



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

***Call to Worship**

John 10:11, 27-29,10

Leader: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.
My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me.

All: I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

Leader: The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

***Hymn of Praise No. 330**

BRADBURY

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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

Profession of Faith: HEIDELBERG CATECHISM Question and Answer 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

***Hymn of Comfort No. 440**

AUGHTON

He Leadeth Me

Moment for Missions

Debbie McDaniel

Prayers of the People

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with Our Children

Jenna Baker

***Scripture Reading**

Matthew 6:13

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Sermon "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" Eddie Spencer

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Hymn of Grace No. 870** (*Sung to tune of Solid Rock*)

SOLID ROCK

Ahead of Us, a Race to Run

***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!

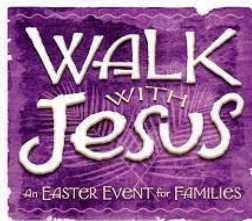


Donations for Ukraine relief are now being accepted, and will be sent to Samaritan's Purse. When the Russian invasion began, Samaritan's Purse was in the process of distributing 600,000 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Their "disaster response specialists" are in place in Poland, Romania, and Moldova. 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 via our website.

UPCOMING



Our Church-wide bible study on the Lord's Prayer ends this week! As pastor Eddie completes his sermon series exploring 7 petitions of the Lord's Prayer, small groups will have their final meetings. We'll celebrate with a cookout on Wednesday, April 6 at 5:45 (donation basis). The menu will be grilled hot dogs with fixings, chips, tossed salad, drinks and dessert. A HUGE THANK YOU to facilitator Judy Goodnight, all the group leaders, and the Fellowship Team for their service!



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. Invite friends and family to join us!

Please register on our website or see Michelle Walker!

The Last Supper

A Display of God's Faithfulness Part 4

While the Women of the Church initiated the idea of presenting *The Last Supper* to the congregation, and the men volunteered to serve as the cast, the drama quickly became a church-wide project involving many members willing to serve with their time and talents. Volunteers working behind the scenes help with the construction of the set; make and alter costumes; provide music; set the stage; apply make-up and add wigs and beards; usher and greet guests; acts as lighting technicians; organize publicity; staff the nursery; provide meals; and direct the production. With much prayer and collaboration, The Last Supper has proved to be a work of love and a blessing to everyone who sees it. First Presbyterian presents its 20th showing of The Last Supper on **Sunday, April 10th at 7:30p.m.**





Men, make plans to attend the next Fellowship Dinner on Thursday, April 28 at 6:00p.m in the Fellowship Hall!

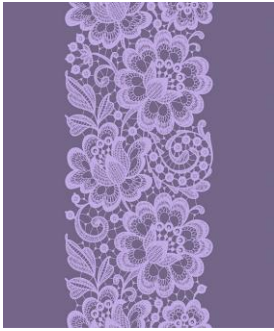
The menu will be steak or chicken, baked potato, salad, bread, dessert, and drinks. Rev. Mike Taylor - Pastor of Phaniels Baptist Church, Chaplain for the Rowan County Sheriff's Office, and founder of Shield a Badge with Prayer - will be our guest speaker.

Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, April 24.



The JOY Group will meet for lunch at Johnny's Farmhouse on Friday, April 29th at 12:00p.m.

Please sign-up in the Narthex or let Connie Lisenby know you will attend!



The Women's Council invites all women to a Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 30 at 2:00p.m in the Fellowship Hall.

Enjoy a "Pound Cake Bar" with pound cake, toppings, and punch. Worship in song as Kay Yates shares the inspiring stories behind several beloved hymns. And be mesmerized by a Fashion Show like none you've ever seen!

Please let a Women's Council member know you will attend, or sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, April 24.

Missions Opportunity!

Rev. Don Wehmeyer, our Missionary partner in Mexico, is leading construction of a community school in Sitpatch. He estimates that \$75,000 will be sufficient to complete the building project. A generous First Pres donor has agreed to match all contributions received from the congregation up to \$35,000. A prior donation and commitments from the Missions Team have yielded \$20,000. The congregation is challenged to provide the remaining \$15,000! Please make your donation to First Pres and designate it for "Sitpatch School." We also hope to participate in a mission trip later this year!!!



MISSIONS

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

Joyce Deal and her family- Loss of her son, Michael

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Joy Milam (Tony Sherrill's niece)- loss of daughter

Craig Watson (friend of Jenna Baker)- leukemia

Abby Williams (Judy Hammond's sister-in-law)- health concerns

Buddy Holson (Lucinda Stewart's friend)- battling cancer

Tammy Childers (friend of Mark Goodnight)- still on a ventilator

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



Tammy Corriher would like to thank the members of the congregation for all their prayers, cards, and other acts of kindness following the loss of her brother, Tony Williams. Your kindness is much appreciated!

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Dave Argabrite

Children's Message: Jenna Baker

Children's Message next week: Roxanne Spencer

Children's Church: Roxanne Spencer & Carol Lowder

Children's Church next week: Donnie & Raegan Swaringen

Acolyte: Noah Walker

Acolyte next week: Violet Hamilton

Nursery: Debbie McDaniel

Nursery next week: Lynn Efird

Ushers: Fred Caskey, Mark Goodnight

Ushers next week: John Hammond, Amy Hurst

Greeter: Renee Goodnight

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

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 with Holy Communion
4:00p.m.: *The Last Supper* rehearsal in Sanctuary

MONDAY, APRIL 4

7:00p.m.: Saltshakers via Zoom

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

12:00p.m.: NA
6:30p.m.: Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

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, APRIL 7

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, APRIL 9

10:00a.m.: *Walk with Jesus* Family Easter Event,
Easter egg hunt, and lunch
5:00p.m.: *The Last Supper* Dress Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 10

9:00a.m.: Choir Rehearsal
10:00a.m.: Sunday School
11:00a.m.: Worship Service
7:30p.m.: *The Last Supper* 20th Presentation

PALM SUNDAY

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.

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