



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Welcome

Eddie Spencer

Prelude and Preparation

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian American Folk Melody
Toby Caskey, piano

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing Wyeth
Amelia Caskey, piano

All Creatures of Our God and King GEISTLICHE KIRCHEN
Fred Caskey, piano

Lighting of the Candles

Erica Efird & Caylin Lowder

***Call to Worship**

Colossians 1:15-20

Leader: The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him.

All: He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy.

Leader: For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him.

All: And through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.

***Hymn of Praise No. 601**

CORONATION

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

***Prayer of Adoration**

The Nicene Creed (see insert)

***Song of Response No. 227**

He Is Lord

Martin Frey

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with our Children

Celebration of Mothers

Offering and Special Music

Perfectly Loved
Violet Hamilton, treble

CCLI #7196698

***Scripture Reading**

Colossians 1:9-14

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Sermon

“How to Pray”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Prayer and Benediction

*Postlude

Redeemed

Crosby

*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.

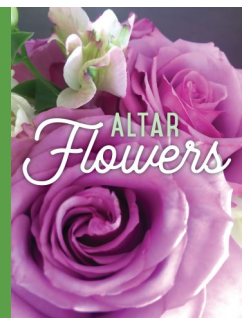
Wifi is accessible throughout our common areas. You may log in to First Presbyterian Guest with the password: Praise!!

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.

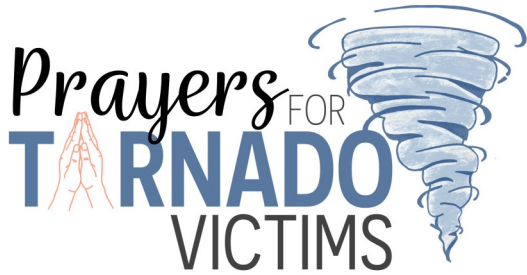
A Nursery is available for newborns through age 4. It is located in the Educational Building. If you need assistance or directions, an usher would be happy to help you!

The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God and in honor of all the mothers – biological or spiritual – in our congregation this Mother's Day! The youth will have individual flowers to present you as you leave the sanctuary in appreciation for the many ways you share God's love!



Today, as we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion, we also collect a special offering for our Good Samaritan Fund. Donations to this fund allow the Pastor and Church Staff to assist individuals in our community and our church family who are in need. If you would like to contribute, please use the Good Samaritan Fund envelope or mark your donation for Good Samaritan Fund, and place it in the offering plate.

UPCOMING *Events*



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 TODAY, May 14.

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



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.



The JOY Group will enjoy lunch in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, May 26 at noon. Frank Gibson will lead the group in a devotion. An entrée of Shepherd's Pie will be provided; please sign up in the Narthex to bring a side, dessert, or drink.

Feeding Kannapolis Hunger will host a Health and Wellness Market in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 3 at 9:30am. Volunteers are needed to prep the Market on Friday, June 2 at 6:00pm (pizza provided!) and host the Market on Saturday. Please sign up in the Narthex if you are able to assist!



FEEDING
KANNAPOLIS
HUNGER



First Pres is once again assisting Kimball Lutheran with Samaritan's Table food distribution. On Thursday, June 8, volunteers are needed to prep, package, and hand out meals in a drive-thru at Kimball. Please see Phil or Jill McLain if you can help!

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

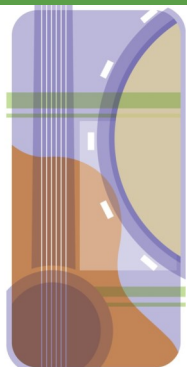
Sunday! PraiseMakers Kids' Choir, GraceFull Movements Dance Ministry, and Acting Out Drama Ministry will share their gifts and offerings of praise and worship. Rehearsals will be held on Thursday, May 18 at 7pm; Wednesday, May 31 at 6pm; and Saturday, June 3 at 1pm (Dress Rehearsal).



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.

All are invited to a free concert of spirituals, with orchestra, presented by the 55 voice Piedmont Choral Society. Cookie Hamilton, Joe Morris and Kay Yates are members of this group. Friday, May 19 at 7 pm and Sunday, May 21 at 3 pm at Calvary Lutheran Church, 950 Bradley St NE, Concord.

Concert



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.



Items needed! Linda's Closet has recently been able to serve multiple individuals with clothing assistance. As a result, our supply of men's jeans is running low. If you could donate new or gently-used men's jeans, please see Kay McAllister or Mary Taylor. Thanks for your support!

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

Debby Baker - new cancer treatment & upcoming scan
Randy Childers - at Big Elm for rehabilitation
Judy Goodnight - recovery from pneumonia & increased strength
Amy Hamilton's family - healing from bad car accident
Danny Bost - battling cancer
Hank Cranford - health concerns
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 (Bargers' family) - finished a 5-week radiation treatment at Emory
Buddy Troutman (Judy Hammond's family) - health concern

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 14 - Happy Mother's Day!

- 9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:30am - GraceFull Movements Rehearsal
- 10:00am - Sunday School
(Mexico Missions presentation in Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00am - Worship Service w/Holy Communion
- 12:15pm - Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 16

- 12:00pm - NA
- 6:30pm - Missions Team

Thursday, May 18

- 10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study
- 12:00pm - NA
- 7:00pm - Youth Sunday Rehearsal

Saturday, May 20

- 9:30am - AED/CPR Training in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 21

- 9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
- 10:00am - Sunday School
- 11:00am - Worship Service
- 12:00pm - Friends & Family Day
(Lunch & activities on church grounds)

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Tony Rary
Children's Message: Children's Prayers
Children's Message next week: Roxanne Spencer
Children's Church: Lynn & Shannon Sechler
Children's Church next week: Chris & Chariti Lowder
Acolytes: Erica Efird & Caylin Lowder
Acolyte next week: Landon & Noah Walker
Nursery: Jane Argabrite & Ella Sechler
Nursery next week: Megan Quigg
Ushers: Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt, Danny Bost, Fred Caskey
Ushers next week: Mark Goodnight, John Hammond, Tony Hunter, Amy Hurst
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: 5/7/23
Sunday School - 54
Worship - 84

