



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 *Softly and Tenderly* Thompson

Lighting of the Candles Camryn Lowder & Evie Sechler

***Call to Worship** *I Love You* Clydesdale/arr.Clydesdale

Soloists: Evie Sechler, Camryn Lowder, Ingrid Townsend

***Prayer of Adoration**

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

Hebrews 7:24-25

“Jesus lives forever, He has a permanent priesthood. Therefore, He is able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.”

***Hymn of Mission No. 262** *I Love To Tell The Story* HANKEY

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with Our Children Lucinda Stewart

Offering & Special Music *What a Savior* Randy Childers

***Scripture Reading** John 7: 53 – 8:11 page 1059

Sermon “Heart of Christ – Gentle and Just” Eddie Spencer

upcoming



WINTER WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD BEGIN **this** WEEK!

Join us for a Fellowship Meal at 5:30pm (donation basis). This week's menu will be: spaghetti with meatballs, caesar salad, bread, drinks & dessert. PraiseMakers Kids' Choir will rehearse from 6:00pm - 6:30pm. Classes focusing on the Ten Commandments begin at 6:30pm. Pastor Eddie will lead the adult class, while kids will learn with Michelle and helpers. Don't miss this opportunity to "dig deeper" into God's word!

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE WITH THESE STUDIES:

Drummond Class - currently in a 4-week series on The Gospel of Mark; beginning a Holy Spirit study by Dr. Sinclair Ferguson on Feb. 26

Disciples Class - following 12-week Bible study of 1 & 2 Peter and Jude

THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING IS **coming**

soon! Next Sunday, February 12th, there will be a "soup" container outside the Fellowship Hall to accept your donations of canned and dry goods. Our children and youth will collect your monetary offerings in the Narthex immediately following the worship service. All gifts will go to Cooperative Christian Ministry for our neighbors in need!



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!

Last Chance! AS WORK CONTINUES TO UPDATE OUR ONLINE DIRECTORY AND COMPILE A PRINTED DIRECTORY, THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, IS THE LAST DAY TO HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN.

Brenda Ramsey and Dave Argabrite will be in the Sanctuary hallway before and after worship. Brenda will also be in contact with you to verify the accuracy of your information.



missions

A MEXICO MISSIONS TRIP HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR MAY 6 - MAY 12/13, 2023.

The team will travel to Sitpatch, Mexico to work on the community school that is under construction there. Anyone who wishes to go should meet in the Parlor on Sunday, February 19 at 9:30am. A final commitment is required by that date to secure your place! See Debbie McDaniel with questions or for more information.

prayer concerns

CHURCH FAMILY

- Danny Bost- Recovery from surgery
- Judy Goodnight- Continuing her treatments
- Randy Childers- waiting for back surgery
- Betty Sechler- knee problems
- Jeff Barnhardt- health concerns

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF Church Family

- Abbie Williams (Judy Hammond's sister-in-law)- Recovery from surgery
- Abby Garmon (Bill Stricker's co-worker's 9-month-old daughter)- Retina Blastoma
- Mike Allen (Barger's family)- Continuing treatment 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

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:30am: Fellowship Breakfast
GraceFull Movements Rehearsal
10:00am: Sunday School
11:00am: Worship Service with Holy Communion
4:30pm: Women Without Reservations at Sechler home

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

10:00am: Women's Council

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

12:00pm: NA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

5:30pm: Fellowship Meal
6:00pm: PraiseMakers Rehearsal
6:30pm: Ten Commandments Classes (adults & youth)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

10:30am: Ladies' Bible Study
12:00pm: NA
7:00pm: Pilot Club

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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



Wednesdays in the Word!

Souper Bowl of Caring!

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Dave Ellington
Children's Message: Lucinda Stewart
Children's Message next week: Amelia Caskey
Children's Church: Kay McAllister & Vickie Ellington
Children's Church next week: Tracy & Amelia Caskey
Acolytes: Camryn Lowder & Evie Sechler
Acolyte next week: Erica Efird & Violet Hamilton
Nursery: Amy Hamilton
Nursery next week: Abigail Malinovsky
Ushers: Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel
Ushers next week: Todd Pless, Jill McLain, Phil McLain, Lynn Sechler
Greeters: Lynn Sechler, Roxanne Spencer

FINANCIALS FOR DECEMBER

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

Last week's attendance: 1/29/23
Sunday School-74
Worship-140

Love Quote of the Week

"That God is rich in mercy means that your regions of deepest shame and regret are not hotels through which divine mercy passes but homes in which divine mercy abides. It means the things about you that make you cringe most, make Him hug hardest. It means His mercy is not calculating and cautious, like ours. It is unrestrained, flood-like, sweeping, magnanimous. It means our haunting shame is not a problem for Him, but the very thing He loves most to work with. It means our sins do not cause His love to take a hit. Our sins cause His love to surge forward all the more. It means on that day when we stand before Him, quietly, unhurriedly, we will weep with relief, shocked at how impoverished a view of His mercy-rich heart we had."

Dane C. Ortland, Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers



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