



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Welcome

Prelude and Preparation

Love Lifted Me

Lighting of the Candles

Caylin Lowder

***Call to Worship**

Leader: I love you, Lord, my strength.

All: The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Leader: I called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise,

***Hymn of Praise**

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

TOPLADY

Rock of Ages, cleft
for me, let me hide
myself in Thee; let
the water and the
blood, from Thy
wounded side which
flowed, be of sin the
double cure; save
from wrath and
make me pure.

Not the labors of
my hands can fulfill
Thy law's demands;
could my zeal no
respite know, could
my tears forever
flow, all for sin
could not atone;
Thou must save,
and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand
I bring, simply to
the cross I cling;
naked come to Thee
for dress; helpless,
look to Thee for
grace; foul, I to the
fountain fly; wash
me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this
fleeting breath,
when mine eyes
shall close in death,
when I soar to
worlds unknown,
see Thee on Thy
judgement throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft
for me, let me hide
myself in Thee.

***Prayer of Adoration**

Confession of Sins

Gracious and holy God, we praise You as the triune God who lives in perfect unity.

Though Jesus prayed that we would be one, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the false values, priorities, and commitments of this world. We repent of our selfish preoccupation that has ruptured our relationship with You and others. May Your Spirit convict and heal us by showing us again the cross of Jesus which is mighty to subdue, comfort, and save us. For we pray in Jesus' name and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

Colossians 1:13-14

“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

Recognition of Graduates & Presentation by Session

Jeff Barnhardt

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with Our Children

Alpha Barger

Offering and Special Music

Fill-A-Me-Up
Men's Ensemble

Choplin

***Doxology**

***Scripture Reading**

Sermon

Larry Efird

***Hymn of Hope No. 770**

In Christ Alone

Getty/Townend

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury

*All who are able please stand
CCLI# 2221136

10cents

Today is our monthly 10 cents a meal collection! The children will collect your change in the Narthex immediately following the worship service. Your contributions are divided between Compassion International, Cooperative Christian Ministry, and Meals on Wheels.

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!

Congratulations to our
Class of 2022 A. L. Brown High School Graduates!
You are invited to a reception in their honor immediately following
the worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

OUR GRADUATES



MALAINA MEEKS

Malaina completed Rowan Cabarrus Community College credits while dual enrolled at A. L. Brown her Senior Year. She is working towards her Associate's Degree as a radiology technician. Later, she plans to complete her Radiology Degree at a 4-year college or university.

At A. L. Brown, Malaina was a member of the National Honor Society and National Beta Club. This year, she received the Excellence in Visual Arts Award. For the last three years, she was a member of the A. L. Brown Cheerleading Squad, which won the State Championship each of those years. This year, they placed 8th at the National Championship at Walt Disney World. Malaina was one of 13 All-American Seniors.



KATIE SATTERFIELD

Katie graduates from A. L. Brown, having completed four years of Advanced Honors Dance. Two of those years, she served as an intern teacher for the class. Katie also participated in band for three years, a culinary honors course for two years, and the Junior Varsity cheerleading squad one year.

Outside of school, Katie is an avid dancer. She has danced for 15 years, 8 of those in competition. Katie plans to attend Rowan Cabarrus Community College for her Associate's Degree in Cosmetology. She is grateful for the support of all her family and friends!



CONSTRUCTION NOTICE! The tile in the parking lot entry, as well as the carpet in the office suites and hallway, will be replaced the week of July 3rd. As a result, the office will be closed during this week and the Fellowship Hall will not be available for meetings. Entry through the parking lot door will also be limited. Office staff will be available by phone and email:

Pastor Eddie - eddie@firstpresb.org; (239) 450-3331

Michelle - michellewalker@firstpresb.org; (704) 223-1778

Patricia - patriciahartsell@firstpresb.org

Terri - terripruett@firstpresb.org

Thank you for your understanding as we work to improve our facilities!

UPCOMING

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. Children will learn "Manners with Mrs. Roxanne" and some days, we'll include fun outings or service projects. Lunch will be provided each week. Let Michelle Walker know if your child(ren) are interested!



You are invited to gather on the Research Campus lawn (in front of town hall) on Friday, July 1 to watch the Village Park Fireworks!

Fireworks will be after the 7pm Symphony Concert. Bring a picnic, some lawn chairs, and games or glow sticks and enjoy this time of fellowship with your church family!



The painting class for children and youth has been rescheduled for Saturday, July 9th! Allison Hammett will lead the class from 10am - 12pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, July 3!



**MEN'S
DINNER**
WITH THE NFL TODAY HOST
JAMES "J.B." BROWN



Men are invited to a dinner at the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association on Friday, July 8 at 6:30pm! Enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship and be inspired by the testimony of J.B. Brown - host of CBS' "The NFL Today." Cost is \$25 per person, and the van is available for transportation. Let Ryan Walker know by TODAY if you are interested - (704) 223-5255.

THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 26th, IS YOUR FINAL OPPORTUNITY to contribute to the fundraising challenge for a community school in Sitpatch, Mexico!

A generous First Pres donor has agreed to match all contributions received from the congregation up to \$35,000. Missions Team pledges and donations from the congregation have yielded \$28,352.00 Please make your donation to First Pres and designate it for "Sitpatch School." Thank you for your generous support of this project!!!

Donations for Ukraine Relief will be accepted through THIS SUNDAY, June 26th! Contributions will be directed to Samaritan's Purse for disaster response. Your generosity has totalled \$3465.00. If you would like to contribute at a later date, please direct your donation to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/ukraine-response/>.

MISSIONS

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

Charlene Booth-recovering from Covid 19

Family & Friends of Church Family

Hazel Stephens- recovery from pneumonia

Gary Burris- Hospice Care

Buddy and Alice Troutman (Judy Hammond's son-in-law's parents)- Health concerns

Jess McDaniel (McDaniel's daughter-in-law)- 5-year-old nephew drowned

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

Homebound

Cindy Fisher- Had to return to hospital

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: Tracy Caskey

Children's Message: Alpha Barger

Children's Message next week: Roxanne Spencer

Children's Church: Alpha Barger & Linda Bost

Children's Church next week: Chris & Chariti Lowder

Acolyte: Caylin Lowder

Acolyte next week: Violet Hamilton

Nursery: Hannah Efird

Nursery next week: Linda Bost

Ushers: Fred Caskey, Mark Goodnight, Jeff Barnhardt, Chris Lowder

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Greeter: Tony Rary

FINANCIALS FOR MAY

YTD Income \$104,287.45

YTD Expenses \$104,081.10

YTD Budget \$123,073.75

Last week's attendance: 6/19/22

Sunday School 56

Worship 118

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, June 26

9:30a.m. - Fellowship Breakfast

10:00a.m. - Sunday School

11:00a.m. - Worship Service

12:00p.m. - Graduate Reception in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, June 26

12:00p.m. - NA

7:00p.m. - Missions Team

Wednesday, June 29

10:30a.m. - Summer Bible Adventure

Thursday, June 30

12:00p.m. - NA

Friday, July 1

Sunset - Fireworks Watching at Research Campus

Sunday, July 3

9:30 a.m. - Fellowship Breakfast

10:00a.m. - Sunday School

11:00a.m. - Worship Service

THANK YOU

Alice Jeanes would like to thank the congregation for all the cards, calls, and other acts of kindness following her recent surgery.

