



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*At the Name of Jesus*

KINGS WESTON

Lighting of the Candles

Violet Hamilton

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Gracious Father, giver of all good things: For our home on earth and for Your unfailing mercy

All: we give You thanks.

Leader: Christ, our Redeemer: For Your sacrifice on the cross and for rising from death so that we might live

All: we give You thanks and praise.

Leader: Holy Spirit, giver of life: For Your abiding presence in our lives and for comforting and guiding us

All: we give You thanks, praise, and glory.

Leader: God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

All: To You be glory and praise now and forever.***Hymn of Praise No. 254***For all the Saints*

Williams

Prayer of Adoration*A Memorial Day Reading**

Revelation 19:11-16(NLT)

“Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.”

A Memorial Day Prayer

Scotty Smith

“Dear King Jesus, on Memorial Day we rightfully honor the courageous men and women who lost their lives serving our country, in a world filled with “wars and rumors of war.” On this day, we *honor you*, as the ultimate Servant-Warrior, who on the cross won the war to end all wars. No one paid a greater price to bring the final and full peace, for which we long and hope. King Jesus, having secured the defeat of the prince of darkness, you’re now

the rider on the white horse—alone worthy of the name Faithful and True and Word of God. You are faithful to fulfill every promise God made for the salvation of his people, and the restoration of cosmos. Though evil hates beauty, your love surpasses all evil. Indeed, evil will not prevail. It has been defeated, and it will be eradicated. Hallelujah, many times over! We're not waiting for you to become the King of all kings and Lord of all lords, for you already are. Your kingdom has come and, one Day, will come in fullness. Consummate peace will replace all petulance and pettiness, hating and being hated, fuming and fighting, quarrels, and quarrelsomeness—of every variety and expression. Hasten that Day, Lord; hasten it. So very Amen we pray, in your triumphant and exalted name.

***Hymn of Promise No. 482** *Soon and Very soon* Crouch

Prayers and Praise of the People

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with Our Children Tracy Caskey

Offering and Special Music CCLI Song #7172456

Thank you Jesus for the blood applied

Lucinda Stewart, soprano; David Hamilton, tenor; Amy Hamilton, djembe

***Doxology**

***Scripture Reading** Philippians 1:27-30 page 1161

Sermon Citizenship Eddie Spencer

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude** *Sing to the King* Foote

*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!



The flowers today are given by Alpha Barger
in honor of Ronald Barger,
on our 57th wedding anniversary,
and who will celebrate his 82 birthday on June 2.



The Church Office will be closed on
Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

The newest edition of JUBILATION is out. You can pick one up in the Narthex.



New Covenant Members

Linda Sampson began her Christian journey in 1996. Since then, she continues to grow in her faith by daily surrendering her life and her will to God. Linda enjoys horseback riding and has a passion for helping the homeless. She looks forward to worshipping with us as fellow believers and imitators of God.



Cindy DeVoe is married to husband John, with four children and six grandchildren. Her Christian walk is centered around prayer and attempting to live in Christ's will. Cindy's hobbies include reading, gardening, and spending time with her family. She has likewise been led into a passion for homeless outreach.

Together, Linda and Cindy have started a ministry for Helping the Hungry and Homeless in Cabarrus County. They currently provide Blessing Bags for those they meet in the community, and have plans for a clothing drive in the works. They also hope to partner with our Missions Team to provide hot meals and showers for area homeless at Second Presbyterian Church. **Please extend your welcome to Linda and Cindy!**

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!

CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO A SUMMER BIBLE ADVENTURE! Join us Wednesdays at 10:30a.m. in the Fellowship Hall from June 15 - July 13. We will have a Bible lesson mixed with crafts, music, and even Bible Memory challenges. We'll also include fun outings or service projects. Some weeks, we'll just bring a lunch and enjoy eating together on the church grounds. Let Michelle Walker know if your child(ren) are interested!

FAMILY FUN DAYS ABOUND THIS SUMMER!

Mark your calendars for these events and watch the bulletin and weekly emails for more information:

Sunday, June 12: CannonBallers game

Saturday, June 18: Crowder and friends concert in Greensboro

Saturday, June 24: Painting class with Allison Hammett

Friday, July 1: Fireworks watching at the Research Campus



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

Cookie Hamilton- loss of mother

Amy Hamilton- Loss of grandmother

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF Church Family

Martha Stricker- **Bill Stricker's mom**- recovery from hip surgery

Jim Dandro- (**Bonnie's son-in-law**)- loss of mother

Clarice Poole (**Susan Norman's mom**)- health concerns

Mike Hazelton (**Amy Hamilton's dad**)- loss of mother

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

HOMEBOUND

Cindy Fisher- Transitional

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

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, May 29

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

Monday, May 30 Happy Memorial Day!

Tuesday, May 31
12:00p.m. NA

Wednesday, June 1

6:30p.m. PraiseMakers

Thursday, June 2

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

Saturday, June 4

3:00p.m. Youth Sunday Rehearsal in Sanctuary
5:00p.m. Youth Sunday participants to Jocko's Mini Golf

Next Sunday, June 5 Youth Sunday! Pentecost!

9:30a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
10:00a.m. Sunday School
11:00a.m. Worship Service
12:00p.m. Graduate Reception in Fellowship Hall

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Jeff Barnhardt
Children's Message: Tracy Caskey
Children's Message next week: Malaina Meeks
Children's Church: Tracy & Amelia Caskey
Children's Church next week: NONE(Youth Sunday)
Acolyte Violet Hamilton
Acolyte next week: Amias Hamilton & Camryn Lowder
Nursery: Linda Bost
Nursery next week: Jenna Baker
Ushers: Fred Caskey, 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: 5/22/22
Sunday School
Worship 119

