



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,
and make Him known.

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Welcome**

Eddie Spencer

Prelude and Preparation for Worship

Lemmel

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus***Lighting of the Candles**

Erica Efird

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.

All: The Lord lives and blessed be our Rock, and exalted be the God of our salvation,

Leader: For Christ is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!***Hymn of Praise No. 187**

JUDAS MACCABAEUS

*Thine is the Glory****Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer****Prayer of Confession:**

Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all. Yet, we confess that we have not acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world and have failed to live for His glory. Forgive us for our proud hearts, misplaced affections, and our love for the world. Raise us from the pit, transform our hearts, and strengthen our wills, so that we would live in the power of Jesus' resurrection, and rejoice in the glorious freedom He has won for us. We pray in His matchless name.

Silent Prayers of Confession***Song of Assurance No. 361**

RESURRECTION

*Because He Lives***Moment for Gideons**

Scott and Tara Thomas

***Hymn of Praise No. 174**

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

*I Stand Amazed***~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~****Word with Our Children**

Amelia Caskey

***Scripture Reading**

Luke 24:28-32

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Sermon

Hearts Still Stir

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Special Music

Getty/Townend

The Power of the Cross (Oh to See the Dawn)
David Hamilton, tenor; Kay Yates, piano

Prayer and Benediction

*Postlude

Victory in Jesus

HARTFORD

*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!

We are pleased to have Scott and Tara Thomas with us today to share a Moment for Missions. The Thomases live in Kannapolis. Scott serves as the President of the Gideons for this area, while Tara serves as the Auxiliary President. Prior area directors, they currently also serve as Directors of the South Central Region.

UPCOMING



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 TODAY.](#)



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 TODAY.](#)

A new Sunday School Class will be offered beginning Sunday, May 1, focusing on life and family together. Our first study will be a 7-week series on "Raising Kingdom Kids" by Tony Evans. The class will gather in the Session Room. See Lynn Sechler or Michelle Walker if you are interested!



First Presbyterian is pleased to welcome back Sasha Tsutserov, president of The Moscow Evangelical Christian Seminary! Sasha will speak to our congregation and our guests on Wednesday, May 4th. Please invite friends and join us! A meal will be provided at 5:45p.m. and Sasha's presentation will begin at 6:30p.m.



Serve with First Pres at our "Jiggy with the Piggy" booth! We will pass out bottled water and other First Pres "merchandise" as we spread God's love in our community. Time slots are available on Friday, May 13th from 5pm-9pm, and Saturday, May 14th from 9am - 5pm. Please sign up in the Narthex or see Michelle Walker!



Invite friends and family to worship with us on Sunday, May 15th and stay for our Spring Fun Fest! Lunch will be provided, along with a dunking booth, treats, and lots of fun! Please sign up in the Narthex so we have enough food for everyone!

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!!!



You are invited to a light breakfast each Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30am - 10:00am. Members of the congregation are needed to bring items to share. Please sign up on the sheet outside of the kitchen if you can contribute!



Please welcome our newest covenant partners, Greg and Mary Taylor! The Taylors, married 50 years, have 2 children and 5 grandchildren. Greg, a retired project manager for an electrical construction company, enjoys woodworking, construction, and gardening. Mary is a retired legal secretary, but now spends her time baking, shopping, and enjoying their grandchildren. Greg and Mary are both excited to grow in their relationships with our Lord and with their fellow church members.

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

Ellen and Harry Hazeltine (Amy Hamilton's grandparents)- Ellen has advanced breast cancer

Lela Bishop (friend of church)- recovering from hip injury at Brian Center

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

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

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

9:30a.m.: Light Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

10:00a.m.: Sunday School

11:00a.m.: Worship Service

Monday, April 25

7:00p.m.: Saltshakers via Zoom

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

12:00p.m.: NA

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

10:30a.m.: Moms in Prayer

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

10:30a.m.: Ladies Bible Study

12:00p.m.: NA

6:00p.m.: Men's Fellowship Dinner

Saturday, April 30

2:00p.m.: Women's Council Spring Gathering

NEXT SUNDAY, May 1

9:30a.m.: Light Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

10:00a.m.: Sunday School

11:00a.m.: Worship Service with Holy Communion

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Dave Argabrite

Children's Message: Amelia Caskey

Children's Message next week: Roxanne Spencer

Children's Church Lynn & Shannon Sechler

Children's Church next week: Roxanne Spencer, Carol Lowder

Acolyte: Erica Efird

Acolyte next week: Violet Hamilton

Nursery: Jane Argabrite

Nursery next week: Chariti Lowder

Ushers: Mal McDaniel, Ron Lisenby

Ushers next week: Jeff Barnhardt, Chris Lowder

Greeter: Renee Goodnight



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