

*HOSANNA  
in the highest!*



*Welcome*

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

**Welcome** Eddie Spencer

**Prelude and Preparation**      *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*      DEO GRACIAS

**Lighting of the Candles**      Camryn Lowder & Evie Sechler

**Call to Worship**      *Here He Comes*      Blumenthal  
PraiseMakers

**\*Processional Hymn of Praise No. 145**      ELLACOMBE

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

**Corporate Prayer of Confession**

“O humble King of Glory, we confess that our praise of Your majesty has too often been fickle and faint. The zeal of the worshiping children long ago rebukes our apathy and indifference. Forgive us for our zeal for making our names great, which robs You of glory and honor. Pardon us for resisting Your kingship. For our treason, You died. For our restoration, You rose. Now transform us by the Holy Spirit so that we might be Your loyal and devoted servants. It’s in Your matchless name we pray.”

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Assurance of the Gospel** John 3:16-17

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.”

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 146**      *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*      ST. THEODULPH

**Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family**

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

**Word with Our Children** Michelle Walker

**Offering and Special Music** Larson

*Ain't No Rock Gonna' Shout for Me*  
Men's Ensemble

**\*Scripture Reading**      Matthew 21:1-11      page 977

**Sermon**      “The King Comes”      Eddie Spencer

## ~ Responding to the Word of God ~

**Sending Song**

*Ride On, King Jesus!*  
David Hamilton, tenor; Kay Yates, piano

Spiritual, arr. Johnson

**\*Prayer and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*The Palms*

Faure

\*All who are able, please stand  
CCLI# 2221136



**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!

**Nominations for the  
office of Elder are currently  
being accepted.**

Please prayerfully consider your nomination, along with the qualifications of the office.  
More information may be found on the Elder Nomination Forms,  
located in the Narthex.

# UPCOMING



## Celebrate Holy Week at First Presbyterian!

A devotional - *Observations on the Way to the Cross* - has been prepared for you by the church staff. Pick up your copy in the Narthex!

### Sunday, April 2 at 11am

Celebrate Palm Sunday with palms and singing and observation of Holy Communion, as PraiseMakers Kids' Choir and Men's Ensemble contribute to our worship!

### Thursday, April 6 at 6:30pm

Observe Maundy Thursday at First Presbyterian as we worship and partake of the Lord's Supper together.

### Friday, April 7 at 6:30pm

Remember Good Friday as combined choirs offer musical worship at Kimball Memorial Lutheran.

### Saturday, April 8 at 10am

Journey Youth are invited to an Easter celebration, egg hunt, and lunch!

### Sunday, April 9 at 11am

Proclaim Christ's resurrection in Easter morning worship with flowering of the cross, brass musicians, GraceFull Movements Dance Ministry, and Acting Out Drama Ministry!

## 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. Donations to date - \$6,710!





## You are invited to an authentic, Mexican

**Fiesta!** On Sunday, April 16, immediately following worship, the Missions Team will host a Mexican-themed luncheon to support our Mexico Missions Team. The menu will consist of: cheese quesadillas, chicken tamales, Mexican rice, black beans, guacamole, pico de gallo, and chips and salsa. The meal is provided on a donation basis. Proceeds will go towards projects at the Sitpatch School or supplies for the Missions Team.

## Let's go out to the ballgame!

First Pres has secured group tickets for the Cannon Ballers' game against Charleston on Sunday, April 23 at 1:00pm. Each ticket is \$11, which includes \$2 worth of "Baller Bucks" to be used at the stadium. See Michelle Walker to secure your spot!



## Training Opportunity!

If you are interested in becoming CPR & AED certified, please meet briefly in the parlor immediately following the worship service TODAY, Sunday, April 2! The class will require 3.5 - 4 hours and a cost of \$25. See Ryan Walker for more information.

# PRAYER CONCERNS

## CHURCH FAMILY

Danny Bost - **battling cancer**  
Hank Cranford - **health concerns**  
Randy Childers - **back surgery soon**  
Betty Sechler - **severe knee pain**  
Donna Hancock - **surgery on April 21**

## FAMILY & FRIENDS OF Church Family

Kathy Joyce (friend of Jane Jacobs) - **battling cancer**  
Ellen Morrison (Judy Hammond's friend) - **cancer**  
Kimberly Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - **upcoming procedure**  
Robert Little (Richard's brother) - **treatment for cancer**  
Mike Allen (Bargers' family) - **beginning a 5 week radiation treatment at Emory**  
Buddy Troutman (Judy Hammond's family) - **health concern**  
David Buckland (friend of Sparks) - **young man battling lymphoma**

## 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: Lynn Sechler  
Children's Message: Michelle Walker  
Children's Message next week: Acting Out Drama  
Ministry  
Children's Church: Kay McAllister & Ella Sechler  
Children's Church next week: Tracy & Amelia  
Caskey  
Acolytes: Camryn Lowder & Evie Sechler  
Acolyte next week: Violet & Amias Hamilton  
Nursery: Sharon Stricker  
Nursery next week: Lynn Efird  
Ushers: Sam McAllister, Mallory McDaniel, Todd  
Pless, Tony Rary  
Ushers next week: Phil McLain, Jill McLain, Lynn  
Sechler, Ryan Walker  
Greeters: Dave Argabrite, Debbie McDaniel

## FINANCIALS FOR FEBRUARY

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

Last week's attendance: 3/26/23  
Sunday School - 68  
Worship -107

# THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

## Sunday, April 2

## Palm Sunday

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

## Monday, April 3

10:00am - Women's Council

## Tuesday, April 4

12:00pm - NA  
6:30pm – Session

## Wednesday, April 5

5:30pm – Small Ensemble Rehearsal  
6:00pm – GraceFull Movements & Acting Out Rehearsal

## Thursday, April 6

## Maundy Thursday

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study  
12:00pm - NA  
6:30pm - Worship with Holy Communion

## Friday, April 7

## Good Friday

6:30pm - Musical Worship Service at Kimball Lutheran

## Saturday, April 8

10:00am - Journey Youth Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt with Lunch

## Sunday, April 9

## Easter Sunday

9:30pm - Fellowship Breakfast  
9:30am - GraceFull Movements & Acting Out Rehearsal  
9:45am - Choir Rehearsal  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Resurrection Service  
12:15pm - Handbell Rehearsal



