



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 for Worship

Sibelius

Be Still My Soul

David Hamilton, tenor

Lighting of the Candles

Caylin Lowder & Noah Walker

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 96:1-4

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.

Hymn of Praise No. 553How Great Thou Art****Prayer of Adoration****Prayer of Confession**

“Almighty God, who created and sustains all things, and who made human beings in Your own image that we might know You and serve You with all our hearts, we confess that we have squandered our privileges and ignored our obligations. We have failed to seek You as our highest joy and have failed to promote the welfare of our neighbor. We plead for Your forgiveness. Grant that, believing the Good News of the Gospel, we might turn from our sinful thoughts and ways, and joyfully serve You and our neighbor for the unending glory of Your matchless name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

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

I Peter 1:3-4

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.”

Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 833There Is a Redeemer***Concerns and Celebrations of our Church Family****~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~****Word with Our Children**

Roxanne Spencer

Offering and Special Music	<i>Gabriel's Oboe</i> Tana Nichols, oboe	Morricone
*Scripture Reading	Colossians 2:6-15	page 1166
Sermon	"Foundations"	Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Song of Thanksgiving** *Jesus, Thank You* Sovereign Grace
Lucinda Stewart, soprano; David Hamilton, tenor

****Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude** *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* Green

**Brief congregational meeting to elect elders following Benediction

*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!

This week is our monthly 10 Cents a Meal collection!

Youth will be in the Narthex immediately following worship to collect your offerings, which benefit Cooperative Christian Ministry, Cabarrus Meals on Wheels, and Compassion International.

UPCOMING *Events*



The congregation is invited to a luncheon in honor of Frank & Peggy Gibson for their many years of service and dedication to First Presbyterian Church. Join us TODAY immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall, as we thank God for them!

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! This Wednesday, June 28, we will have dinner at 6:00pm and Music Class at 6:30pm. Weekly meetings will continue on Wednesday evenings in July. RSVP to Michelle if you plan to attend!



You are invited to a Night of Worship" on Friday, June 30th! Area churches will gather in Veteran's Park (119 N. Main Street) from 6:30-8:30pm to minister to our community through song. Our very own PraiseMakers Kids' Choir will add their offerings of worship. Join us as we praise our great God!

Our next Friends & Family Outing will be Saturday, July 1 at Tweetsie Railroad! We will meet at church at 8:00am to carpool, then enjoy the day exploring the park. You may bring a picnic lunch or purchase lunch on site. Dinner will be at the Daniel Boone Inn around 5pm before we head home. Journey Youth tickets will be paid for by the church. Otherwise, adults 13+ are \$51 and children 3-12 are \$31. Dinner is on your own. Group reservations are required for the park and the restaurant, so please RSVP to Michelle no later than **TODAY!**



New Adult Summer Sunday School Class 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.

A Congregational Meeting will be held TODAY, June 25th during the Worship Service for the purpose of electing Elders.

Elders elected in 2023 will serve a three-year term, beginning in July.

These are the nominees:



Chris Lowder looks forward to serving God as an elder for First Presbyterian. He and his wife, Chariti, are parents to three of our youth: Caylin, Camryn, and Cierstyn. Chris is employed with the North Carolina Research Campus in Facilities Maintenance. He has been active in church his entire life, previously at Mt. Zion UCC. Chris is excited to help take First Pres into the future as a beacon for our community and the world. He is a member of the Guardians Sunday School Class and serves as an Usher, on the Building and Grounds Team, and as a children/youth volunteer. He also acts as back-up videographer for Sunday morning worship. Chris will strive to uphold our mission to know Christ, serve Him, and make Him known.

