



**FIRST**  

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**PRESBYTERIAN**  

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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**

Martin

*God Will Take Care of You***Lighting of the Candles**

Camryn Lowder &amp; Evie Sechler

**\*Call to Worship****\*Hymn of Praise No. 575**

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***\*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**

“O Father, whose tender mercies are over all Your works, we humbly beseech Your forgiveness for allowing the cares of this world to choke out Your word and will in our hearts; for not trusting Your promises of provision; for not faithfully stewarding Your spiritual gifts; for not giving You glory; and for not loving our neighbor. May Your Holy Spirit so rule our hearts that You give us the victory over these and all the other sinful tendencies of our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

**Silent Prayers of Confession****Assurance of the Gospel** *Jesus Paid it All (see insert)*

Grape

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

Lucinda Stewart

**Offering and Special Music**

Kauflin/Merker/Getty/Townend, arr. Johnson

*I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)*

Lucinda Stewart, soprano; Cookie Hamilton, alto; Randy Childers, tenor;  
David Hamilton, tenor; Kay Yates, piano

**\*Scripture Reading**

Psalm 73

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**Sermon**

God's Prescription for Doubt

Eddie Spencer

**\*Hymn of Commitment No. 863**

HENDON

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

**Celebration of Veterans' Day**

**Recessional**

**\*Prayer and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*America*

*THESAURUS MUSICUS C. 1745*

\*All who are able please stand  
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**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!

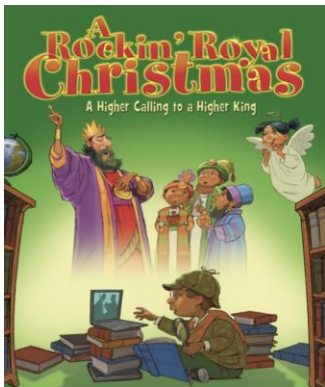
# UPCOMING



The church family and their friends are invited to **Thanksgiving Dinner in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, November 24 at 1:00pm!** Turkey, dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, coffee and bread will be provided. Others are asked to bring vegetable dishes, salads, tea, and desserts. Please sign up in the Narthex or see Dave or Vickie Ellington.



**All hands on deck! The church will be decorated for Advent on Saturday, November 26 at 10:00am.** Assistance is also needed to "set the stage," including the altar extension, for our children's Christmas Musical. Your help is greatly appreciated!!!



**Mark your calendars for "A Rockin' Royal Christmas with the King" on Sunday, December 4th!** The church family and friends are invited to dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm. Our children and youth will then present their Christmas Musical in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm. Come focus your hearts and minds on the real reason we celebrate Christmas!

**The JOY Group's next meeting will be Friday, November 18 in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00pm.** Menu will be soups, sandwiches, and desserts. Please sign up in the Narthex!

**The newly-formed Grace and Gratitude Women's Group will gather for a social event on Tuesday, November 29th at 6:00p.m at the home of Lucinda Stewart.** All women are invited to join them as they celebrate this joyous season. Food will be provided. Please RSVP to Lucinda at (980) 258-9018.

## Feeding Kannapolis Hunger will once again host a Health and Wellness Market at First Pres on

**Saturday, December 3!** The Market will begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall, and will include health and wellness presentations, blood pressure checks, healthy cooking samples, and a produce and egg giveaway. Volunteers are needed to help prep the market on Friday, December 2nd at 6:00pm, and to help staff the Market on Saturday, December 3 beginning at 8am. Please sign up in the Narthex, or see Jenna Baker or Irene Davis for more information.

## 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.

# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



## It's getting closer!

Our OCC Shoebox Packing Party has been rescheduled for **THIS WEDNESDAY**, November 16th. Pizza, salad, and drinks will be served beginning at 5:30pm. PraiseMakers Kids' Choir will rehearse from 6:00pm - 6:30pm. Then the packing fun begins! Once we reach our goal of 400 boxes, we'll celebrate with dessert. Don't miss out on the fun!!!

## 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.



## First Presbyterian has secured a shift to serve at the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Charlotte on Saturday, November 26, from 3pm-7pm.

