



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 for Worship

Blanchard

Fill My Cup, Lord

Lighting of the Candles

Camryn Lowder & Evie Sechler

***Call to Worship**

Romans 8:28-31

Leader: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

All: For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Leader: And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified.

All: What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

***Hymn of Praise No. 695**

And Can It Be

SAGINA

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

“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

Prayer of Confession

Holy and gracious Father, the highest court in the universe has declared us completely forgiven, totally accepted, and forever loved. Yet today we ask Your forgiveness for not living in the security of Your love. We confess that too often fear and pride drive many of our decisions; disappointments and difficulties have caused us to doubt Your goodness and promises. Grant us renewed faith to trust Your loving heart, for we pray in the matchless name of Jesus, our Savior.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

Romans 8: 35-39

***Hymn of Meditation No. 659**

Morris

Nearer, Still Nearer

Concerns and Celebrations of our Church Family

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with our Children		Abigail Malinovsky
Offering and Special Music		Francis/Kauflin
	<i>Oh, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus</i>	
	Chancel Choir	
*Scripture Reading	John 4:1-42	page 1052
Sermon	Jesus at the Well	Eddie Spencer
*Hymn of Assurance No. 770		Getty/Townend
	<i>In Christ Alone</i>	
*Prayer and Benediction		
*Postlude	<i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i>	Croft

*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

CLEAN
UP



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!



Make plans and invite friends to join us on Sunday, October 23 for a special worship service and a picnic on the grounds.

Our newly-formed Interpretive Dance Team and the PraiseMakers Kids' Choir will help lead our worship. The Fellowship Team will provide lunch (chili beans, slaw and cornbread; hot dogs for kids) and treats on the front lawn, and games and crafts will be available.

Please sign-up in the Narthex so we have enough for everyone!



Journey Youth and their families are invited to a Fall Cookout & Hayride at the Walker Farm on Sunday, October 30th at 5:00p.m.!

We'll eat dinner from the grill, ride a tractor-pulled hayride, play games, and enjoy treats. You may even wear a costume - just keep it family friendly, please! Sign up in the Narthex to attend and help provide supplies.

See Ryan or Michelle Walker for more information.



The JOY Group luncheon has been rescheduled for Friday, October 28th at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Argabrites will provide ham, while others are asked to bring sides, drinks, and desserts. Please sign up in the Narthex (NEW sign-up sheet) and come ready with ideas for the group!

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: soups (vegetable beef; potato & kale; tomato); tossed salad; cheese toast; drinks and dessert

Praise Makers' kids choir will rehearse 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

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, October 9:

47 glue sticks

39 scissors

236 composition notebooks

LOTS of #2 pencils to divide among boxes

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.**

Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry!

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!



Greater Europe Mission

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

Roxanne Spencer- Loss of her father, Bob Ackerman
Linda Sampson- Remains in hospital with Esophageal problems
Donna Mauldin- Moved to the Landings of Cabarrus
Patricia Hartsell- loss of mother, Jean Stanford
Shirley Faust- Is home recovering from a stroke
Hannah Efird – loss of her grandmother, Marlene Huneycutt

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF Church Family

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

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 so much for the Sunday Church Bulletin. Many thanks to Pastor Eddie for his kindness. Being able to follow the Sunday service on TV is almost like being there. My hope is to be able to return soon.

Blessings and Peace. Richard Roberts

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, October 9

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

Monday, October 10

10:00am - Women's Council

Tuesday, October 11

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

Wednesday, October 12

5:45pm - Fellowship Meal
6:00pm - PraiseMakers Kids' Choir
6:30pm - Small Groups & Journey Youth

Thursday, October 13

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

Next Sunday, October 16

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



SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Lynn Efird
Children's Message: Abigail Malinovski
Children's Message next week: Jenna Baker
Children's Church: Michelle Walker & Ella Sechler
Children's Church next week: Jane Argabrite & Kay McAllister
Acolytes: Camryn Lowder & Evie Sechler
Acolyte next week: Erica Efird
Nursery: Vickie Ellington
Nursery next week: Shannon Sechler
Ushers: Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel, & Todd Pless
Ushers next week: Jill McLain, Phil McLain, Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler
Greeter: Renee Goodnight, Roxanne Spencer

FINANCIALS FOR SEPTEMBER

YTD Income	\$195,565
YTD Expenses	\$199,704
YTD Budget	\$221,533

Last week's attendance: 10/2/22
Sunday School 54
Worship 97

