



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*Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Kirkpatrick

Lighting of the Candles

Erica Efird

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!

All: Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!

Leader: Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars!

Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

All: Let them praise the name of the LORD! For He commanded and they were created.

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women together, old men and children!

All: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven. Praise the LORD!

Hymn of Praise No. 363Blessed Assurance*

ASSURANCE

***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

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so You are right in Your verdict and justified when You judge. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

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

Isaiah 53:5-6

He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed. We all,

like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

***Hymn of Grace**

The Old Rugged Cross

OLD RUGGED CROSS

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, The emblem of suffering and shame; And I love that old cross where the dearest and best, For a world of lost sinners was slain, So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, Has a wondrous attraction for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above To bear it to dark Calvary. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross And exchange it some day for a crown.

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, A wondrous beauty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died to pardon and sanctify me. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it some day for a crown.

To the old, rugged cross I will ever be true, Its shame and reproach gladly bear; Then He'll call me some day to my home far away, Where His glory forever I'll share. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it some day for a crown.

Prayers and Praise of the People

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with Our Children

Alpha Barger

Offering and Special Music

Be Thou my Vision
Alleluia Ringers

arr. by Webber

***Doxology**

***Scripture Reading**

James 3:13-16

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Sermon

Imperfect Together

Eddie Spencer

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

Plainfield

*All who are able please stand
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At the end of service we will have a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing elders.

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!

Today is our monthly 10 cents a Meal collection, benefitting Compassion International, Meals on Wheels, and CCM. Please place your offering in one of the designated containers in the Narthex.

We are delighted to have Shirley Johnson serving as our pianist today.
Shirley has served as pianist for many churches in our area more than 30 years.
Please make her feel welcome!



"Thank you" to Sharon Cranford, who has led as the Chair of the Worship Team for the past 3 years! Her dedication to our church and our Lord has been an inspiration to all who served with her.

"Thank You!" to all who helped set up, serve at, and clean up after the Spring Fun Festival last Sunday!!!

UPCOMING



Celebrate Youth Sunday with us on June 5th during the Worship Service. Our youth will lead our time together, while Pastor Eddie will bring us the message. We will also honor our high school graduates - ***Katie Satterfield and Malaina Meeks***. You are invited to a reception in their honor immediately following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall!



Women Without Reservations are invited to a couple's pool party and cookout on **Saturday, June 11 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 \$6,952! We also hope to participate in a mission trip later this year!!!

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!

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.

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 Hazelton (Amy Hamilton's mom)- recovery from Covid

Buddy Troutman (Judy Hammond's son-in-law) cancer

Katherine Jensen (Richard Griggs sister)- lost her husband

Becky Montgomery (Mark and Renee's friend)- Enduring a second stem cell procedure

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: Alpha Barger

Children's Message next week: Tracy Caskey

Children's Church: Alpha Barger & Sharon Stricker

Children's Church next week: Tracy & Amelia Caskey

Acolyte: Erica Efird

Acolyte next week: Violet Hamilton

Nursery: Lynn Efird

Nursery next week: Linda Bost

Ushers: Tony Hunter, Mark Goodnight, Jeff Barnhardt, Chris Lowder

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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: 5/15/22

Sunday School 48

Worship 116

The Session has called a congregational meeting for TODAY, 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 22 10 Cents a Meal

9:30a.m. Fellowship Breakfast

10:00a.m. Sunday School

11:00a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, May 24

12:00p.m. NA

Thursday, May 26

10:30a.m. Ladies' Bible Study

12:00p.m. NA

Next Sunday, May 29

9:30a.m. Fellowship Breakfast

10:00a.m. Sunday School

11:00a.m. Worship Service

