



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,
and make Him known.

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Welcome David Hamilton

Prelude and Preparation Southern Harmony, arr. Dobrinski

What Wondrous Love Is This

Kimball Memorial Lutheran & First Presbyterian Handbells

Lighting of the Candles Erica Efird & Violet Hamilton

***Call to Worship** Psalm 145: 1-4,7

Leader: I will exalt You, my God the King; I will praise Your name for ever and ever.

Every day I will praise You and extol Your name for ever and ever.

All: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom.

Leader: One generation commends Your works to another; they tell of Your mighty acts.

All: They celebrate Your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of Your righteousness.

***Hymn of Praise No. 2** *O Worship the King* LYONS

***Prayer of Adoration**

Prayer of Confession

“Holy and gracious Lord, You call us Your treasured possession, yet we look for significance in other things. You call us a kingdom of priests, yet we fail to intercede on behalf of other nations. Ignite in us a holy zeal to declare Your excellencies to others. So move in our hearts by Your Spirit that we live as Your sent ones who bring light to a dark world and life to a dying world. For we pray in the strong name of Jesus, who is the only Savior of sinners.”

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

1 Timothy 1:15-17

Song of Meditation

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me
Joe Morris, tenor; Kay Yates, piano

Spiritual, arr. Corley

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with Our Children

Alpha Barger

Offering and Special Music

O Great God
Men's Ensemble

Kauflin

***Doxology**

No. 965

***Scripture Reading**

Matthew 26: 47-56

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Sermon

“Observations on the Way to the Cross”

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

***Communion Song**

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

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(See insert)

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Moore

*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 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!

Did you Know? First Presbyterian is blessed to have a Good Samaritan Fund that we use to help those in need, both in our church and in our community. Traditionally, we have collected offerings for this fund on Communion Sundays. If you would like to make a donation, please place it in the Good Samaritan Fund envelope located in your pew rack.

UPCOMING

Fulfilling Our Purpose... Growing by Grace.

First Presbyterian has been gifted an opportunity not only to improve our facilities, but expand our ministry capabilities! A generous couple has agreed to fund the majority of this project, which will leave us with a new outdoor pavilion dedicated in memory of Dr. Joe Crawford and in honor of his wife, Diane. If you would like to contribute toward this project, please pick up a 2023 Campaign brochure from the Narthex, and return the Donation Card with your offering.



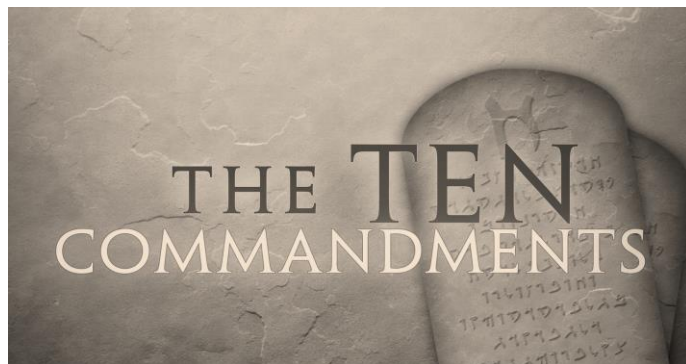
You are invited to a Community Prayer Walk on Saturday, March 25th!

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!



Winter Wednesdays in the Word continue with our church-wide Ten commandments Bible study!

A Fellowship Meal (menu this week: pizza, caesar salad, drinks, and desserts) will be served at 5:30pm on a donation basis. *****No PraiseMakers' rehearsal this week!***** Adults and Journey Youth begin their studies at 6:30pm. Don't miss this opportunity to "dig deeper" into God's word!



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!





Samaritan's Purse[®]
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

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.

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.





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

Church Family

Danny Bost - **Health concerns**
Hank Cranford - **Health concern**
Betty Sechler - **Severe knee pain**
Connie Lisenby - **Back procedure on Tuesday**
Donna Hancock - **Surgery on April 21**

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF Church Family

Mae Ackerman (Roxanne's Mom) - **Hospice Care**
Jim Bramlet - **Loss of brother, Robert Bramlet**
Lela Bishop - **recovery from broken femur**
Robert Little (Richard Little's brother) - **treatment for cancer**
Mike Allen (Bargers' family) - **Beginning a 5 week radiation treatment at Emory**
David Buckland (friend of Sparks) - **Young man battling lymphoma**
Shiela Cowan (Eric Cowan's sister) - **recovery from kidney transplant surgery**

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

The love that First Presbyterian has shown. We appreciate all that you are doing for us at the men's Aya house. Your kindness will not be forgotten. Continue to keep us in prayer.

The 3 Amigos
(Eric, Devin, & Michael)

First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for your recent donations. Your generosity will help us in our efforts to save babies in Cabarrus County and beyond. We appreciate your support of our organization in this way. We look forward to a continued partnership.

Thank you, CWC Staff

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Dave Argabrite
Children's Message: Alpha Barger
Children's Message next week: Roxanne Spencer
Children's Church: Lynn & Shannon Sechler
Children's Church next week: Lynn Efird & Amelia Caskey
Acolytes: Erica Efird & Violet Hamilton
Acolyte next week: Amias Hamilton & Landon Walker
Nursery: Vickie Ellington
Nursery next week: Kaitlyn Maxwell
Ushers Jill McLain, Phil McLain, Lynn Sechler, Jeff Barnhardt
Ushers next week: Danny Bost, Fred Caskey, Mark Goodnight, John Hammond
Greeters: Donnie Swaringen, Roxanne Spencer

FINANCIALS FOR FEBRUARY

YTD Income	\$48,230.45
YTD Expenses	\$46,492.47
YTD Budget	\$48,584.00

Last week's attendance: 3/5/23
Sunday School - 51
Worship -108

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, March 12 Daylight Saving Time!

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

Tuesday, March 14

12:00pm - NA

Wednesday, March 15

5:30pm - Fellowship Meal
5:30pm - Small ensemble rehearsal
6:30pm - Ten Commandments Study (adults & youth)

Thursday, March 16

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

Sunday, March 19

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
- GraceFull Movements Rehearsal
9:45am - Choir rehearsal
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service
12:15pm - Handbell rehearsal



