



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

Lighting of the Candles Caylin Lowder

Call to Worship *This is the Day* Tranter/Robinson

David Hamilton, tenor; Lucinda Stewart, soprano; George Maxwell, guitar;

Amy Hamilton, djembe; Heather Hruska, piano

***Hymn of Praise No. 440** *He Leadeth Me* AUGHTON

***Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer**

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful Father, we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward Your purposes, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, and our neglect of Your wise and gracious ways. Help us to change so that we may desire what is good, love what You love, and do what You command, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel Based on Romans 8:34; II Corinthians 5:17

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. Know that if you are in Christ, you are forgiven. Be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

Concerns and Celebrations of the Church Family

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with our Children Jenna Baker

Offering and Special Music Redman/Bailey/Herbert/Cantelon

Simple Pursuit (Glory Song)

David Hamilton, tenor; Lucinda Stewart, soprano; George Maxwell, guitar;

Amy Hamilton, djembe, Heather Hruska, piano

***Doxology**

***Scripture Reading** Philippians 3:12-16 page 1163

Sermon

What is This?

Eddie Spencer

***Hymn of Comfort No. 427**

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

I'll Fly Away

Brumley

*All who are able please stand
CCLI# 2221136

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, we collect our monthly "**10 Cents a Meal**" offering, benefitting Compassion International, Cooperative Christian Ministry, and Cabarrus Meals on Wheels. Youth will be in the Narthex immediately following the worship service to accept your donations!



UPCOMING

Mark your calendars for Genesis Sunday on September 11!

We will begin our new Sunday School year with breakfast at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall, provided by the Fellowship Team. At 9:45am, we will begin rehearsals in the sanctuary for children wishing to participate in an Inspirational Dance team. At 10:00am, everyone will gather in the Fellowship Hall, where all available Sunday School classes will be introduced, and classes will be released to meet in their respective classrooms. Don't miss this opportunity to find out more about Sunday School offerings - there's a place for you!

Classes available:

"Journey" Youth

Explorers – preschool

Seekers - early elementary

Navigators - older elementary/middle school

Voyagers - high school

Adults

Fellowship - in Fellowship Hall

Guardians - in Session Room

Disciples - 2nd floor across from Nursery

Drummond - 2nd floor end of hall



Dig Deeper into God's Word this fall with Wednesdays in the Word!

Our mid-week studies will begin on Wednesday, September 21 with small groups examining The Gospel of John. Pastor Eddie's Sunday sermons will introduce each week's study. Youth activities will also kick-off with PraiseMakers Kids' Choir and classes for children and youth. Dinner will be provided nightly on a donation basis.

The schedule is as follows:

5:45pm - Fellowship Meal in Fellowship Hall

6:00pm - PraiseMakers in Choir Room

6:30pm - Small Groups and Children's Ministry Groups

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:

101 washcloths

96 crayons

92 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!



First Presbyterian is pleased to host an Operation Christmas Child Project Leader Workshop on Saturday, September 10 from 10:30am - 12:00pm!

Be inspired by the testimony of shoebox recipient Natasha Ivanova, who received a shoebox gift when she was a child living in an orphanage in Ukraine, learn more about the ministry, and explore ways you can get involved. Pre-printed shoeboxes will also be distributed at this event, so if you would be willing to lend some "muscle," we would love to have you! Please let Michelle Walker know if you are interested in attending by Wednesday, September 7.



Project Leader Workshop 2022

"Declare His glory among the nations!" — Psalm 96:3



Provide a meal for Salvation Army Night Shelter residents!

First Presbyterian will serve dinner at 7pm each night from Sunday, Sept. 25 through Saturday, Oct. 1. Items needed include an entree, side(s), and dessert for approximately 30 people. Meals must be dropped off by 6pm, but you are welcome to stay and serve. Sign-up in the Narthex, or see Debbie McDaniel for more information.



Saltshakers Too Bible Study will begin Tuesdays on September 13th at 6pm on Zoom!!! The Study will be entitled "The Divided Kingdom," focusing on 15 Old Testament books through Bible Study Fellowship. Church Members and friends who are interested should contact Sharon Cranford - skcranford@yahoo.com or (704) 796-5781.

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

CHURCH FAMILY

Betty Overcash Family- Loss of Betty
John Roberson- fluid on his lungs from a fall
Shirley Faust- recovery from a stroke
Linda Sampson- Recovery from Esophageal problems
Ron Lisenby- Home and recovering from surgery
Linda Bost- Continued healing of fractures in her back
Jean Bost- Recovering from Covid

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
Doris Campbell (friend of Lowders/Walkers) – surgery for brain injury after a fall
Mike Allen (Barger's family member) - stomach cancer

HOMEBOUND

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

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, August 28

9:30am Fellowship Breakfast
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

Monday, August 29

Flooring Replacement Begins

Tuesday, August 30

12:00pm – NA in Parlor

Thursday, September 1

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study
12:00pm – NA in Parlor

Sunday, September 4

9:30am Fellowship Breakfast
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: David Ellington
Children's Message: Jenna Baker
Children's Message next week: Alpha Barger
Children's Church: Lynn & Shannon Sechler
Children's Church next week: Brian & Hannah Efird
Acolyte: Caylin Lowder
Acolyte next week: Violet Hamilton
Nursery: Sharon Stricker & Ella Sechler
Nursery next week: Amelia Caskey
Ushers: Jeff Barnhardt, Danny Bost, Fred Caskey, Mark Goodnight
Ushers next week: John Hammond, Tony Hunter, Amy Hurst, Chris Lowder
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: 8/21/22
Sunday School 56
Worship 109

Reminder: The Church Office will be closed this week, and access to the Education Building will be limited due to flooring replacement in the foyer and office hallway.

If you need assistance, please contact:

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!

Thank you to all who supported the
Missions Meal on August 21.

A total of \$1,135 was donated towards our
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox packing efforts!

A Note of Thanks:

"Thank you for supporting One Mission Society by giving to Moscow Evangelical Christian Seminary in Russia. We rejoice in God's provision through you..."

Please know that you are a vital partner with us in further the work of the Lord. We pray that the Lord will bless you greatly and meet your every need."

SERMON NOTES



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