



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Prelude *Hold to God's Unchanging Hand* Wilson
Jaazaniah Salehm

Welcome Eddie Spencer

Lighting of the Candles Camryn Lowder & Evie Sechler

***Call to Worship** Isaiah 40:26, 28-31

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of His great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

All: The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary and His understanding no one can fathom.

Leader: He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

All: But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

***Hymn of Praise No. 859** *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

***Prayer of Adoration**

Mission Team Commission

***Hymn of Mission No. 286** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* Newton

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Offering and Special Music *The Prayer* Jaazaniah Salehm

***Scripture Reading** Colossians 1:1-8 page 1165

Sermon "Grace Produced" Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Sending Song** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* Simon Marak
Jaazaniah Salehm

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude** *Trust and Obey* Towner

*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.

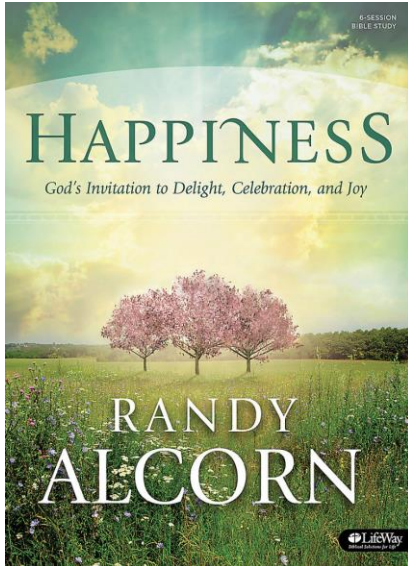
Children's Church is available for children 4 years through 2nd grade. After the "Word with our Children," they will be escorted to their classroom on the choir hallway. Parents should report to the classroom immediately following worship to pick up their children.

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, we commission our Mexico Missions Team, consisting of: Pastor Eddie Spencer, Mallory & Debbie McDaniel, Tony Rary, Phil McLain, Chris & Chariti Lowder, Irene Davis, Steve Goodnight, David Ellington, & John Hammond. Please pray for our team as they travel to Merida, Mexico, to perform finishing work on the Sitpatch School and lead a community Vacation Bible School. The Team will share their experiences with us during a combined, adult Sunday School on May 14th in the Fellowship Hall!

UPCOMING

Next Sunday, we welcome Pastor Ken Sides as pulpit supply, while Eddie is with our Missions Team in Mexico. We look forward to the message Pastor Sides will bring, and hope you will join us in welcoming him!



The Friendship Sunday School Class has begun a new study: *Happiness*, by Randy Alcorn. They meet on the basement floor across from the choir room. See Vickie Ellington if you are interested in joining them!

You are invited to the Hamilton Mission Benefit Concert

at First Reformed Church in Landis (210 N. Central Ave.) on Sunday, May 7 at 4:00pm! David and others will provide a Gospel Concert benefiting the Hamilton's GEM calling. A love offering will be accepted.



**HAMILTON
BENEFIT
CONCERT**

SUNDAY

MAY 7, 2023

4:00 P.M.

**First Reformed Church
210 North Central Ave.
Landis, NC 28088**

**Come praise the Lord
with David Hamilton
and the FRC Praise Band
& FRC men's ensemble!
MISSION LOUE
OFFERING**



A CPR & AED certification class

will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 20th from 9:30am - 12:30pm. The cost is \$25 per person. See Ryan Walker if you would like to attend.

Mark your calendars for our Spring Friends & Family Day!

On Sunday, May 21, invite guests to join you for worship and lunch on the church grounds. Fun activities will be available for the kids!



Youth Sunday is fast approaching, and we need to start practicing!

All children or youth interested in participating are asked to meet with Michelle in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship THIS SUNDAY, April 30! If you cannot attend the meeting, please let Michelle know by THIS SUNDAY, April 30, that you are interested.

New members needed!

Do you enjoy sharing God's love and encouragement with those who are suffering physically or emotionally, or just going through a hard time? Do you wish to celebrate with those experiencing joyful life events? The mission of the First Pres Care Team is simply to love on our members and community by sending cards, texts or emails; making a phone call; or letting them know that members of First Presbyterian care about them. If you would like to know more about this ministry and be a part of our Care Team, contact Renee Goodnight.



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

Amy Hamilton's family - Healing from bad car accident
Danny Bost - Battling cancer
Hank Cranford - Improving
Donna Hancock - Recovery from surgery

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

Ellen Morrison (Judy Hammond friend) - cancer
Kimberly Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - slowly recovering at her home and doing well
Robert Little (Richard's brother) - treatment for cancer
Mike Allen - Finished a 5-week radiation treatment at Emory
Buddy Troutman (Judy Hammond's family) - health concern
Tammy Corriher (friend of the Lowders) - in Cardiac ICU at Atrium CMC Main

HOMEBOUND

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Lynn Sechler
Children's Message: Mexico Commissioning
Children's Message next week: Michelle Walker
Children's Church: Ryan & Michelle Walker
Children's Church next week: Roxanne Spencer & Vickie Ellington
Acolytes: Camryn Lowder & Evie Sechler
Acolyte next week: Amias & Violet Hamilton
Nursery: Allison Hammett
Nursery next week: Kay McAllister
Ushers: Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister, Mallory McDaniel, Todd Pless
Ushers next week: Jill McLain, Phil McLain, Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler
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: 4/23/23
Sunday School - 66
Worship -114

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, April 30

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

12:15pm - Handbell Rehearsal

4:30pm - Women Without Reservations at Sechler home

Monday, May 1

10:30am - Women's Council

6:00pm - Kannapolis Bible Teaching Assoc. Banquet

Tuesday, May 2

12:00pm - NA

6:30pm - Session

Thursday, May 4

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study

12:00pm - NA

Sunday, May 7

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service with Pastor Ken Sides

12:15pm - Handbell Rehearsal

4:00pm - Hamilton Mission Concert at First Reformed, Landis



SERMON NOTES



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