



**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**

Converse

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus***Lighting of the Candles**

Violet &amp; Amias Hamilton

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 92:1,2,4,5,8

Leader: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to Your name, O Most High,  
proclaiming Your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,

**All: For You make me glad by Your deeds, Lord; I sing for joy at what Your hands  
have done.**

Leader: How great are Your works, Lord.

**All: You, Lord, are forever exalted.**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 926** *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA**\*Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer****Prayer of Confession**

“Gracious Father, it is Your will that Your people should be one in Christ, yet we have selfishly chosen the way of division and dissension. Give us Your enabling grace to repent of our pride and disobedience and to submit to Your revealed will. Free us from the idolatry in our hearts that hinders us from godly union and peace. Save us from considering as normal that which is an offense to Your love.

Pour out Your Spirit on us that we may worship You with one heart and one mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

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

Isaiah 53:6

“We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way;  
and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

**\*Hymn of Trust No. 322** *I Need Thee Every Hour*

LOWRY

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

Roxanne Spencer

**Offering & Special Music**

arr. by Rouse

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Lucinda Stewart, soprano; David Hamilton, tenor; Kay Yates, piano

**\*Scripture Reading**

Hebrews 4: 14-16

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**Sermon**

“Heart of Christ”

Eddie Spencer

**~ Responding to the Word of God ~**

**Sending Song**

*His Mercy is More*

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**\*Prayer and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus*

Monk

\*All who are able, please stand  
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Welcome

**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!

# upcoming



**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 (chicken stir-fry, mixed vegetables, brown rice, tossed salad, drinks & dessert) will be provided at 5:30pm on a donation basis. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend!

**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!



**MEN'S  
Dinner**



**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 February 8!**

We will begin each week at 5:30pm with a Fellowship Meal (donation basis). PraiseMakers rehearsals will resume at 6:00pm. At 6:30, Pastor Eddie will lead a 7-week adult class on The Ten Commandments, while Journey Youth will follow along with their own study. We hope to see you there!!!

*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!

# 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

Phil Smith - serious health concerns  
Danny Bost - surgery on Jan. 23  
Jenna Baker- loss of father, Tommy Cook  
Lucinda Stewart - loss of her mother, Cindy Fisher  
Jeff Stewart - loss of his mother, Mae Stewart  
Brenda Gail Roberson - recovery from Covid  
Judy Goodnight - continuing her treatments  
Randy Childers - back and heart concerns  
Susan Thomas - health concerns  
Roxanne Spencer - shingles

## FAMILY & FRIENDS OF Church Family

Mike Allen (Bargers' family)- being treated for Cancer  
Annetta Donnelly(Mary Taylor's sister) – health concerns

## 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

# thank you

Thank you for your prayers and many other acts of kindness during this time of recovery.  
You are THE BEST! May God bless you richly.

With much love, Judy Goodnight

**New Directory! We are working on an updated, printed directory based on the Online Church Directory.** Brenda Ramsey will be contacting church family to verify the accuracy of your information. She and Dave Argabrite will also be in the hallway to the Sanctuary **next Sunday, January 29th** before and after worship to take updated pictures of those who need one. Please make plans to add your photo!!!



# THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

## Sunday, January 22

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

## Tuesday, January 24

12:00pm - NA

## Wednesday, January 25

5:30pm - PraiseMakers' Rehearsal

## Thursday, January 26

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study  
12:00pm - NA  
6:00pm - Men's Fellowship Dinner

## Friday, January 27

12:00pm - JOY Group Luncheon

## Next Sunday, January 29

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast  
9:30am - GraceFull Movements Rehearsal  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service



## SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Renee Goodnight  
Children's Message: Roxanne Spencer  
Children's Message next week: Acting Out  
Children's Church: Lynn & Shannon Sechler  
Children's Church next week: Michelle Walker & Megan Quigg  
Acolytes: Violet & Amias Hamilton  
Acolyte next week: Landon & Noah Walker  
Nursery: Kaitlyn Maxwell  
Nursery next week: Jenna Baker  
Ushers: Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt, Danny Bost, Fred Caskey  
Ushers next week: Mark Goodnight, John Hammond, Tony Hunter, Amy Hurst  
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: 1/15/22  
Sunday School-76  
Worship-110





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