that I *know* I haven’t forgiven from my heart. I’ve enjoyed holding them emotionally hostage by my critical spirit and self-righteous smugger. I’m more a prisoner than they are. It’s been easier to rehearse their sins than repent of the hardness of *my* heart.

Help me, Jesus, I want to want to be free. Though I’m convicted, it’s not easy to walk away from the pain. Self-protection looks a lot better, right now, than a vulnerable heart. What if the same thing happens again? What if I risk trusting but only end up with more chapters of the same story? Have mercy on *me*, Jesus. Have mercy on me the sinner. By the grace and truth of the gospel, humble me and free me.

Jesus, I praise You for already forgiving *all* my sins—past, present, and future; every sin of word, thought, and deed. And You have robed me with Your perfect righteousness. I praise You for not merely waving off my sins but wading into the mess of my heart. You paid the supreme price for my salvation and transformation, with the currency of Your life and death.

As I ponder the riches of Your grace for me, *of course* I admit that my unforgiveness is a contradiction of grace. It does not follow that I can lay claim to being forgiven and at the same time withhold mercy and grace from others. By faith, I surrender to You but You must help me to forgive, Jesus. I cannot do this on my own. Make my worldly sorrow godly sorrow. May Your kindness drive me to obvious repentance and change, and soon. So very Amen I pray, in Your holy and loving name.

(Prayer adapted from Scotty Smith.)



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