



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

Lighting of the Candles

Caylin Lowder & Noah Walker

*Call to Worship

Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens.

All: Praise Him for His acts of power; praise Him for His surpassing greatness.

Leader: Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre, praise Him with timbrel and dancing, praise Him with the strings and pipe, praise Him with the clash of cymbals, praise Him with resounding cymbals.

All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

*Hymn of Praise No. 575 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

*Prayer of Adoration

Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism No. 1

Leader: What is thy only comfort in life and death?

All: That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who, with His precious blood, hath fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto Him.

Celebration of God's Goodness *You are Good*

Lagerberg/Nordeman

GraceFull Movements Dance Team

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with Our Children

Michelle Walker

Offering and Special Music *All I Have is Christ*

Kauflin

Randy Childers and David Hamilton, tenors

*Scripture Reading

John 3:21-30

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Sermon

"Power of Humility"

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Sending Song

Robinson/Farren/Thompson

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me
Randy Childers and David Hamilton, tenors

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

*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!

upcoming



THE BUILDING FOR A **Sitpatch Community School** IS **almost complete** BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS! FINISHING WORK WILL BE DONE IN PART **by our MEXICO MISSIONS TEAM**.

A group will travel from First Presbyterian May 6 - May 12/13 to install windows and tile flooring, paint, move fill dirt, and host a Bible School. TODAY is the deadline to secure your place if you would like to go. See Debbie McDaniel for more information!



& Linda's Closet

FIRST PRES **is delighted** TO ONCE AGAIN **partner** WITH **feeding KANNAPOLIS HUNGER** for a **HEALTH & WELLNESS MARKET** on **SATURDAY, MARCH 4**.

In addition, we will debut "Linda's Closet" - a clothing ministry named in memory of Linda Sampson - with a winter clothes distribution. **But we need YOUR help!** Volunteers are needed to prep the Market and the Closet, on Friday, March 3 from 6-9pm. We also need helpers to staff the Market and the Closet on Saturday, March 4 from 8:30am - 12pm. Please sign up in the Narthex if you are willing to serve. Clothing donations to Linda's Closet will be accepted as follows:

- ONLY new or gently used, clean winter/spring clothing items
- NEW undergarments still in the packaging (NO used undergarments)
- ALL sizes, baby to adult

Please bring your donations during one of these times, so that we can sort the items with you:

- Sunday, February 19 immediately following Worship
- Thursday, February 23 from 11am - 1pm
- Or place packaged undergarments in the blue bin outside the Fellowship Hall

See Jenna Baker (Market) or Cindy DeVoe (Closet) with questions or for more information.



WINTER WEDNESDAYS **in the WORD** **continue** WITH OUR CHURCH-WIDE TEN COMMANDMENTS BIBLE STUDY!

A Fellowship Meal (grilled pork chops, green beans, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, drinks & dessert) will be served at 5:30pm on a donation basis. PraiseMakers Kids' Choir rehearses at 6:00pm. Adults and Journey Youth begin their studies at 6:30pm. Don't miss this opportunity to "dig deeper" into God's word!



THE **next** JOY GROUP LUNCHEON is **Friday, FEBRUARY 24TH at noon** IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

Carol Lowder will be sharing a devotional. BBQ and buns will be provided. Please provide something to share. Sign up in the Narthex with what you plan to bring.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN **will** PARTNER **with** KIMBALL LUTHERAN **to host** SAMARITAN'S TABLE **on** THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 9TH.

Volunteers are needed to prep and package approximately 60 boxed meals in our kitchen, transport them to Kimball, and hand them out. See Phil McLain if you are interested in serving!

WOMEN **of all** AGES ARE **invited to a** SPRING LUNCHEON **on** APRIL 1 **from** 12-2PM **featuring** SPECIAL GUEST



CHELSEA COOLEY CLARK, MISS USA 2005! Chelsea will speak on her reign as Miss USA, her walk with Christ, and what it means to be *Authentically Loved* - the title of a Journal she authored. Tickets are \$25, which includes lunch, dessert, and an autographed copy of *Authentically Loved*. Please register via the announcement on our website - www.firstpresb.org - or by filling out the form in the Narthex and returning it to the church office with your payment. See Renee Goodnight for more information.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE **is responding** TO THE RECENT EARTHQUAKES **that rocked** TURKEY AND SYRIA.

