



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

Bettcher

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Alleluia Ringers

Lighting of the Candles

Landon & Noah Walker

***Call to Worship**

Adapted from Psalm 136

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

All: **His love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods.

All: **His love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords;

All: **His love endures forever.**

Leader: To him who alone does great wonders,

All: **His love endures forever.**

Leader: Who by the power of his Word made the heavens,

All: **His love endures forever.**

Leader: Who spread out the earth upon the waters,

All: **His love endures forever.**

***Hymn of Praise No. 5**

ASH GROVE

Let All Things Now Living

***Prayer of Adoration**

Affirmation of Faith(unison)

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain; Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again; Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in His light; and wrote His law of righteousness with power upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside; who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly; whose every promise is enough for every step I take; sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above; whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love; for every day I have on earth is given by the King; so I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.

Concerns and Celebrations of the Church Family

Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 543

NUN DANKET

Now Thank We All Our God

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Dedication of Christmas Boxes

Michelle Walker

Offering and Special Music

McMahon-Wilson/Hill

Humbly Grateful or Grumbly Hateful
Praisemakers

***Doxology**

***Scripture Reading**

Hebrews 12:1-3

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Sermon

Do Not Grow Weary

Eddie Spencer

***Song of Thanks**

Give Thanks

Smith

David Hamilton, tenor; Kay Yates, piano

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Come, Ye Thankful People

Elvey

*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. Because of the number of anticipated guests, others are asked to bring several dishes to share - vegetables, salads, tea, and desserts. Please sign up in the Narthex or see Dave or Vickie Ellington.

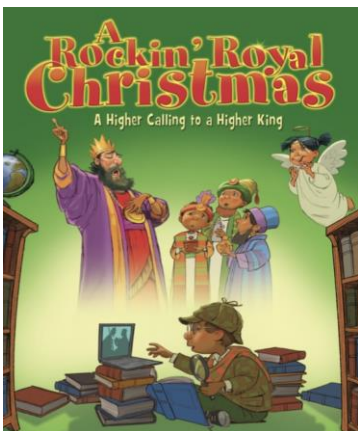


All hands on deck! The church will be decorated for Advent THIS Saturday, November 26 at 10:00am. Assistance is also needed to "set the stage," including the altar extension, for our children's Christmas Musical. Your help is greatly appreciated!!!

The Dorcas Circle of Hope will meet on Monday, November 28 at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for festive Advent activities and refreshments! Please bring either a donation or a gift for the Cabarrus Women's Center. All ladies are welcome!

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.



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 Feeding Kannapolis Hunger Health and Wellness Market scheduled for December 3rd **has been postponed.** Watch the bulletin for more opportunities to be involved with this organization.

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 **TODAY**. Please continue to lift up in prayer all those impacted by this horrific storm.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



THANK YOU to all who donated, shopped and packed for Operation Christmas Child this year!

First Pres donated a total of 405 boxes this year, and we will let you know their destination. Please continue to pray that the boxes will arrive safely and touch the hearts of the children and families receiving them.



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.

First Presbyterian Church will sponsor a float in this year's Kannapolis Christmas Parade. The Parade takes place on Saturday, December 10th at 6:00pm.

Please let Shannon Sechler know if you are interested in helping assemble the float, assemble treats to hand out, or walk with the float.

PRAYER CONCERNS

CHURCH FAMILY

Frank Gibson- has been in hospital with abdominal concerns
Donna Mauldin- at Tucker Hospice House
Ronald Barger- hospitalized with lung issues
Ron Lisenby- heart procedure Tuesday
Sam McAllister- recovery from detached retina surgery
Debbie Baker- Recovery from flu
Hank Cranford- recovery from a bad fall

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
Mike Allen (Barger's family)- being treated doe Cancer
Lisa Threatt (Chariti's mom) -waiting for a report from a biopsy

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Tony Rary
Children's Message: Michelle Walker
Children's Message next week: Roxanne Spencer
Children's Church: Lynn & Shannon Sechler
Children's Church next week: Lynn Efird & Kay McAllister
Acolytes: Landon & Noah Walker
Acolyte next week: Erica Efird & Caylin Lowder
Nursery: Kaitlyn Maxwell
Nursery next week: Chariti Lowder
Ushers: Lynn Sechler, C.J. Semcho, Jeff Barnhardt, Danny Bost
Ushers next week: Fred Caskey, Mark Goodnight, John Hammond, Tony Hunter
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: 11/13/22
Sunday School 64
Worship 106

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, November 20

9:30am: Fellowship Breakfast
9:45am: GraceFull Movements
10:00am: Sunday School
11:00am: Worship Service
1pm-5pm: OCC Collection
4:00pm: PraiseMakers Rehearsal
4:00pm: Women without Reservations at Church
5:00pm: Graceful Movements Rehearsal



Monday, November 21

10am-2pm: OCC Collection

Tuesday, November 22

12pm: NA

Wednesday, November 23

6:00pm - PraiseMakers Rehearsal

Thursday, November 24

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

1:00pm: Thanksgiving Meal

Saturday, November 26

10:00am: Advent Decorating
3pm-7pm: First Pres Shift at OCC Processing Center

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent

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



