



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

CCLI #7149448

Christ Will Be My Hideaway

David Hamilton, Sharon Copeland, George Maxwell, Kay Yates

Lighting of the Candles

Landon Walker & Amias Hamilton

***Call to Worship**

Philippians 2:8-11

Leader: And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

All: Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name,

Leader: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

All: And every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hymn of Praise No. 223Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

***Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer**

“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

Prayer of Confession

“Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse our impure thinking and living so that we might take captive every thought to obey Jesus. Forgive our idolatry and our failure to love others. Transform us by Your Holy Spirit so that we might be and live as the faithful bride of Christ. We pray in His matchless name.”

Silent Prayers of Confession**Assurance of the Gospel No. 167**

ST. CHRISTOPHER

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus***Moment For Missions**

Hamilton's GEM Update

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~**10 Cents a Meal**

Jenna Baker

Offering and Special Music

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Thank You Jesus for the Blood Applied

Lucinda Stewart, David and Amy Hamilton, George Maxwell

***Scripture Reading**

Ephesians 3:14-19

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Sermon

A Prayer for Jesus' Heart

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Hymn of Peace No. 451**

When Peace Like a River

VILLE DU HAVRE

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

To God Be The Glory

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*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 aged 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!

TODAY is our monthly **10 Cents a Meal** collection, benefitting Cooperative Christian Ministry, Cabarrus Meals on Wheels, and Compassion International.

Children will be in the Narthex following worship to collect your donations!

upcoming



FEEDING
KANNAPOLIS
HUNGER

Linda's



Closet

First Pres is delighted to once again partner with Feeding Kannapolis Hunger for a Health & Wellness Market **THIS SATURDAY, March 4.**

In addition, we will debut "Linda's Closet" - a clothing ministry named in memory of Linda Sampson - with a winter/spring 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. We are also accepting new, packaged undergarments or socks - place them 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 (menu this week: bacon, scrambled eggs, rice, biscuits, sausage gravy, fruit, juice, and coffee) 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!

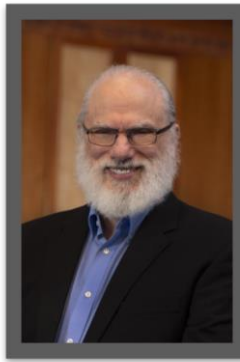


First Presbyterian will partner with Kimball Lutheran to host Samaritan's Table on Thursday evening, **March 9th.**

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!

You are invited to a **Community Prayer Walk on Saturday, March 25th!**

Area churches will gather at Village Chapel at 9:00am. Following a welcome and worship time, individual churches will travel to their own prayer routes. A light breakfast will be provided, so please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, March 19 if you plan to attend!



On Wednesday, March 29th, First Presbyterian will host a Seder presentation and tasting experience with Word of Messiah Ministries!

Their founder and President, Sam Nadler, is a Jewish believer in Jesus. He will lead us through "The Messiah in the Passover," as we learn more about Jewish tradition during this holy festival and how it points us to Jesus. So that we may adequately prepare, please sign up in the Narthex or RSVP to the church office by Sunday, March 26!

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.

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 them 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**
Randy Childers- **Waiting for back surgery**
Betty Sechler- **Knee problems**
Bob Faust- **Hospital in Davidson**
Donna Hancock (Barbara Hancock's daughter) - **Health concerns**
Ron Lisenby- **Recovery from heart procedure**

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF Church Family

Sheila Cowan (Eric Cowan's sister) - **recovering from kidney transplant**
Robert Little (Richard Little's brother) - **treatment for cancer**
Todd Childers (Randy Childers' brother) - **treatment for cancer**
Quenten Jordan (Elizabeth Sechler's boyfriend) - **recovery from broken femur**
Abbie Williams (Judy Hammond's sister-in-law) - **slowly getting better**
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 (Bargers' 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**

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Dave Ellington
Children's Message: Jenna Baker
Children's Message next week: Michelle Walker
Children's Church: Roxanne Spencer & Ella Sechler
Children's Church next week: Chris & Chariti Lowder
Acolytes: Landon Walker & Amias Hamilton
Acolyte next week: Camryn Lowder & Evie Sechler
Nursery: Allison Hammett
Nursery next week: Jane Argabrite
Ushers: John Hammon, Tony Hunter, Amy Hurst, Chris Lowder
Ushers next week: Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel, Todd Pless
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: 2/19/23
Sunday School - 75
Worship -118

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, February 26

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

Monday, February 27

2:00pm - Dorcas Circle of Hope

Tuesday, February 28

12:00pm - NA
6:00pm - Grace & Gratitude Circle

Wednesday, March 1

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

Thursday, March 2

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

Friday, March 3

6:00pm - FKH Market/Linda's Closet prep

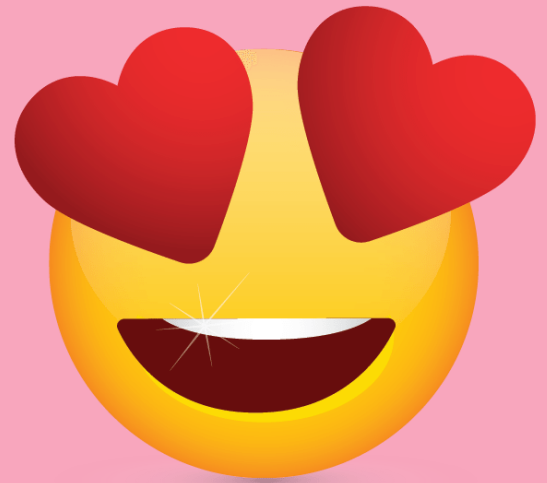
Saturday, March 4

8:30am - FKH Market/ Linda's Closet

Sunday, March 5

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service
4:30pm - Women without Reservations

10 Cents a Meal!



Love Quote of the Week

“Get a single, solitary thought in your mind, and that thought - the precious love of Jesus. Go and live it out, and come what may, you will be respected though abused. They may say you are an enthusiast, a fanatic, a fool, but those names from the world are titles of praise and glory. The world does not take the trouble to nickname a man unless he is worth it. It will not give you any censure unless it trembles at you.”

Charles Spurgeon

