



Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Welcome		Eddie Spencer
Prelude and Preparation	<i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i> Randy Childers, tenor	Getty/Getty
Lighting of the Candles		Noah Walker
*Call to Worship		
*Hymn of Praise No. 19		DIX
	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	
*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 and merciful Father, we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward Your purposes, our refusal to trust Your goodness and sovereignty, our neglect of Your wise and gracious law, and our indifference towards our neighbors. Transform us by Your Spirit so that we may desire what is good, love what You love, and do what You command, through Jesus Christ our Lord.	
Silent Prayers of Confession		
Assurance of the Gospel		
Moment for Cabarrus Women's Center		Vickie Ellington
Song of Joy	<i>"I Wanna Be Like Jesus"</i> PraiseMakers	Clydesdale/Clydesdale

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with Our Children		Michelle Walker
Offering and Anthem	<i>"Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me"</i> Chancel Choir	CCLI #7121852
*Scripture Reading	Luke 7: 36-50	page 1023
Sermon	"How Faith Functions"(Part 2)	Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Song of Praise No. 559**

Ten Thousand Reasons

Myrin/Redman

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

Bilhorn

*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!

Happy Mother's Day!

The youth will be in the Narthex immediately following the Worship Service today with flowers for all our moms. Whether you are a biological mother or a spiritual mother, we thank God for your example and your love!



UPCOMING



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!



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!



Take Me Out to the Ballgame! First Pres has secured 20 tickets for the Sunday, June 12th CannonBallers game at 1:00p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person, which includes \$2 of Baller Bucks to use at the stadium. The Fellowship Team will provide lunch immediately after the worship service for those who wish. Please pay Michelle Walker for tickets by Sunday, May 15th!!!

YOUTH ARE INVITED. . .

to see Christian music artists Crowder, We The Kingdom, Anne Wilson and Patrick Mayberry! The concert will take place at White Oak Amphitheatre in Greensboro on Saturday, June 18 at 7:30p.m. Please let Michelle Walker know if you would like to attend by Sunday, June 5!

The Session has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 22nd immediately following the Worship Service. The purpose of the meeting is the election of new elders. The slate of elders to be presented from the Session are as follows: Lynn Sechler, David Ellington, and Cookie Hamilton.

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!



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." So far, our congregation has generously given \$6,652! We also hope to participate in a mission trip later this year!!!



Join us in supporting the Cabarrus Women's Center through their Baby Bottle Campaign!

Pick up a bottle on Mother's Day, May 8, and collect change or write a check with your donation and place it inside. Return your bottle by Father's Day, June 19th. The Cabarrus Women's Center is a non-profit, life-affirming medical clinic that provides services at no cost to patients.

The Great K-Mission Fundraising Campaign for Kannapolis Bible Teaching Association continues!

From now through May 15, any donations made to KBTA will be matched by a generous donor. The KBTA sponsors two full-time Bible history teachers in Kannapolis City Schools, and would love to add an elementary teacher. To donate, please make your check to KBTA and place in the offering plate, or visit www.kbta.org.



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.

We are grateful for your donations totaling \$3,355 to date!



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.

CHURCH FAMILY

- Cindy Fisher- At Transitional with hospice care
- Donna Whitley- recovery from surgery

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Don McDaniel (Mallory's father)- At home and under hospice Care
- Belinda Hunt (Michelle Walker's friend)- lost her 25 year-old son
- Dawn Cristz (friend of Sharon Stricker)- Surgery to remove oral cancer
- Phil Smith- hip surgery Monday
- Paul Bessent- health concerns

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: Jeff Barnhardt
Children's Message: Michelle Walker
Children's Message next week: Raegan Swaringen
Children's Church: Ryan & Michelle Walker
Children's Church next week: Donnie & Raegan Swaringen
Acolyte: Noah Walker
Acolyte next week: Caylin Lowder
Nursery: Debbie McDaniel
Nursery next week: Jane Argabrite
Ushers:
Phil McClain, Jill McClain, Mal McDaniel, Sam McAllister
Ushers next week:
Mal McDaniel, Todd Pless, John Hammond, Amy Hurst
Greeter: Debbie McDaniel

FINANCIALS_{FOR APRIL}

YTD Income	\$80,280.00
YTD Expenses	\$84,199.00
YTD Budget	\$98,459.00

Last week's attendance: 5/1/22

Sunday School	57
Worship	110

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

SUNDAY, MAY 8

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

- 9:30a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
- 10:00a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00a.m. Worship Service

MONDAY, MAY 9

- 10:00a.m. Women's Council

TUESDAY, MAY 10

- 12:00p.m. NA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

- 10:30a.m. Moms in Prayer
- 6:30p.m. PraiseMakers
- 6:30p.m. Handbell Choir

THURSDAY, MAY 12

- 10:30a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
- 12:00p.m. NA

FRIDAY, MAY 13

- 5-9:00p.m. Jiggy with the Piggy

SATURDAY, MAY 14

- 9a.m. - 5p.m. Jiggy with the Piggy

SUNDAY, MAY 15 FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY!

- 9:30a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
- 10:00a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00a.m. Worship Service
- 12:00p.m. Spring Fun Festival



SERMON NOTES



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