



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

Joel Raney

How Great Thou Art with Majesty
Joint Bells with Kimball Lutheran

Lighting of the Candles

Violet & Amias Hamilton

***Call to Worship**

Colossians 1:15-18

Leader: The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

All: 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.

Leader: He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

All: 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.

***Hymn of Praise No. 348** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

RUNYAN

***Prayer of Adoration**

Affirmation of Faith

Revelation 19:11-16

“I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.” He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: king of kings and lord of lords.”

Memorial Day Prayer

“Triumphant Jesus, on this Memorial Day we gladly stop to honor the men and women who have served our country in various branches of the armed forces. In a world filled with “wars and rumors of war,” we don’t take our servicemen and servicewomen for granted. There has never been more of a thankless, even despised job. But on this Sunday before Memorial Day, we stop to honor you as the ultimate servant-warrior—the quintessential man of service—the one who, on the cross, waged the war to end all wars. No one hates warfare among vying nations more than you. No one is more offended even by the petty and pointless squabbles between spouses and friends. No one paid a greater price to bring the final and full peace for which we intensely long and hope. Having defeated the prince of darkness on the cross, you’re now the rider on the white horse—alone worthy of the name Faithful and True, for you are the eternal and incarnate Word of God. You are faithful to fulfill *every* promise God made for the salvation of his people and

the restoration of creation. Even in this very moment, you are actively bringing to completion this magnificent work of redemption, in every place and in all things. Though evil hates beauty, your love trumps *all* evil. Evil will *not* prevail. It has been powerfully defeated and it *will* be fully eradicated. You are *already* reigning as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, presently making all your enemies your footstool. We love your kingdom and long for the full manifestation of your reign of grace. Maranatha! Come quickly, Lord! We pray with gratitude, in the memory and victory of your matchless name. Amen.” (Scottie Smith)

***Hymn of Hope (insert)** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

MELITA

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with our Children

Alpha Barger

Offering & Special Music

Honey in the Rock

CCLI #7191257

David Hamilton, Richard Little, Lucinda Stewart, trio
George Maxwell, guitar
Amy Hamilton, djembe

***Scripture Reading**

Colossians 1:15-20

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Sermon

“The Greatness of Jesus”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Hymn of Praise No. 227**

He Is Lord

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

I Love To Tell the Story

Fischer

*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!

UPCOMING Events

thank you

Pastor Eddie and the Staff and the Congregation:

Thank you so much for your prayers, calls, and cards and your support during my surgeries. This meant so much to me. I have a praise report because of all your prayers!! Special thanks to Pastor Eddie and the Care Team.
Love, *Donna Hancock*

Thank you for the opportunity to give a Gideon report to your Church! The total of \$1,078 your church gave will purchase over 650 Testaments like we give out at schools, the fair, universities, jails, etc. or it would purchase over 165 full size Bibles that can reach up to 379,500 hotel guests! What a difference the First Presbyterian Church has made to give hope to thousands of people! *Scott Thomas*, Gideons International

Note: An additional \$584 was contributed to Gideons International by our church totaling \$1,662 in donations.

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.



FEEDING
KANNAPOLIS
HUNGER

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. Remaining rehearsals are Wednesday, May 31 at 6pm and Saturday, June 3 at 12pm - lunch 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.

Congratulations to Anna Victoria Jacobs on her graduation from Wake Forest University with a Master of Medical Science Degree! Prior to entering the PA Program at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine, she earned a Master of Science in Management from the Wake Forest University School of Business. Anna Victoria is the daughter of Jane Jacobs.



Congratulations to Daniel Pless on his graduation from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill!



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
- **Devin Goode** - recovery from concussion
- **Banagher Hamilton** - recovery from severe migraine
- **Danny Bost** - battling cancer
- **Hank Cranford** - Improving

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- **Linda Cobb's Family** (Judy Hammond's friend who died)
- **Ellen Morrison** (Judy Hammond's friend) - cancer
- **Robert Little** (Richard's brother) - third of four treatments for cancer
- **Mike Allen** (Bargers' family) - scans this week to evaluate his cancer treatment
- **Mr. & Mrs. 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



THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, May 28

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
- GraceFull Movements Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

Monday, May 29 Happy Memorial Day!

Tuesday, May 30

12:00pm - NA

Wednesday, May 31

6:00pm - Youth Sunday Rehearsal

Thursday, June 1

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study

12:00pm - NA

Friday, June 2

6:00pm - Feeding Kannapolis Hunger Market prep

Saturday, June 3

9:30am - Feeding Kannapolis Hunger Market

12:00pm - Linda's Closet Grand Opening

12:00pm - Youth Sunday rehearsal (lunch provided)

Next Sunday, June 4

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Youth Sunday Worship Service

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Tony Rary

Children's Message: Alpha Barger

Children's Message next week: Acting Out Drama
Ministry

Children's Church: Tracy & Amelia Caskey

Children's Church next week: None

Acolytes: Violet & Amias Hamilton

Acolyte next week: Camryn Lowder & Evie Sechler

Nursery: Hannah Efird

Nursery next week: Jane Argabrite

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

Ushers next week:

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: 5/21/23

Sunday School - 65

Worship - 106

