



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

AMERICA

My Country 'Tis of Thee
Joe Morris, tenor

Lighting of the Candles

Erica & Lily Efird

***Call to Worship**

Luke 4:18-19

Leader: The Spirit of the LORD is on Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor.

All: He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor."

***Hymn of Praise No. 696**

Marvelous Grace

MOODY

***Prayer of Adoration**

Commission to the Nations (unison)

Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'"

***Hymn of Prayer for our Nation (insert)**

MATERNA

America, the Beautiful

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with Our Children

Alpha Barger

Offering and Special Music *Gabriel's Oboe*

Morricone

Tana Nichols, oboe; Kay Yates, organ

***Scripture Reading**

Galatians 5:1

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Sermon

"Freedom"

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Doxology No. 965

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer and Benediction

*Postlude

God Bless America

Berlin

*All who are able, please stand
CCLI# 2221136

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!

As our church family celebrates the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we also traditionally collect 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 the 'Good Samaritan Fund' envelope, or mark your offering envelope for 'Good Samaritan Fund.'

UPCOMING Events



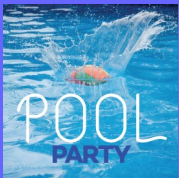
We would like to express our deepest appreciation to this congregation for the outpouring of love we felt this past Sunday. We are so glad to be a part of the family of God. It is all done in His name.
Frank & Peggy

This summer, Journey Youth are invited to Create & Celebrate: A Summer with Our Creative God! Weekly meetings will be held on Wednesdays, with dinner at 6pm and “class” at 6:30. The schedule for July is as follows:

- Wednesday, July 5 – More Music!
- Wednesday, July 12 – Dance Class with Jane Jacobs (adults are invited, too!)
- Wednesday, July 26 – Clay Class at Paint Your Hearts Out (only 14 spots available!)



Please RSVP to Michelle if you plan to attend, so we have plenty of food and materials!



Our next Friends & Family Outing will be Sunday, July 30 at Northwest Swim Club. We have reserved a shelter, and will enjoy an afternoon of swimming before a delicious cookout! Watch the bulletin for more information.

All adults are invited to a combined summer Sunday School!

From Sunday, July 2 through Sunday, August 13, Pastor Eddie will lead a class entitled “Foundations: An Overview of Christian Truth in the Church.” The class will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am.



The ordination and installation of our newest elders – Chris Lowder, Sue Maiocchi, and Ken Sparks – will take place during the worship service on Sunday, July 9. Our heartfelt appreciation is extended to our outgoing elders – Dave Argabrite, Renée Goodnight, and Ryan Walker – for their years of service. Please continue in prayer for our Session and all the leaders of our church.



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: kids' hangers, women's tshirts 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
on a prayer card & place in the offering plate.

CHURCH FAMILY

- **Kay McAllister** - recovery from surgery
- **Shannon Sechler** - recovery from carpal tunnel surgery
- **Randy Childers** - rehab at Big Elm
- **Danny Bost** - battling cancer
- **Hank Cranford** - improving

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- **Joy Purser** (sister of Susan Hathaway) - Lewy Body Dementia
- **Tammy Meadows** (friend of Judy Hunter) - head injury
- **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 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 PRES

Sunday, July 2

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

Tuesday, July 4

Happy Birthday, America!

12:00pm – NA

Wednesday, July 5

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

Thursday, July 6

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

Sunday, July 9

9:30am – Fellowship Breakfast
10:00am – Sunday School
11:00am – Worship Service with Elder Installation/Ordination

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Dave Ellington

Children's Message: Alpha Barger

Children's Message next week: Michelle Walker

Children's Church: Michelle Walker & Carol Lowder

Children's Church next week: Sharon Stricker & Allison Hammett

Acolytes: Erica & Lily Efird

Acolytes next week: Landon & Noah Walker

Nursery: Chariti Lowder

Nursery next week: Lynn Efird

Ushers: Mal McDaniel, Todd Pless, Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler

Ushers next week: Phil & Jill McLain, Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt

Greeters: Jeff Barnhardt & Ryan Walker

FINANCIALS

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YTD Income \$126,421.01

YTD Expenses \$115,564.34

YTD Budget \$121,460.00

Last week's attendance: 6/25/23

Sunday School - 69

Worship - 113



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