Volunteers must be at least 13 years old. We will leave from the church (carpooling available!) at 4:45pm, and we will stop for dinner on the way home. This is a great time of fun service and fellowship. Sign-up in the Narthex, or see Michelle Walker for more information.

# PRAYER CONCERNS

## CHURCH FAMILY

**Donna Mauldin**- at Tucker Hospice House  
**Bruce Pruett**- recovery from surgery to remove tumor  
**Hank Cranford**- recovery from a bad fall  
**Bobby Hallman**- health concerns  
**Shirley Faust**- loss of sister  
**Sam McAllister**- surgery for detached retina  
**Frank Gibson** - has been in hospital with abdominal concerns

## FAMILY & FRIENDS OF Church Family

**Tony Rary's mom**- broken leg  
**McKenzie Hampton**-(**Sandy Bessent's daughter**)- Multiple health concerns  
**Kimberly Stipe**- (**Kay McAllister's daughter**)- Recovery from surgery to remove tumor  
**Lacy Williams**- recovery from surgery on back  
**Lena Marie Troutman** (**Judy Hammond 18 month granddaughter**)- treatment after burns on her feet  
**Chelsea Ellington**- **Ellington's daughter-in-law**- biopsy for skin cancer  
**Mike Allen** (**Barger's family**)- Cancer diagnosis and is struggling  
**Lisa Threatt** (**Chariti's mom**) -treatment for trigeminal neuralgia is helping

## HOMEBOUND

**Cindy Fisher**- Transitional  
**Donna Mauldin**- Landing of Cabarrus  
**Peggy Barnhardt** – Morningside  
**Barbara Hancock**- home  
**Iris Efird**- home  
**Barbara Wise** - Oaks at Hampton, Cummings, Georgia  
**Loretta Young** - Five Oaks

*Thank you!*

Ryan Walker and his family would like to thank the church congregation for their concern and love during his recent bout with Covid-19. Our church family is so wonderful to check on us, and your prayers are much appreciated!

Mike and Carol Lowder would like to express their appreciation for all the prayers, texts, phone calls, cards, and other acts of kindness during their recent illness with Covid-19. The love of our church family is such a blessing!

# THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

## Sunday, November 13

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service  
4:00pm - PraiseMakers Rehearsal

## Monday, November 14

12pm-4pm: OCC Collection

## Tuesday, November 15

12:00pm - NA  
3pm-7pm: OCC Collection

## Wednesday, November 16

2pm-6pm: OCC Collection  
5:30pm: Fellowship Meal  
6:00pm: PraiseMakers Rehearsal  
6:30pm: OCC Packing Party  
7:30pm: Alleluia Ringers

## Thursday, November 17

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study  
12:00pm - NA  
3pm-7pm: OCC Collection

## Friday, November 18

1pm-5pm: OCC Collection

## Saturday, November 19

10am-2pm: OCC Collection  
4pm: Taylor Wedding

## Next Sunday, November 20

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast  
9:45am - GraceFull Movements Rehearsal  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service  
1pm-5pm: OCC Collection  
4:00pm: PraiseMakers Rehearsal  
5:00pm: GraceFull Movements Rehearsal



# SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Tony Rary  
Children's Message: Lucinda Stewart  
Children's Message next week: Michelle Walker  
Children's Church: Roxanne Spencer & Megan Quigg  
Children's Church next week: Lynn & Shannon Sechler  
Acolytes: Camryn Lowder & Evie Sechler  
Acolyte next week: Landon & Noah Walker  
Nursery: Allison Hammett  
Nursery next week: Kaitlyn Maxwell  
Ushers: Mal McDaniel, Todd Pless, Jill McLain, Phil McLain  
Ushers next week: Lynn Sechler, C.J. Semcho, Jeff Barnhardt, Danny Bost  
Greeter: Dave Argabrite, Jeff Barnhardt

# FINANCIALS FOR OCTOBER

YTD Income \$223,176.55  
YTD Expenses \$220,164.85  
YTD Budget \$246,147.50

Last week's attendance: 11/6/22  
Sunday School 63  
Worship 88

# SERMON NOTES