

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

Prelude	Low in the Grave	Smith
Welcome		Eddie Spencer
Lighting of the Candles	Caylin Low	vder & Noah Walker
*Call to Worship		
Leader: This is the good news-	—the grave is empty; Christ is risen.	
All: Alleluia!		
Leader: This is the good news-	-death is swallowed up in victory; Ch	hrist has won.
All: Alleluia!		
Leader: This is the good news-	-just as Christ was raised from the de	ead, we too may live a
new life in Him.		
All: Alleluia!		
Leader: This is the good news-	-He has caused us to be born again to	o a living hope through
the resurrection of Jesus Christ	t to an inheritance that is imperishable	, undefiled, and
unfading, kept in heaven for us	۶.	
All: Alleluia!		
Leader: Rejoice, for Christ is r	isen!	
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All: He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

*Hymn of Resurrection No. 187 Thine Is the Glory

*Prayer of Adoration

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty Father, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, we confess our struggle to rest in the victory of our triumphant Lord. Forgive us for not living in the joy that Christ's victory over death brings. Pardon our graceless hearts, prayerless days, loveless relationships, pervasive discontentment, and wasted opportunities for serving You. May we experience in fresh ways more of the resurrection life of Your Son. For we make our prayer in His exalted name.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-not by works, so that no one can boast."

*Affirmation of our Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the

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Ephesians 2:8-9

The Apostles' Creed

MACCABAEUS

dead; I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn of Trust	Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (see insert)	SHOWALTER		
Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family				
~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~				
Word with Our Childr	ren	Amelia Caskey		
Offering and Special Music		DIADEMATA		
Crown Him with Many Crowns				
*Scripture Reading	Luke 24: 25-32	page 1047		
Sermon	"Explosions of Hope"	Eddie Spencer		
~	Responding to the Word of God ~			

***Doxology No. 965** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Prayer and Benediction**

*Postlude

Rejoice the Lord is King

Mansfield

GENEVAN

*All who are able, please stand CCLI# 2221136

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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!

UPCOMING



You are invited to an authentic, Mexican Fiesta!

Today, 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 needs of 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 TODAY, April 16, to secure your spot!

AED CPR



Training Opportunity!

If you are interested in becoming CPR & AED certified, please see Ryan Walker **as soon as possible**! The class will require 3.5 - 4 hours and a cost of \$25.

The JOY Group will meet for lunch in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, April 28th at noon. The Argabrites will provide ham; others are asked to provide sides and desserts. The program will consist of a devotional by Charlene Booth and instructions on cell phone operation. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend!



Collection for our "fence ministry" continues with new items for

Spring. If you can donate any of the following items, please see Kay McAllister: ball caps, washcloths, shampoo, small brushes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair accessories, flashlights, batteries, gallon/quart size storage bags. Thank you for your continued support!





BIBLE TEACHING ASSOCIATION





You are invited to the Kannapolis Bible Teaching Association's Annual Fundraising Banquet! The

event will be held at Shoe Show, Inc. (2201 Trinity Church Road, Concord, NC 28027) on May 1, 2023 from 6:00-7:30pm. RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex by **Sunday, April 23** if you would like to attend!

The South Rowan Bible Teaching Association

is hosting a Drive-Thru BBQ Chicken Fundraiser on Thursday, May 4th from 4pm-7pm. Plates are \$13 and include 1/2 bbq chicken, baked beans, slaw, and dessert. Pick-up will be at First Reformed Church in Landis, NC. Dinners must be purchased in advance - see Michelle Walker by Sunday, April 23 if you would like a ticket.

The Kannapolis Gideons

Association will join us for worship on Sunday, April 23! We will receive a ministry update and you will have an opportunity to present an offering to their organization. For more information about the Kannapolis Gideons, please see John Roberson.

The Cabarrus Womens' Center

is hosting a "Steps of Faith" Prayer Walk on Saturday, April 22nd. The drop-in event will be held at Vietnam Veterans' Park in Concord from 10am-1pm. Come enjoy a stroll, family fun, and raffle!

PRAYER CONCERNS

CHURCH FAMILY

Danny Bost - Battling cancer Hank Cranford - Health concerns Betty Sechler - Improving from knee injury Donna Hancock - Surgery on April 21 Shirley Faust - Home from Terrabella

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF Church Family

Kathy Joyce (friend of Jane Jacobs) - Battling cancer Ellen Morrison (Judy Hammond friend) - Cancer Kimberly Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - Slowly recovering at Kay's home 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 concerns

HOMEBOUND

Peggy Barnhardt – Morningside Barbara Hancock - Home Iris Efird - Home Barbara Wise - Oaks at Hampton, Cummings, Georgia Loretta Young - Five Oaks

Thank Jou

To my considerate friends,

The death of a parent is always a difficult experience. The support, prayers, and encouraging cards, which I received from you made my experience more bearable. Your kindness will not be soon forgotten. May our Lord continue to bless your kindness.

Sincerely, Mike Hazeltine

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, April 16

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
9:45am - Choir Rehearsal
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service
12:00pm - Mexican Fiesta Missions Benefit in Fellowship Hall
12:15pm - Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 18

12:00pm - NA 6:30pm - Session

Wednesday, April 19

5:30pm - Small Ensemble Rehearsal

Thursday, April 20

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

Sunday, April 23

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
9:45am - Choir Rehearsal
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service with Gideon Presentation
1:00pm - CannonBallers game

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Lynn Sechler Children's Message: Amelia Caskey Children's Message <u>next week</u>: Roxanne Spencer Children's Church: Vickie Ellington & Jane Argabrite Children's Church <u>next week</u>: Brian & Hannah Efird Acolytes: Caylin Lowder & Noah Walker Acolyte <u>next week</u>: Erica Efird & Noah Walker Acolyte <u>next week</u>: Erica Efird & Noah Walker Nursery Chariti Lowder & Amelia Caskey Nursery <u>next week</u>: Jenna Baker Ushers: Jeff Barnhardt, Danny Bost, Fred Caskey, Mark Goodnight Ushers <u>next week</u>: John Hammond, Tony Hunter, Amy Hurst, Chris Lowder Greeters: Dave Argabrite, Debbie McDaniel

FINANCIALS FOR MARCH

YTD	Income
YTD	Expenses
YTD	Budget

\$75,479.26 \$71,345.97 \$72,876

Last week's attendance: 4/9/23 Sunday School - 77 Worship -174

SERMON NOTES



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