



**FIRST**  

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**PRESBYTERIAN**  

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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

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

**~ Gathering before the Word ~****Welcome**

Eddie Spencer

**Prelude and Preparation for Worship**

Johnson

*Steal Away*

Joe Morris, tenor

Kay Yates, piano

**Lighting of the Candles****\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 46

**\*Processional Hymn No. 581**

HYMN TO JOY

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***\*Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer**

**“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**

**“Almighty God, who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith: We confess that we resist the force of Your Spirit among us, that we are slow to serve You, and reluctant to spread the good news of Your love. When Your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears, for we fear what You might call us to do. And when the fire of Your Spirit touches us, we quench the flame, afraid of the new life the Spirit might bring. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of Your Spirit. In flame us with a desire to do Your will and be Your faithful people for the sake of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is in His matchless name we pray.”**

**Silent Prayers of Confession****Assurance of the Gospel**

Ephesians 2:8-9

**Celebration of our Graduates**

Jeff Barnhardt

**\*Song of Commitment No. 869** *Here I am Lord***~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~****Word with our Children**

Michelle Walker

**\*Doxology No. 965**

## Offering and Special Music

Hogan

*I'm Gonna Sing 'til the Spirit Moves in My Heart*  
Men's Ensemble

## \*Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:24-29

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## Sermon

“Christ in You”

Eddie Spencer

## ~ Responding to the Word of God ~

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

### \*Communion Hymn No. 175

HAMBURG

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

### \*Prayer and Benediction

### \*Postlude

*Trusting Jesus*

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\*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!



**Communion Sunday is traditionally the day First Pres collects for our Good Samaritan Fund.** This fund allows the church pastor and staff to assist those in need – both in our church and in our community. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in an envelope marked 'Good Samaritan Fund,' or mark your offering envelope for 'Good Samaritan Fund.'

# UPCOMING *Events*

**Congratulations to our graduating High School Seniors!** A reception in their honor will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service today. Please stop by and wish them well!



**Craig Semcho, Jr. (C.J.)** graduated from Jesse C. Carson High School on May 27<sup>th</sup>. At Carson, C.J. was an AP Honor student, Junior Marshall, and Low Brass Band Captain. He was selected to All County Band, a member of the Honor Society, and served on the Prom Committee. C.J. was accepted at Western College, UNC Chapel Hill, and NC State University. He has decided to attend NC State, where he plans to Major in Aerospace Engineering. C.J. is the son of Craig and Kelly Eddings Semcho and the grandson of Cookie Hamilton.

**Banagher Hamilton** will graduate from A. L. Brown High School on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Banagher was awarded an A.L. Brown letter jacket for a top ACT Score. He was also a Rowan Cabarrus Community College undefeated Esports Champion in 2021. During his time at Brown, Banagher participated on the Men's Track and Field Team and in the Chess Club. He currently works at Belk in Carolina Mall. Banagher plans to attend Columbia International University in Columbia, SC this fall, where he will major in biomedical studies. His goal is to attend dental school. Banagher is the son of David and Amy Hamilton.



**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! Daniel graduated magna cum laude with a triple major in Exercise Science, Psychology, and English. He is currently working in Chapel Hill as he determines his future plans. Daniel is the son of Todd and Karen Pless.





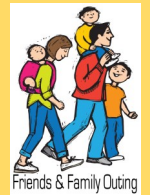
To commemorate the **National Day of Prayer for Law Enforcement Officers**, a prayer service for Kannapolis Police will be held on Friday, June 16th at 9:30am. Participants are invited to gather inside The Laureate Center for this special time.

**Our Baby Bottle Boomerang** for Cabarrus Women's Center is coming to an end! Please return all baby bottles and donations by **next Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**, to the basket in the Narthex. The Cabarrus Women's Center is a life-affirming pregnancy support center. See Vickie Ellington for more information.



**This summer, Journey Youth are invited to Create and Celebrate: A Summer with Our Creative God!** We will explore God's creativity through various forms of art, including music, painting, pottery, and more! Service projects and outings will also be available. Our first meeting is Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30pm. Allison Hammett will lead a painting class. Dinner will be provided at 6:00pm, so let Michelle know if you will attend.

**Journey Youth are invited to another Friends & Family Outing!** On Friday, June 16, we will meet at Village Park for dinner and a movie. Pizza will be provided at 7:00pm, then we will watch *Jungle Cruise*, beginning at 8:45pm. Invite friends, but please sign up in the Narthex so we have enough!



**The Missions Team is hosting a Night of Service on Wednesday, June 21st!** We will meet at Lifeline Christian Mission's Charlotte Center – 325 McGill Ave NW, Suite 175, Concord, NC 28027 – at 6pm and pack meals for about an hour. All ages are invited to serve, but space is limited, so please sign up in the Narthex if you would like to go!

**A Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, June 25th during the Worship Service for the purpose of electing Elders. The nominees for Elder are Chris Lowder, Sue Maiocchi, and Ken Sparks. Elders elected in 2023 will serve a three-year term, beginning in July.



**The congregation is invited to a luncheon in honor of Frank & Peggy Gibson** for their many hours of service and dedication to First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 25 following worship in the First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall. RSVP via sign up in the Narthex. Congregation is asked to provide desserts.

**New Summer Sunday School coming soon!** Pastor Eddie will lead a 7-week class on "Foundations: An Overview of Christian Truth in the Church," from Sunday, July 2 through Sunday, August 13. All adults are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am as, together, we examine our beliefs.



## 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 hernia surgery
- **Danny Bost** - battling cancer
- **Hank Cranford** - improving

### FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- **Rachel Spencer** (Eddie's mom) - recovering from internal bleeding
- **Ellen Morrison** (Judy Hammond's friend) - cancer
- **Robert Little** (Richard's brother) - final treatments for cancer in July
- **Mike Allen** (Bargers' family) - good report!
- **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, June 11

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service with Holy Communion  
12:00pm - High School Graduate Reception

## Tuesday, June 13

12:00pm - NA

## Wednesday, June 14

6:00pm - Youth Fellowship Dinner  
6:30pm - Summer Create & Celebrate Painting Class

## Thursday, June 15

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

## Friday, June 16

7:00pm - Youth Movie Night at Village Park

## Next Sunday, June 18 - Happy Father's Day!

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service

## SERVANTS

**Elder Lock-Up:** Donnie Swaringen  
**Children's Message:** Michelle Walker  
**Children's Message next week:** Children's Prayers  
**Children's Church:** Jenna Baker & Lynn Efird  
**Children's Church next week:** Brian & Hannah Efird  
**Acolytes:** Amias & Violet Hamilton  
**Acolyte next week:** Landon Walker & Abby Vriesma  
**Nursery:** Vickie Ellington  
**Nursery next week:** Kaitlyn Maxwell  
**Ushers:** Lynn Sechler, Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt, Danny Bost  
**Ushers next week:** Fred Caskey, Mark Goodnight, John Hammond, Tony Hunter  
**Greeters:** Ryan Walker, Roxanne Spencer

## FINANCIALS

FOR MAY

<b>YTD Income</b>	\$126,421.01
<b>YTD Expenses</b>	\$115,564.34
<b>YTD Budget</b>	\$121,460.00

**Last week's attendance:** 6/4/23  
**Sunday School -**  
**Worship - 112**

