



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*The Gift of Love*

Traditional English Melody

Lighting of the Candles

Caylin Lowder

Call to Worship**Hymn of Praise No. 521**

NETTLETON

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing****Prayer of Adoration****Prayer of Confession**

God, our heavenly Father, You raised Jesus from death to life and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that we have resisted His rule in our lives. Pardon us for embracing and being led by the false values, priorities, and commitments of this present world that is hostile to You. Forgive us for failing to set our minds on heaven and giving our ascended King the honor and praise that He deserves. Transform us by Your Spirit and enable us to obey the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the Church, His body. It is in His matchless name we pray.

Silent Prayers of Confession**Assurance of the Gospel**

Ephesians 2:4-5

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Hymn of Grace No. 691Amazing Grace*

NEW BRITAIN

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~**Word with Our Children**

Raegan Swaringen

Offering and Special Music*Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)*

CCLI Song #7161130

Sara Duplisea, alto; David Hamilton, tenor; George Maxwell, guitar

Amy Hamilton, djembe; Kay Yates, piano

***Doxology**

***Scripture Reading**

Galations 5:13-15

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Sermon

Imperfect Together

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Song of Praise No.**

Grace

Thompson, Robinson, Shepherd

Sara Duplisea, alto; David Hamilton, tenor; Kay Yates, piano

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Scholtes

*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!

Thank You's

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Words cannot express how much all the cards, phone calls, text messages, emails and visits (Pastor Eddie) meant after my knee surgery, during Daddy's health decline, when we all had Covid and after Daddy's death. Your prayers were felt and especially appreciated. You have no idea how uplifting the words of encouragement helped us.

Sandy Boucher-Bessent & family

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for showing God's love in so many ways - prayers, cards, calls, love and so much more I don't even know about. This is a hard road to be on, but I know Michael is in his eternal home where we all aspire to be.

Joyce Deal

UPCOMING



Spring Festival!

TODAY, immediately following the Worship Service, please join us outside for hot dogs and fixings, treats, games, and good fellowship!

The JOY Group will gather for a covered dish luncheon on Friday, May 20th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign-up in the Narthex!



The Drummond Class will resume Sunday School on May 22nd at 10:00a.m! Their classroom is on the 2nd floor. Ron Lisenby will lead as teacher. Anyone is welcome to join them for study!

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 TODAY, Sunday, May 15!



Women Without Reservations are invited to a couple's pool party and cookout on Saturday, June 4 at the Swaringen's home.

We will gather at 4pm, and eat around 6. The meat will be provided. Please sign up for a side dish, desserts, or drinks on the sheet in the Narthex!



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!



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 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 ends

TODAY!! Through today, 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

CHURCH FAMILY

Mallory McDaniel and family- loss of his father, Don

Cindy Fisher- Hospice care

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

Martha Stricker- (Bill Stricker's mom) Hip surgery

Gary Burris (Debbie McDaniel family friend) Cancer

Betty Hazeltine (Amy Hamilton's mom)- recovery from Covid

Phil Smith- Recovery from hip surgery Monday

Marsha Ritchie (Debbie McDaniel's mom) – recovery from Covid

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

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:

David Ellington has attended First Presbyterian for about four years, formally becoming a member one year ago. Having been raised in a Christian home, he has been a believer "as long as [he] can remember." David has served as a deacon at both Grace Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg and Coddle Creek Presbyterian in Mooresville. David and his wife, Victoria, married in November, 1981. They have three grown children and six grandchildren. David serves on the Building and Grounds Committee and in the handbell choir. He is excited to be considered as an elder during this time of opportunity for outreach and growth in downtown Kannapolis. David says, "I consider it an honor to serve our Lord and Church and look forward to my own personal growth and the growth of our Church."

Lynn Sechler came to First Presbyterian in 1993 with his then-girlfriend Shannon Goodnight and joined shortly after. Now married 25 years, he and Shannon have 4 daughters - Elizabeth, Emma, Ella and Evie. Lynn leans on Philippians 4:13 to guide his faith journey. He says, "My family, my church, my friends, all are like branches of a tree that is rooted in my faith with Christ at the center."

Lynn's involvement at First Presbyterian has spanned Sunday School, Bible School, Ushering, and Committee work. He is currently on the Buildings and Grounds Team and leads the newly-formed Sunday School class. While Lynn has previously served as an Elder, he is excited for the opportunity First Pres has to grow spiritually under the leadership of Pastor Eddie. Lynn wants to serve the congregation of First Presbyterian as he serves our Lord.

Cookie Hamilton says she is living proof that if you raise up a child in the way they should go, they will not depart from it. She gives God glory for all the blessings in her life, and relies on Jesus' strength to sustain her in the difficult times. She has two children and three grandchildren. She lost her husband, Donald, in 2018.

Cookie joined First Presbyterian in 1990, and has been active in the Chancel Choir, the Handbell Choir, and the Worship Team. Cookie is excited to work with Pastor Eddie, who is a great teacher with a heart for our congregation and serving the Lord. She will strive to serve our church through prayer and seeking God's will.

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

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

TUESDAY, MAY 17

12:00p.m. NA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

5:30p.m. Children's Ministry Team
6:30p.m. PraiseMakers
6:30p.m. Handbell Choir

THURSDAY, MAY 19

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

SUNDAY, MAY 22 10 CENTS A MEAL!

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Jeff Barnhardt
Children's Message: Raegan Swaringen
Children's Message next week: Alpha Barger
Children's Church: Donnie & Raegan Swaringen
Children's Church next week: Alpha Barger & Sharon Stricker
Acolyte: Caylin Lowder
Acolyte next week: Erica Efird
Nursery: Jane Argabrite
Nursery next week: Lynn Efird
Ushers:
Mal McDaniel, Todd Pless, John Hammond, Amy Hurst
Greeter: Debbie McDaniel
Ushers next week: Tony Hunter, Mark Goodnight, Jeff Barnhardt, Chris Lowder

FINANCIALS_{FOR APRIL}

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

Last week's attendance: 5/8/22

Sunday School	64
Worship	115

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