



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*Love Lifted Me*

SAFETY

Lighting of the Candles

Landon Walker

***Call to Worship**

Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Leviticus 19:18

Leader: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

All: **“Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.”**

Hymn of Praise No. 351Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

Prayer of Adoration*Prayer of Confession**

“Lord Jesus Christ, You came to seek and to save the lost and heal the sick. You invite the weary and the heavy laden to find rest in You, and You eagerly bless the contrite in heart with mercy and pardon. Yet, we confess our tendency to lose our way and to run from You down paths that lead away from You. We have not loved You or submitted to You as King; we try to build our own kingdoms while being indifferent to Yours; we have not faithfully represented You to a lost and dying world; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy. Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy, and forgive our every sin. By the Spirit, rekindle our love for You and lead us once again in the way that leads to life. It’s in Your mighty name we pray.”

Silent Prayers of Confession***Song of Assurance**

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*Grace**By grace I am redeemed**By grace I am restored**And now I freely walk into the arms of Christ my Lord***~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~****Word with our Children and Blessing of Bookbags**

Tracy Caskey

Offering and Special Music*Jesus Keeps Me Singing*
Men’s Trio, Traditional

arr. by Joseph Martin

***Doxology**

***Scripture Reading**

Luke 10: 25-37

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Sermon

The Question of the Parable

Eddie Spencer

***Song of Grace No. 659**

Nearer, Still Nearer

Morris

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

God of Grace and God of Glory

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*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 rose bud on the altar is placed to the glory of God
and in honor of the birth of *Henry Morgan Stricker* on August 16, 2022.

Henry weighed 5 pounds 15 ounces.

He is the son of Adam and Anna Stricker.

Paternal Grandparents are Bill and Sharon Stricker.



We are pleased to welcome our newest Covenant Partners, Ken and Jenny Sparks!

The Sparks join our First Presbyterian Church family via letter of transfer from Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church. Ken is the former owner and operator of Sparks Chrysler in Concord. Jenny served for 20 years as a nurse for Cabarrus Urology. Ken and Jenny share three children and six grandchildren. They are retired now, and enjoy traveling to the beach and caring for their King Charles Cavalier Spaniels. Jenny also loves watching their grandchildren, while Ken's hobbies include boating and fishing. Please extend your own welcome to the Sparks!



Congratulations to David Hamilton, Director of Music and Terri Pruett, Bookkeeper/Worship Technology, who will celebrate their 8th anniversary serving First Presbyterian on August 25. We are grateful that they share their talents in leading our church family. Please share your well wishes with David and Terri!

Pray for our children! Members of the congregation are invited to 'adopt' a child from our church family to pray for during the 2022-23 school year! Choose a magnet from the display in the Narthex and commit to pray for that child each day. Please let Michelle Walker know which child you adopted. Thank you for covering our children in prayer!!!



A Thank You from Franklin Graham:

I want to express my appreciation for the generous gift sent to Samaritan's Purse from First Presbyterian Church for our response in Ukraine.

Since the conflict began, we have worked with our local partners to distribute over 13,000 metric tons of food and over a million gallons of clean water to Ukrainians who are in desperate need of basic necessities. Our teams have developed advanced water treatment systems for nine churches so they can give life-saving clean water to people in their communities, and we are working to provide ...for many more church partners in the weeks ahead. We continue to airlift medical supplies and other emergency items..., and our medical teams have treated over 15,000 patients...

Please pray with us for an end to the fighting and for the people of Ukraine.

The Church Office will be closed and access to the Educational Building will be limited during the week of August 29th due to flooring replacement in the foyer and office hallway.

Office staff are available via phone or email as follows:

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

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

Patricia - patriciahartsell@firstpresb.org

Thank you for your understanding!

UPCOMING

The Missions Team Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection continues with school supplies in August!

We will pack 200 boxes for boys ages 2-4, and 200 boxes for boys ages 10-14.

NEEDED FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 21:

141 washcloths

106 crayons

140 colored pencils

400 composition notebooks

Once these supplies are secured, we'll move on to new items!