Sue Maiocchi is honored to be nominated as an Elder to the dynamic, kind, and caring people of First Presbyterian. She is married to George, and has two children and three grandchildren. Sue works part-time for Westrock Coffee Company in Concord. Being raised in an American Baptist Church, her life revolved around the church and its activities. Since joining First Pres, she has discovered that its members live the church's Mission Statement through worship, adult education, music, children's programs, and its heart for missions. Sue looks forward to sharing the gifts God has given her and finding where she can play her part. Her favorite verse is Jeremiah 29:11, and she is excited for the plans God has for her faith journey. Sue is active in the Friendship Sunday School Class, the Dorcas Circle of Hope, the JOY Group, and the Missions Team. She has recently agreed to serve as First Pres' Drop-Off Team Leader for our Operation Christmas Child Collection Center.



Ken Sparks is humbled and honored to be nominated as an elder, and feels blessed to be a member of First Presbyterian's congregation. Ken is retired, having formerly owned Sparks Chrysler of Concord. He and his wife, Jenny, have three children and six grandchildren. Ken was raised in a Christian home to believe that the Word of God as written in *The Holy Bible* is absolute. Having been in the Methodist church all his life, he and Jenny were invited to First Pres by friends. He finds our worship services to be spiritually enriching, and likes that Pastor Eddie preaches from the *Bible*. Ken now feels that he is being called to serve the Lord at First Pres. He is a member of the Friendship Sunday School Class and the JOY Group, and serves as an offering counter following worship services.

New elders will be ordained and installed during the worship service on Sunday, July 9. Please express your gratitude to our outgoing elders - **Dave Argabrite, Renée Goodnight, and Ryan Walker** - and continue in prayer for our Session and staff!



Linda's Closet is now open for weekly visitors! The clothing closet, located beside the choir room, will be staffed on Tuesdays from 11am – 2pm. Donations are currently needed for: hangers with clips/grips; women's t-shirts and tank tops (esp. 1x & 2x); and small boys' clothing (esp. 3T, 4T, and 5-7). See Cindy DeVoe, Kay McAllister, or Mary Taylor for more information or to volunteer, and tell them "thank you" for all their hard work!

Prayer Concerns

Please help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly updates.
Email the church or note

CHURCH FAMILY

- **Kay McAllister** - hip surgery on Monday
- **Richard and Farrar Griggs** - loss of sister, Shirley Ann Jansen
- **Randy Childers** - rehab at Big Elm
- **Danny Bost** - battling cancer
- **Hank Cranford** - improving
- **Dawn Cavin** - recovering from fall

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- **Rachel Spencer (Eddie's mom)** - recovering from multiple health concerns
- **Sherry Bath (Amy Hurst's friend)** - treatment for cancer
- **Lester Watts (Bonnie Goodnight's dad)** - health concerns
- **Ellen Morrison (Judy Hammond's friend)** - cancer
- **Robert Little (Richard's brother)** - final treatments for cancer in July
- **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 PRES

Sunday, June 25 10 Cents a Meal!

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service with Congregational Meeting
12:00pm - Appreciation Luncheon for Frank & Peggy Gibson

Tuesday, June 27

12:00pm - NA

Wednesday, June 28

6:00pm - Journey Youth Dinner
6:30pm - Create & Celebrate (Music)

Thursday, June 29

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

Friday, June 30

6:30pm - Night of Praise in Veteran's Park

Saturday, July 1

8:00am - Journey Youth Tweetsie trip

Next Sunday, July 2

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Donnie Swaringen
Children's Message: Roxanne Spencer
Children's Message next week: Amelia Caskey
Children's Church: Lynn & Shannon Sechler
Children's Church next week: Tracy & Amelia Caskey
Acolytes: Caylin Lowder & Noah Walker
Acolyte next week: Erica Efird & Violet Hamilton
Nursery: Amy Hamilton
Nursery next week: Lynn Efird
Ushers: Amy Hurst, Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister
Ushers next week: Mal McDaniel, Todd Pless, Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler
Greeters: Ryan Walker, Roxanne Spencer

FINANCIALS

FOR MAY

YTD Income	\$126,421.01
YTD Expenses	\$115,564.34
YTD Budget	\$121,460.00

Last week's attendance: 6/18/23
Sunday School - 72
Worship - 133

