



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Welcome

Michelle Walker

Prelude and Preparation

Lighting of the Candles

Amias & Violet Hamilton

***Call to Worship**

Michelle Walker

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.

**All: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.
For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; He is to be feared above all gods.**

Leader: For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

All: Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and glory are in His sanctuary.

***Hymn of Praise No. 691**

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN

***Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer**

Pastor Ken Sides

"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Ken Sides

"Holy God and Father, we are Your redeemed people, yet at times we refuse to live in the freedom that is ours in Christ. We are Your loved people, yet we spurn You by our desires for other loves. You call us to obedience, yet we question You and Your ways. Therefore, we repent and ask Your forgiveness for the travesty of our rebellion against You. Cleanse us with the blood of Your Son, which was shed for us. Show us how to build our lives on the only sure foundation, Jesus Christ our Savior. It is in His matchless name we pray."

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

1 John 1:9

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Concerns and Celebrations of our Church Family

Michelle Walker

***Hymn of Trust No. 327** *When We Walk with the Lord*

TRUST AND OBEY

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with our Children		Michelle Walker
Offering and Offertory	<i>I Believe</i> PraiseMakers	Clydesdale/arr.Clydesdale
*Scripture Reading	Ephesians 6:10-18	page 1160
Sermon	“Our God-Breathed Bible”	Pastor Ken Sides

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Doxology No. 965**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer and Benediction**

Pastor Ken Sides

***Postlude**

*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!

Today, we welcome Pastor Ken Sides as pulpit supply while Eddie is with our Missions Team in Mexico! Pastor Sides has previously worked as Chaplain with Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's Disaster Response Team and Lay Pastor of Old Dock Methodist Church in Whiteville. He currently serves with Samaritan's Purse Disaster Response. He and his wife, Marilyn, make their home in Monroe. Please welcome Pastor Sides!

Continue in prayer for our Mexico Missions Team, as they arrived in Merida, Mexico yesterday! Pastor Eddie, Mallory and Debbie McDaniel, Chris and Chariti Lowder, Phil McLain, Tony Rary, Steve Goodnight, Irene Davis, David Ellington, and John Hammond are providing finishing work for the Sitpatch Community School and leading a Community Bible School. They will return on Friday, May 12, and share their experiences during a combined, adult Sunday School on May 14.

UPCOMING *Events*

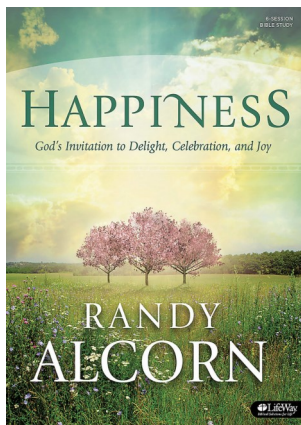
You are invited to the Hamilton Mission Benefit Concert

at First Reformed Church in Landis (210 N. Central Ave.) today, 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.



First Pres will partner with Cornelius Presbyterian and the Presbytery of Charlotte's Community Disaster Response Team to collect relief supplies for those impacted by the recent tornadoes in Mississippi. Jim Bramlett will deliver the supplies in mid-May. If you would like to donate, bring items from the list of requested supplies, found in the Narthex, and place them in the marked bin by Sunday, May 14.

Next week, we will begin collecting donations for the Cabarrus Women's Center Baby Bottle Boomerang! Simply pick up a baby bottle from the Narthex beginning Sunday, May 14 (Mother's Day) and return it with donations by Sunday, June 18 (Fathers' Day). The Cabarrus Women's Center is a life-affirming pregnancy support center. See Vickie Ellington for more information.



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!

Mark your calendars for our Spring Friends & Family Day!

On Sunday, May 21, invite guests to join you for worship and stay for fun and fellowship. The Fellowship Team will provide Mr. C's chicken and taters, along with slaw, drinks, and desserts on the church grounds. There will also be treats and activities for the kids. Please sign up in the Narthex or via www.firstpresb.org so we have enough for everyone!



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.



Our Journey Youth will take the lead on Sunday, June 4th for Youth Sunday!

PraiseMakers Kids' Choir, GraceFull Movements Dance Ministry, and Acting Out Drama Ministry will share their gifts and offerings of praise and worship. Rehearsals will be held on Thursday, May 11 at 7pm; Thursday, May 18 at 7pm; Wednesday, May 31 at 6pm; and Saturday, June 3 at 1pm (Dress Rehearsal). Please let Michelle know as soon as possible if you want to participate!

Graduation Sunday will be Sunday, June 11.

We will honor our graduating high school seniors, Banagher Hamilton and C.J. Semcho, during the worship service and with a reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately thereafter.



The Women's Council invites church girls of all ages to a Bingo Bash! Join us Saturday, June 10th at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for fun, food, and fellowship with guest Rachel Spencer. We'll play Bingo and Name that Tune - and yes, there will be prizes! Sign up in the Narthex or on our church website.



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

Judy Goodnight - Pneumonia
Amy Hamilton's family - Healing from bad car accident
Danny Bost - Battling cancer
Hank Cranford - Improving
Donna Hancock - Praise report

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

Ellen Morrison (Judy Hammond's friend) - cancer
Robert Little (Richard's brother) - third of four treatments for cancer
Mike Allen - Finished a 5-week radiation treatment at Emory
Buddy Troutman (Judy Hammond's family) - health concern
Family of Tammy Corriher (friend of Lowders) - on her passing

HOMEBOUND

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

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, May 7

- 9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:30am - GraceFull Movements Rehearsal
- 10:00am - Sunday School
- 11:00am - Worship Service
- 12:15pm - Handbell Rehearsal
- 4:00pm - Hamilton Mission Concert at First Reformed, Landis

Tuesday, May 9

- 12:00pm - NA

Thursday, May 11

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

Saturday, May 13

- 2:00pm - Journey Youth at Billy Graham Library

Sunday, May 14 - Happy Mother's Day!

- 9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:30am - Gracefull Movements Rehearsal
- 9:45am - Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00am - Sunday School (Mission Team presentation in Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00am - Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 12:15pm - Handbell Rehearsal

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Tony Rary

Children's Message: Michelle Walker

Children's Message next week: Children's Prayers

Children's Church: Roxanne Spencer & Vickie Ellington

Children's Church next week: Lynn & Shannon Sechler

Acolytes: Amias & Violet Hamilton

Acolyte next week: Erica Efird & Caylin Lowder

Nursery: Kay McAllister

Nursery next week: Jane Argabrite & Ella Sechler

Ushers: Jill McLain, Phil McLain, Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler

Ushers next week: Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt, Danny Bost, Fred Caskey

Greeters: Renee Goodnight, Gip Rumble

FINANCIALS

FOR APRIL

YTD Income	\$102,886.01
YTD Expenses	\$90,398.66
YTD Budget	\$97,168.00

Last week's attendance: 4/30/23

Sunday School - 66

Worship - 101