Thank you as always for your support of this ministry!



You are invited to a Missions Meal TODAY immediately following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall!

The Missions Team will provide pinto beans and fixings, slaw, cornbread, roasted potatoes, and desserts, all on a donation basis. Proceeds will go toward our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox packing. Come enjoy the food and fellowship!

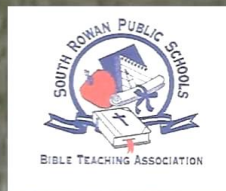
First Presbyterian will host a Fresh Foods Market in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 27!

The market is presented by Feeding Kannapolis Hunger, and provides fresh produce and food items to those in need. A cooking demonstration, a wellness seminar, and outreach from our church are also part of this event. If you would like to volunteer to set-up on Friday evening, August 26, or serve during the event on Saturday morning, August 27, please sign up in the Narthex!

Dig deeper into God's Word this fall! On Genesis Sunday, September 11, the Fellowship Team will provide breakfast at 9:30am, and Sunday School classes for preschoolers through adults will be introduced at 10:00am. Our Wednesday Night Ministry will resume on Wednesday, September 21 with Fellowship Meals and studies for all ages. Don't miss these opportunities to draw closer to God!

Mark your calendars for this fundraising opportunity to support the South Rowan Bible Teaching Association.

Our own Emily Griggs has just begun teaching for them!



Join us to support Bible History Teachers in Public Schools!

5k Race and 1 Mile Fun Run

Event Starts 9am

Sign In 8am

Run for the Word 5k

Saturday September 10, 2022

Race Start: Trinity Lutheran Church

Landis, NC

Learn more about our mission:

srpsbta.weebly.com

Race Sign Up Info:

Run for the Word 5K - presented by Merrell Family Dentistry (runsignup.com)

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

Linda Sampson- In hospital with Esophageal problems
Ron Lisenby- Home and recovering from surgery
Linda Bost- Continued healing of fractures in her back
Betty Overcash- Kiser Hospice in Salisbury

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF Church Family

Lisa Threatt (Chariti Lowder's mom) - testing for trigeminal neuralgia
Henry Morgan Stricker- born to Adam and Anna Aug. 16
Becky Montgomery (Renee Goodnight's Friend)- Second Stem-cell treatment
Sam McAllister's daughter, Lori- Recovering from infection

HOMEBOUND

Cindy Fisher- Transitional
Peggy Barnhardt – Morningside
Barbara Hancock- home
Iris Efird- home
Barbara Wise - Oaks at Hampton, Cummings, Georgia
Loretta Young - Five Oaks

THANK YOU

A special thank you for all the prayers, calls and cards received during my mother, Madeline Bostian's, illness and death. Your kind and loving words have given me peace while I adjust to a life without my best friend.

Love, Risa Little

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, August 21

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

12:00pm - Missions Meal in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 23

12:00pm - NA

6:30pm - Missions Team

Thursday, August 25

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study

12:00pm - NA

6:00pm - Children's Ministry Team

Friday, August 26

7:00pm - Fresh Foods Market Set-up in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 27

8:45am - Fresh Foods Market prep

9:30am - Fresh Foods Market in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 28

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: David Ellington

Children's Message: Tracy Caskey

Children's Message next week: Jenna Baker

Children's Church: Tracy & Amelia Caskey

Children's Church next week: Lynn & Shannon Sechler

Acolyte: Landon Walker

Acolyte next week: Caylin Lowder

Nursery: Chariti Lowder

Nursery next week: Sharon Stricker & Ella Sechler

Ushers: Jill McLain, Phil McLain, Lynn Sechler, C.J. Semcho

Ushers next week: Jeff Barnhardt, Danny Bost, Fred Caskey, Mark Goodnight

Greeter: Cookie Hamilton, Debbie McDaniel

FINANCIALS FOR JULY

YTD Income \$148,812.95

YTD Expenses \$152,291.26

YTD Budget \$172,303.25

Last week's attendance: 8/14/22

Sunday School 68

Worship 113

