



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 *His Eye Is On The Sparrow*

Gabriel

Lighting of the Candles

Erica Efird & Caylin Lowder

***Call to Worship**

Luke 4:18-19

Leader: "The Spirit of the LORD is on Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor.

All: He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor."

Hymn of PraiseStanding on the Promises (insert)*

CARTER

Prayer of Adoration*Prayer of Confession**

"Merciful God, You made us in Your image, with a mind to know You, a heart to love You, and a will to serve You. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconsistent, and our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into Your likeness. In Your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. It is in His matchless name we pray."

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

1 Peter 2:24-25

"He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls."

Hymn of Trust No. 440He Leadeth Me*

AUGHTON

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

Alpha Barger

Offering & Special Music*Victory in Jesus*

HARTFORD

Sharon Copeland, soprano; Cookie Hamilton, alto; David Hamilton, tenor;
Richard Little, bass; Kay Yates, piano

Doxology**Scripture Reading**

Romans 4:1-5

~ Responding to the Word of God ~***Sending Song***Come Unto Me*

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*Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart:
And ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.*

Prayer and Benediction**Postlude***'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Kirkpatrick

*All who are able, please stand
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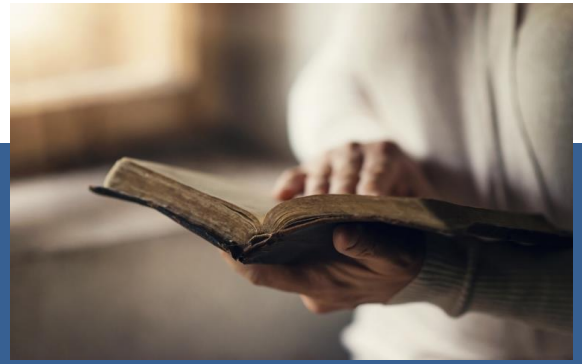
Welcome! We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning, and hope you find today meaningful and refreshing. Visitors are asked to fill out a Visitor Information Card, located in the pew, and place it in the offering plate. Prayer Requests may be noted on the reverse side of the same card. Wifi is accessible throughout our common areas. You may log in to First Presbyterian Guest with the password: Praise!!

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!

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

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

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!

The congregation is invited to a special presentation on Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30pm Entitled "2022 in Review - Fulfilling Our Purpose." We will celebrate God's faithfulness to First Presbyterian in 2022, and talk about the ways He is moving and can move in 2023. There will also be an explanation of the 2023 church budget. A fellowship meal will be provided at 5:30pm on a donation basis. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend!

Make plans for Winter Wednesdays in the Word, beginning Wednesday, February 8! A 7-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!!!

Welcome to our newest Covenant Partners!



Phil Smith comes to us from First Presbyterian Church in Concord. Retired from the banking and insurance industries, he most recently served as a Nationwide Insurance Agent. Phil stays active by working in his and others' yards. He has two sons - Brandon and Taylor - and 3 grandchildren. Phil was drawn to our church by the friendliness of the congregation and Pastor Eddie's leadership and service.



Pam Hooks joins us from Midway Methodist Church. She manages Medicare insurance claims for Charlotte Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Some of Pam's hobbies include cooking and spending time with her family of 2 boys - Chandler and Mason - and 4 grandchildren. Upon attending *The Last Supper* presentation in 2022, Pam felt the warmth and friendliness of our congregation. She appreciates Pastor Eddie's down-to-earth personality while he brings the word of God.

Please extend your own welcome as Phil and Pam join our church family!

thank you

Thank you to all the people who came caroling to my home. It was a beautiful group of children and adults. The music was beautiful! Thanks also for singing for my neighbor. She is very lonely at Christmas, and this meant so much to her. Many thanks also to Lucinda for helping the children with the delicious cookies.

Love & Blessings, Barbara Hancock

Thank you to all who donated to our Giving Tree last year! Due to your generosity, we were able to deliver the following items to Cabarrus Women's Center: 1,201 diapers; 29 packs baby wipes; 15 baby bottles; 11 bodysuits; 10 blankets; 9 sleepers; 9 hooded towels; 9 pair booties; 8 bibs; 8 bottles baby wash; 7 bottles baby lotion; 4 bottle brushes; 1 drying rack; numerous teethingers, pacifiers, and diaper creams; and \$30 in donations.

We wish to express our gratitude for all the acts of kindness shown to us during our recent illness. We are very blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Yours in Christ, John and Brenda Gail

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

Jenna Baker- loss of her father, Tommy Cook
Lucinda Stewart- loss of her mother, Cindy Fisher
Jeff Stewart- loss of his mother, Mae Stewart
Danny Bost- Surgery on Jan. 23
John and Brenda Gail Roberson- recovery from Covid
Judy Goodnight- Continuing her treatments
Randy Childers- severe back pain
Ruth Wilmore- recovering from the flu

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF Church Family

Mike Allen (Bargers' family)- being treated for Cancer

HOMEBOUND

Shirley Faust- 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: Alpha Barger
Children's Message next week: Roxanne Spencer
Children's Church: : Lynn Efird & Amelia Caskey
Children's Church next week: Lynn & Shannon Sechler
Acolytes: Erica Efird & Caylin Lowder
Acolyte next week: Violet & Amias Hamilton
Nursery: Vickie Ellington
Nursery next week: Kaitlyn Maxwell
Ushers Jill McLain, Phil McLain, Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler
Ushers next week: Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt, Danny Bost, Fred Caskey
Greeters: Cookie Hamilton, Gip Rump

FINANCIALS FOR DECEMBER

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

Last week's attendance: 1/8/22
Sunday School-70
Worship-122

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, January 15

9:30am: Fellowship Breakfast
GraceFull Movements Rehearsal

10:00am: Sunday School
11:00am: Worship Service

Tuesday, January 17

12:00pm: NA
6:30pm: Missions Team

Thursday, January 19

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

Next Sunday, January 22

9:30am: Fellowship Breakfast
10:00am: Sunday School
11:00am: Worship Service



Please!
DONATE

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



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