



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

WIE SCHOEN LEUCHTET

*How Bright Appears the Morning***Lighting of the Candles**

Camyrn Lowder & Evie Sechler

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 121:1-2; Acts 17:28; Romans 11:36

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?

All: My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: For in Him we live and move and have our being.

All: For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen.***Hymn of Praise No. 521**

Nettleton

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing****Prayer of Adoration****Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, who has, in the person of Your Son Jesus, entered space and time to save us from our sins, we confess that we have often failed You by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Please forgive us for all our sins of negligence, laziness, and wastefulness, for we are truly sorry and do earnestly repent. Grant to us a new zeal to love and to follow You—to worship You and to advance Your Kingdom—and grant us holy joy in so doing, in the blessed name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayers of Confession**Assurance of the Gospel**

Ephesians 2:8-9

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.”

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

Michelle Walker

Offering & Special Music*We Three (Swingin') Kings*
Men's Ensemble

arr. by Shackley

***Doxology**

***Scripture Reading**

Matthew 11:28-30

Sermon

The Heart of Christ

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

***Communion Hymn No. 770**

In Christ Alone

Getty/Townend

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

As with Gladness Men of Old

DIX

*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

Focus on God's Word with Sunday School and Bible Study Offerings!!!



Drummond Class (led by Ron Lisenby) - studying book of Philippians

Disciples Class (led by Frank Gibson) - discussing content of the 2023 Bible Reading Plan

Fellowship Class (led by Vickie Ellington) - following *Gentle & Lowly* study by Dane Ortlund

Guardians Class (led by Roxanne Spencer) - discussing *Happiness* Bible Study by Randy Alcorn

Thursday Morning Ladies' Study - using *Elijah* Bible Study by Priscilla Shirer



MEN'S Dinner

Men of the church are invited to a Fellowship Dinner on Thursday, January 26 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Stockton Perry, operator of Chick-fil-A in Concord, will be our guest speaker. Menu will consist of steak or chicken, baked potato, salad, drinks, and dessert. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend!

The JOY Group will have its first meeting of 2023 on Friday, January 27 in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00pm. 4-5 volunteers are needed to provide a chicken dish (homemade or take-out!), while others are asked to bring sides or dessert. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex!

Make plans for Winter Wednesdays in the Word, beginning Wednesday, February 1! An 8-week Adult Class will be offered with Pastor Eddie, while kids classes and groups will resume. Fellowship Meals will also be offered each week. We hope to see you there!!!

Our members generously provide breakfast items each Sunday for a Fellowship Breakfast from 9:30-9:55 in the Fellowship Hall. If you would be willing to contribute, please sign up on the board outside the Fellowship Hall!

The 2023 Bible Year Plan is out! You can pick up a bookmark in the Narthex.

Kay McAllister is collecting new or gently-used winter scarves to hang outside for folks in need, sharing the love of Christ in a tangible way. If you can donate, please let Kay know!

First Baptist Church invites you to a 12-week Bible Study beginning Tuesday, January 10th, entitled "Seeking Him." Meetings will be weekly on Tuesdays from 9-11am and materials are \$25. RSVP to the church office if you are interested.

thank you

"It is with thanksgiving and appreciation that we accept your gift of \$1,551.50 for Hurricane Ian Relief. These funds, along with those of so many others, are being used to care for our neighbors who continue to struggle each day to survive and begin a new life. Thank you for this wonderful expression of God's grace and faithfulness to you and His church."

New Hope Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers, Florida



Wow, what a difference your shoebox gifts will make! This year, our boxes were shipped to at least 8 different countries on 4 continents, including: Peru, Uruguay, and Paraguay in South America; Ukraine in Eastern Europe; Mali and Burundi in Africa; and the Philippines in Southeast Asia. Boxes also went to a Hard to Reach Area, which can't be disclosed and is difficult to reach for a variety of reasons. Please continue to pray for the children, families, and communities receiving these gifts!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly updates.
Email the church or note
on a prayer card & place in the offering plate.

CHURCH FAMILY

Lucinda Stewart- loss of her mother, Cindy Fisher
Jeff Stewart- loss of his mother, Mae Stewart
Danny Bost- Recovery from Kidney stone surgery
John and Brenda Gail Roberson- recovery from Covid
Judy Goodnight- beginning her treatments
Randy Childers- severe back pain and upcoming surgery

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF Church Family

Ann Benton (Jane Jacobs cousin)- diagnosed with stage 4 liver and lung cancer
Mike Allen (Bargers' family)- being treated for Cancer

HOMEBOUND

Shirley Faust- moved to TerraBella in Salisbury
Peggy Barnhardt – Morningside
Barbara Hancock- home
Iris Efird- home
Barbara Wise - Oaks at Hampton, Cummings, Georgia
Loretta Young - Five Oaks

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Renee Goodnight
Children's Message: Michelle Walker
Children's Message next week: Alpha Barger
Children's Church: Chris & Chariti Lowder
Children's Church next week: Lynn Efird & Amelia Caskey
Acolytes: Camryn Lowder & Evie Sechler
Acolyte next week: Erica Efird & Caylin Lowder
Nursery: Jenna Baker
Nursery next week: Kaitlyn Maxwell
Ushers: Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel, Todd Pless
Ushers next week: Jill McLain, Phil McLain, Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler
Greeters: Cookie Hamilton, Gip Rumble

FINANCIALS FOR DECEMBER

YTD Income	\$280,492.97
YTD Expenses	\$279,720.90
YTD Budget	\$295,377.00

Last week's attendance: 1/1/22
Sunday School-No SS
Worship 65

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, January 8

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service with Holy Communion

Monday, January 9

10:00am - Women's Council

Tuesday, January 10

12:00pm - NA

6:30pm - Session

Thursday, January 12

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study

12:00pm - NA

Next Sunday, January 15

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service



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