



**FIRST**  

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**PRESBYTERIAN**  

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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

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

**~ Gathering before the Word ~****Prelude***Low in the Grave*

Smith

**Welcome**

Eddie Spencer

**Lighting of the Candles**

Caylin Lowder &amp; 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; Christ has won.

**All: Alleluia!**

Leader: This is the good news—just as Christ was raised from the dead, 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 a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us.

**All: Alleluia!**

Leader: Rejoice, for Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

**\*Hymn of Resurrection No. 187***Thine Is the Glory*

MACCABAEUS

**\*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**

Ephesians 2:8-9

“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**

The Apostles' Creed

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



# 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!



## 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!

Donations  
are greatly  
Appreciated!



The Gideons  
International



cabarrus  
women's center

## 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!

## 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 You*

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

## FINANCIALS FOR MARCH

YTD Income	\$75,479.26
YTD Expenses	\$71,345.97
YTD Budget	\$72,876

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

# SERMON NOTES


