



FIRST

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CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Welcome**

Eddie Spencer

Prelude and Preparation for Worship

Tim Hughes/arr. Bettcher

Here I Am to Worship

Alleluia Ringers

Lighting of the Candles

Violet & Amias Hamilton

***Call to Worship**

Hebrews 4:14-16

Leader: Therefore, since we have a great High Priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God.

All: Let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

Leader: For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He did not sin.

All: Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hymn of Praise No. 831Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

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Prayer of Adoration*Affirmation of Faith**

from Begic Confession

Our Savior, Jesus Christ, has ordained and instituted this Holy Supper to nourish and sustain those who are born again and grafted into His family: His church. Christ has instituted an earthly and visible bread as the sacrament of His body, and wine as the sacrament of His blood. Just as truly as we take and hold the sacraments in our hands and eat and drink them in our mouths, by which our life is then sustained, so truly we receive into our souls, for our spiritual life, the true body and true blood of Christ, our only Savior. We receive these by faith, which is the hand and mouth of our souls. This banquet is a spiritual table at which Christ communicates Himself to us with all His benefits. By the use of this holy sacrament we are moved to a fervent love of God and our neighbors.

***Hymn of Meditation No. 825** *Beneath the Cross*

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Concerns and Celebrations of our Church Family**~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~****Word with our Children**

Malaina Meeks

Offering and Special Music

Moore/McCracken

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

***Scripture Reading**

John 3:1-21

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Sermon

Jesus and Nicodemus

Eddie Spencer

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

***Hymn of Communion No. 837**

African/American Spiritual

Let Us Break Bread Together

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Holy Mana

Moore

*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!

UPCOMING

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

A Fellowship Meal is served at 5:45p.m. on a donation basis.

This week's menu: breakfast: bacon, scrambled eggs, grits, biscuits, drinks, dessert

PraiseMakers' kids choir rehearsal at 6:00p.m.

At 6:30p.m., small groups will explore lessons from The Gospel of John, which Eddie's Sunday sermons introduce each week.

Children/youth classes will also be available as follows:

Explorers (preK-K): "Hearing Bible Stories" with Alpha Barger & Jane Argabrite

Seekers (1st-4th): "The Case for Christ for Kids" with Chariti Lowder & Shannon Sechler

Navigators (5th - 8th): "The Case for Christ for Kids" with Roxanne Spencer & Irene Davis

Voyagers (9th-12th): "The Case for Christ" Student Edition with Michelle Walker



Men of the church

are invited to a Men's Fellowship Dinner on Thursday, October 6 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Menu will consist of steak or chicken, baked potato, salad, drinks and dessert. Chris Mailliard, the Bible Teacher for A. L. Brown High School, will be our guest speaker. Please sign up in the Narthex by TODAY, October 2nd, if you would like to attend.

The Missions Team's collection of Operation Christmas Child Shoebox items continues!

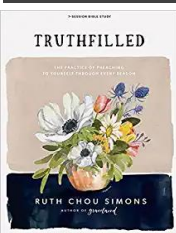
As a church family, we will pack 200 boxes for boys ages 2-4, and 200 boxes for boys ages 10-14. Our packing party is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 9th at 6:30pm.**

NEEDED FOR SUNDAY, September 25:
LOTS of #2 pencils to divide among boxes
261 composition notebooks
40 pair kid-safe scissors
298 glue sticks
105 Hairbrushes

Once these supplies are secured, we'll move on to new items! **If you would prefer to pack your own shoebox, there are empty boxes in the Narthex. Please return your box by Wednesday, November 9, including a \$10.00 donation to cover its shipping cost! You may also Build a Shoebox Online - see Michelle Walker for more information.**

Upcoming Women's Events

Women Without Reservations is beginning the *Truthfilled* Bible Study by Ruth Chou Simmons TODAY Sunday, October 2nd. We will meet at the home of Shannon Sechler, and Tracy Caskey will lead our lesson. This women's circle mainly consists of ladies raising younger children. Contact Chariti Lowder - (704) 467-6439 or cggoodnightrn@yahoo.com - for more information.



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 by TODAY, October 2nd if you would like to attend!

Outside Cleanup Day! Join us on Saturday, October 15th from 9am - 12pm to spruce up the outside of our church. Bring gloves, rakes, and shrubbery trimming tools, including wheelbarrows. Additional information is in the Narthex. Contact Dave Argabrite with questions!

Church Family Picnic! Make plans and invite friends to join us on Sunday, October 23 for a special worship service and a picnic on the grounds. The Fellowship Team will provide lunch and treats on the front patio, and games and crafts will be available. Please sign-up in the Narthex so we have enough for everyone!

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** - Remains in hospital with Esophageal problems
- **Donna Mauldin** - Moved to the Landings of Cabarrus
- **Patricia Hartsell & family** - Death of her mother
- **Shirley Faust** - Home recovering from a stroke

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF Church Family

- **Hurricane Ian Victims**
- **Roxanne's dad** - In hospital with pneumonia
- **Mike Allen** (Barger's family) - Cancer diagnosis and has started chemo
- **Lisa Threatt** (Chariti Lowder's mom) - testing for trigeminal neuralgia
- **Becky Montgomery** (Renee Goodnight's Friend) - Still struggling following a second stem-cell treatment
- **Chris Zickmund** (friend of Adam Caskey) - Cancer diagnosis

HOMEBOUND

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

Update on Hamilton Family Mission

In October, the Hamilton family will take a Vision Trip to France through Greater Europe Mission (GEM). All missionaries in France meet annually at the Camp des Cimes (Camp of the Peaks) in the French Alps for worship, planning, and fellowship. The Hamiltons will have the opportunity to hear about all the ministry opportunities in France, and train and develop relationships with missionaries. David and Amy have had many inspiring Zoom conferences with the GEM France Field Leader and with missionaries in Western France, Normandy, and Paris.

Please pray for the Hamilton family and for every aspect of their Vision Trip.
More information about the Hamilton Mission and ways to support them can be found in the Narthex. Thank you for your prayers and support!

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, September 25 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
9:45am - Interpretive Dance Rehearsal
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service with Holy Communion
4:30pm - Women Without Reservations at Sechler home

Tuesday, October 4

12:00pm - NA
6:30pm - Session

Wednesday, October 5

5:45pm - Fellowship Meal
6:00pm - PraiseMaker Kids' Choir
6:30pm - Wednesdays in the Word
(Small Groups & Journey Youth)
7:30pm - Alleluia Ringers

Thursday, October 6

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study
12:00pm - NA
6:00pm - Men's Fellowship Dinner

Friday, October 7

2:00pm - Women's Council Set-up in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 8

2:00pm - Women's Council "Parade of Tables"

Next Sunday, October 9

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
9:45am - Interpretive Dance Rehearsal
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service

SERMON NOTES

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SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Ryan Walker

Children's Message: Malaina Meeks

Children's Message next week: Abigail Malinovski

Children's Church: Lynn Efird & Amelia Caskey

Children's Church next week: Michelle Walker & Ella Sechler

Acolytes: Violet & Amias Hamilton

Acolyte next week: Camryn Lowder & Evie Sechler

Nursery: Megan Quigg

Nursery next week: Chariti Lowder

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

Ushers next week: Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel, & Todd Pless

Greeter: Tracy Caskey, Gip Rumble

FINANCIALS FOR AUGUST

YTD Income \$175,441

YTD Expenses \$180,349

YTD Budget \$196,918

Last week's attendance: 9/25/22

Sunday School 59

Worship 102



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