



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

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lighting of the Candles

Caylin Lowder

***Call to Worship**

“Untitled Hymn”

Chris Rice

Grace-full Movements Dance Ministry

***Hymn of Praise No. 590**

AZMON

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Stanzas 1-4)

***Prayer of Adoration**

Prayer of Confession

“Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your unfailing love. Blot out our transgressions according to Your great compassion. We have sinned against You and You alone and have done what is evil in Your sight. Cleanse us, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Create in us a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of our salvation and grant us a willing spirit. For we pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior and King, who is a friend of sinners.”

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

Acts 10:43

“To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”

***Hymn of Meditation No. 322**

NEED

I Need Thee Every Hour

Moment for Missions

Debbie McDaniel

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

10 Cents a Meal

Roxanne Spencer

Offering and Special Music *Jesus Loves Even Me*

Bliss arr. by Wright

PraiseMakers Kids'Choir with Abigail Malinovsky & Hannah Efird, bells

***Doxology**

***Scripture Reading**

John 6

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Sermon

Bread of Life

Eddie Spencer

Special Music

I Love to Tell the Story
Randy Childers, tenor

HANKEY

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

*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!

This week is our monthly "10 cents a meal" collection, benefitting Cooperative Christian Ministry, Compassion International, and Cabarrus Meals on Wheels. Collection jars are in the Narthex!

We would like to thank all of those who came out last week and Saturday to help with clean up of the grounds. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Building & Grounds Team

UPCOMING

Join us **TODAY** for a **Church Family Picnic** immediately following the **worship service!**

During worship, our Grace-ful Movements Dance Ministry and the PraiseMakers Kids' Choir will add their offerings. The Fellowship Team will provide lunch (chili beans, slaw and cornbread; hot dogs for kids) and treats on the front lawn. Games and crafts will also be available. Don't miss out on the fun and fellowship!



All 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 by Wednesday, October 26 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!

Hurricane Ian Relief

New Hope Presbyterian Church in Fort Myers, Florida, has set up a disaster relief fund following the devastation of Hurricane Ian. If you would like to contribute, place your donation in the offering plate (checks made out to First Presbyterian) marked "Hurricane Ian Relief." The deadline to donate is Sunday, November 20th. Please continue to lift up in prayer all those impacted by this horrific storm.

The South Rowan Public Schools Bible Teaching Association is hosting a golf tournament at The Club at Irish Creek on Monday, October 31!

The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 9am. Cost is \$100/player or \$400/team, which includes lunch. The SRPSBTA supports two full-time Bible teachers (including our own Emily Griggs!) who serve South Rowan High, Jesse C. Carson High, China Grove Middle, and Corriher Lipe Middle. Brochures are available in the Narthex.



The Missions Team invites anyone interested in a 2023 Mission Trip to Sitpatch, Mexico to meet in the Parlor immediately following worship on October 30! See Debbie McDaniel for more information.

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: Stir-fry chicken and vegetables; rice; tossed salad; 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

Update on Hamilton Family Mission

Please continue to remember the Hamilton family in prayer, who are on a Vision Trip to France through Greater Europe Mission (GEM). There, they will meet with other missionaries in France 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. More information about the Hamilton Mission and ways to support them can be found in the Narthex. Thank you for your prayers and support!

A Service of Remembrance – Presented by the Piedmont Choral Society

Choral works of comfort, hope and peace, dedicated to all who were lost and all who mourn. Sunday, October 30 at 4:00pm at Calvary Lutheran Church, 950 Bradley Street, Concord. Free concert-No ticket required. For more information: pcsconcordnc@gmail.com or 704-699-6053.

The countdown is ON! There are less than 3 weeks until our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party on November 9!!! Help your Missions Team secure the following items OR make a monetary donation and the Missions Team will purchase what we need in bulk! Just mark your offering for 'Shoeboxes' and place in the offering plate.

Needed NOW:

396 small foam/sponge balls approx. 5" (football, basketball, soccer)

400 hand-held LED flashlights with batteries

200 slim, plastic water bottles

200 sets of marbles in a bag



Children and Youth are also invited to a Shoebox Craft Night on Wednesday, November 2, where we will decorate 400 drawstring bags to place in our boxes. See Michelle Walker for more information.

First Presbyterian will once again serve as an Operation Christmas Child Drop-off Location during National Collection Week, November 14-21.

Area churches, organizations, and individuals will bring their packaged shoeboxes for us to collect, count and cartonize. On Monday, November 21 we will transport all the boxes we have collected to the Central Drop-Off Location at Pitts Baptist Church in Concord. Volunteers are needed to staff our collection and to help load all the boxes for transport on the 21st. See the shifts and sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or Michelle Walker, for more information.

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

CINDY DEVOE- LOSS OF SISTER, LINDA SAMPSON

ROXANNE SPENCER- LOSS OF HER FATHER, BOB ACKERMAN

DONNA MAULDIN- RECOVERY FROM BROKEN RIBS

RAEGAN SWARINGEN- RECOVERY FROM BROKEN ARM

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

MIKE ALLEN (BARGER'S FAMILY)- CANCER DIAGNOSIS AND IS STRUGGLING

LISA THREATT (CHARITI'S MOM) -TREATMENT FOR TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA IS HELPING

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



Dear First Presbyterian Church.

*Eddie and I were deeply touched by the prayers, cards, calls
and the beautiful flowers you sent in honor of my father. We as a
family know that we were blessed to have such a Godly, loving
father. Thank you again.*

Roxanne & Eddie

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, October 23 10 cents a Meal

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast

9:30am - Choir Rehearsal @ Kimball

9:30am – Grace-ful Movements Rehearsal in Sanctuary

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

12:00pm - Church Family Picnic

Monday, October 24

2:00pm - Dorcas Circle of Hope

Tuesday, October 25

12:00pm – NA

6:00pm - Evening Women's Circle

Wednesday, October 26

5:30pm - Fellowship Meal

6:00pm - PraiseMakers Rehearsal

6:30pm - Small Groups and Journey Youth

Thursday, October 27

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study

12:00pm - NA

Friday, October 28

12:00pm - JOY Group Luncheon

NEXT SUNDAY, October 30

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast

9:30am – Choir Rehearsal @ Kimball

9:45am – Grace-ful Movements Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

12:00pm – Missions Meeting after church

5:00pm - Journey Youth Cookout



SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Lynn Efird

Children's Message: Roxanne Spencer

Children's Message next week: Michelle Walker

Children's Church: Brian & Hannah Efird

Children's Church next week: Chris & Chariti Lowder

Acolytes: Caylin Lowder

Acolyte next week: Landon & Noah Walker

Nursery: Vickie Ellington

Nursery next week: Kaitlyn Maxwell

Ushers: C.J. Semcho, Ryan Walker, Jeff

Barnhardt, Danny Bost

Ushers next week: Fred Caskey, Mark

Goodnight, John Hammond, Tony Hunter

Greeter: Renee Goodnight, Roxanne Spencer

FINANCIALS FOR SEPTEMBER

YTD Income \$195,565

YTD Expenses \$199,704

YTD Budget \$221,533

Last week's attendance: 10/16/22

Sunday School 49

Worship 103

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