



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

Camryn Lowder & Evie Sechler

Call to Worship

Psalm 145

***Hymn of Praise No. 553**

How Great Thou Art

HINE

***Prayer of Adoration**

Affirmation of Faith

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with our Children

Alpha Barger

Offering and Special Music

***Scripture Reading**

Philippians 3:4-9

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Sermon

Two Kinds of Salvation

Eddie Spencer

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

***Hymn of Communion No. 175** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

The Wonderful Cross

Tomlin

*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!



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/Youth 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, September 4:

91 washcloths

41 crayons

82 colored pencils

380 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

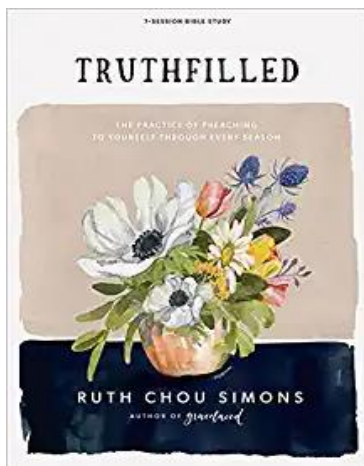
Race Sign Up Info:

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



The JOY Group will have its first fall gathering on Friday, September 30 at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall! The Argabrites will provide baked ham, and others are asked to bring drinks, sides, and desserts. Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall, and come ready with ideas for future activities!

Upcoming Women's Events



Women Without Reservations will resume monthly meetings beginning Sunday, September 11 at 4:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our fall study will be *Truthfilled*, by Ruth Chou Simons. Each lady should purchase a copy of the Bible Study to use. This women's circle mainly consists of ladies raising younger children. Contact Michelle Walker - michellewalker@firstpresb.org or (704) 223-1778 - for more information.



A new women's circle is forming! Consisting mainly of retired ladies, the new circle will meet on the last Monday of each month at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Their first gathering will be Monday, September 26 at 2:00pm. Contact Carol Lowder - clowder1415@gmail.com or (704) 642-9051 - if you are interested.



The Women's Council invites all ladies of the church to a "Parade of Tables" on Saturday, October 8th at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Members of the council will decorate themed tables, while guests will enjoy delicious food, beautiful music, and a special guest speaker. Please sign-up in the Narthex if you would like to attend!

PRAYER CONCERNS

CHURCH FAMILY

Betty Overcash Family- Loss of Betty

Bill and Bonnie Goodnight- Covid

Shirley Faust- recovery from a stroke

Linda Sampson- Recovery from Esophageal problems

Jean Bost- Recovering from Covid

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF Church Family

Mike Allen (Bargers' family)- Cancer diagnosis

Betsy Smith (David Hamilton's mother)- recovery from heart procedure

Lisa Threatt (Chariti Lowder's mom) -testing for trigeminal neuralgia

Buddy Troutman (Judy Hammond family)- Returned to hospital

Becky Montgomery (Renee Goodnight's Friend)- Second Stem-cell treatment

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, September 4

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service with Holy Communion

Monday, September 5 LABOR DAY

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6

12:00pm - NA

6:30pm - Session

Thursday, September 8

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study

12:00pm - NA

Saturday, September 10

10:30am - OCC Project Leader Workshop

Next Sunday, September 11 GENESIS SUNDAY

9:30am – Fellowship Breakfast by Fellowship Team

9:45am – Interpretive Dance Team Rehearsal

10:00am – Sunday School (all begin in Fellowship Hall)

11:00am – Worship Service

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Ryan Walker

Children's Message: Alpha Barger

Children's Message next week: Michelle Walker

Children's Church: Brian & Hannah Efird

Children's Church next week: Chris & Chariti Lowder

Acolytes: Camryn Lowder & Evie Sechler

Acolyte next week: Noah Walker

Nursery: Amelia Caskey & Lynn Efird

Nursery next week: Jane Argabrite

Ushers: John Hammond, Tony Hunter, Amy Hurst, Chris Lowder

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Greeter: Tracy Caskey, Gip Rumble

FINANCIALS FOR JULY

YTD Income	\$148,812.95
YTD Expenses	\$152,291.26
YTD Budget	\$172,303.25

Last week's attendance: 8/28/22

Sunday School 74

Worship 116

