



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

The Love of God

Lehman

Lighting of the Candles

Landon & Noah Walker

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 117

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol Him, all you peoples.

All: For great is His love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

***Hymn of Praise No. 599**

MADRID

Come Christians, Join to Sing

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

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy Father, who by Your Son has called us to live holy lives and to worship You in spirit and truth, we confess anew our many sins. We have thought evil thoughts; we have said unwholesome words; we have committed sinful actions. Forgive us, O Lord, for the many ways we fall short of Your glory. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. Renew our minds and hearts and wills that we may hereafter please You and glorify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our King.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

Colossians 1:19-20

“For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, 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.”

Apostle's 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 at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the 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.

***Song of Response No. 15**

The First Place

arr. Greg Scheer

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with our Children		Roxanne Spencer
Offering	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> Kay Yates, piano	Irish Hymn
*Scripture Reading	Colossians 1:9-14	page 1165
Sermon	“How to Pray”	Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Hymn of Praise No. 17	<i>Beautiful Savior</i>	ST. ELIZABETH
*Prayer and Benediction		
*Postlude	<i>Foundation</i>	Traditional American Melody

*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!

thank you

Thank you, church family, for the many kindnesses shown during my recent hospital stay. Thank you for visits, prayers, food, phone calls, cards and texts. Many thanks and love, Judy Goodnight

UPCOMING *Events*

The Cabarrus Women's Center Baby Bottle Boomerang has begun! 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.



The Spring Friends and Family Day has been cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience. Look for more friends and family activities coming this summer!

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!

Linda's Closet will host its "Grand Opening" on Saturday, June 3 at 12:00! Attendees at the Feeding Kannapolis Hunger Market will be invited to stay and shop in the closet, located in the old handbell room. Donations of men's jeans are needed! If you can volunteer to help, please see Cindy DeVoe, Kay McAllister, or Mary Taylor.





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 12pm (Dress Rehearsal- pizza provided).



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

Randy Childers - rehab at Big Elm

Judy Goodnight - recovery from pneumonia

Banagher Hamilton - recovery from severe migraine

Danny Bost - battling cancer

Hank Cranford - Improving

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

Lisa Belk (Buddy Belk's sister) - severe anxiety

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 21

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast

9:30am - GraceFull Movements Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

(Mexico Missions presentation in Fellowship Hall)

11:00am - Worship Service

Monday, May 22

2:00pm - Dorcas Circle

Tuesday, May 23

12:00pm - NA

Thursday, May 25

10:30am - Ladies Bible Study

12:00pm - NA

Friday, May 26

12:00pm - JOY Group in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 28

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast

9:30am - GraceFull Movements Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Tony Rary

Children's Message: Roxanne Spencer

Children's Message next week: Alpha Barger

Children's Church: Chris & Chariti Lowder

Children's Church next week: Tracy & Amelia Caskey

Acolytes: Landon & Noah Walker

Acolyte next week: Violet & Amias Hamilton

Nursery: Megan Quigg

Nursery next week: Hannah Efirid

Ushers: Mark Goodnight, John Hammond, Tony Hunter, Amy Hurst

Ushers next week: Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister, Mallory McDaniel

Greeters: Renee Goodnight, Gip Rumple

FINANCIALS

FOR APRIL

YTD Income \$102,886.01

YTD Expenses \$90,398.66

YTD Budget \$97,168.00

Last week's attendance: 5/14/23

Sunday School - 71

Worship - 129

SERMON NOTES



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