They immediately began to mobilize disaster relief and have deployed a 52-bed field hospital with 2 emergency operating rooms, and a pharmacy. If you would like to give towards their efforts, please mark your donation (online or in the offering plate) for "Earthquake Relief" by Sunday, March 26.

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!

OUR **children and youth** HAVE ASSEMBLED **"blessing bags"** **TO hand out** TO **homeless individuals.**

If you would like to take one, or some, to have in your vehicle, please grab one from the Narthex!

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

Danny Bost - Health Concerns
Judy Goodnight - Continuing treatment
Susan Thomas - Health Concerns
Randy Childers - waiting for back surgery
Betty Sechler - knee problems
Bob Faust - in Hospital

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF Church Family

Ralph Caskey (Adam's father) - Recovery from surgery
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
David Buckland (friend of Sparks) - Young man battling lymphoma
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

THANK YOU to all who donated to our Souper Bowl of Caring food drive. A total of 165 food items, weighing 136 lbs. were collected, along with \$341.64 in monetary donations. Your gifts were transported to Cooperative Christian Ministry last week!



THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, February 19

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
- GraceFull Movements Rehearsal
- Mexico Missions Meeting (Parlor)

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

Tuesday, February 21

12:00pm - NA

6:30pm - Missions Team

Wednesday, February 22

5:30pm - Fellowship Meal

6:00pm - PraiseMakers Rehearsal

6:30pm - Ten Commandments Study (adults & youth)

6:30pm - Ash Wednesday service at Kimball Lutheran

Thursday, February 23

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study

12:00 pm - NA

Friday, February 24

12:00pm - JOY Group

Saturday, February 25

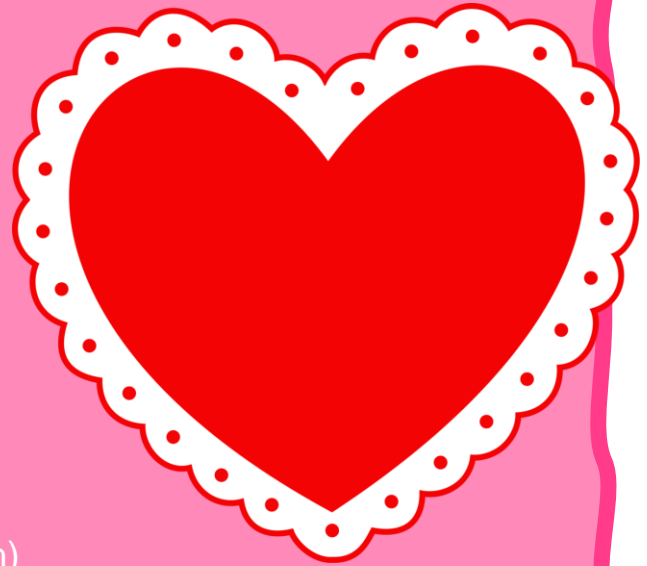
10:00am - 12:00pm - OCC S Piedmont Volunteer Celebration

Sunday, February 26 10 Cents A Meal

9:30 am - Fellowship Breakfast

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service



SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Dave Ellington

Children's Message: Michelle Walker

Children's Message next week: Jenna Baker

Children's Church: Brian & Hannah Efird

Children's Church next week: Roxanne Spencer & Ella Sechler

Acolytes: Caylin Lowder & Noah Walker

Acolyte next week: Landon Walker & Amias Hamilton

Nursery: Jenna Baker

Nursery next week: Allison Hammett

Ushers: Jeff Barnhardt, Danny Bost, Fred Caskey, Mark Goodnight

Ushers next week: John Hammon, Tony Hunter, Amy Hurst, Chris Lowder

Greeters: Lynn Sechler, Roxanne Spencer

FINANCIALS FOR JANUARY

YTD Income \$24,953.80

YTD Expenses \$21,718.67

YTD Budget \$24,292.00

Last week's attendance: 2/12/23

Sunday School - 55

Worship -102

SERMON NOTES

Love Quote of the Week

“What we love about this life are the things that resonate with the life we were made for. The things we love are not merely the best this life has to offer – they are previews of the greater life to come.”

Randy Alcorn, Heaven

