



**FIRST**  

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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

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

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~ Gathering before the Word ~

Welcome

Eddie Spencer

Prelude and Preparation for Worship

Gaither

*He Touched Me*

Lighting of the Candles

Landon & Noah Walker

\*Call to Worship

Romans 1:16-17

Leader: For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

**All: For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”**

\*Hymn of Praise No. 691

*Amazing Grace*

NEW BRITAIN

\*Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

**“Most Merciful God, as those who have been delivered from the bondage of sin through Jesus Christ, we come now to confess our sins and to seek the grace that can only be found in You. You have called us to be people of faith, hope, and love, but we are guilty of unbelief. When we should have delighted in our Creator, we have delighted in created things. When we should have endured trials with patience and hope, we grumbled against You. When we should have loved You and our neighbor as ourselves, we were self-absorbed. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive us, that we may glorify You with satisfied hearts, now and forevermore. It’s in the matchless name of Jesus we pray.”**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

1 Peter 2:24

**“He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.”**

\*Hymn of Grace No. 451

*When Peace Like a River*

VILLE DU HAVRE

Ordination and Installation of Elders

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with Our Children

Michelle Walker



# UPCOMING Events

**This summer, Journey Youth are invited to Create & Celebrate: A Summer with Our Creative God!** The schedule for July is as follows:

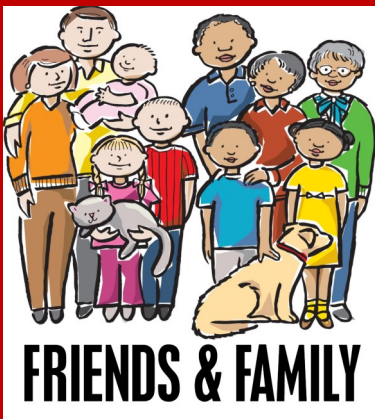
- Wednesday, July 12: Adults and Children are invited to Dance Class with Jane Jacobs! Dinner (tacos with fixings, salad, and drinks) will be provided at 6pm. Dance Class will start at 6:30pm. Wear slick-soled shoes (not rubber) or socks!
- Wednesday, July 19: No Meeting
- Wednesday, July 26: More Music!

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



**Friends & Family Outings abound this summer! Here's what's coming up:**

- **Journey Youth are invited to a pool party on Sunday, July 30 at Northwest Swim Club** (5000 Durneigh Dr., Kannapolis, NC 28081). We have reserved a shelter from 4pm-8pm, and will enjoy an afternoon of swimming before a delicious cookout! Hamburgers will be provided. Please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4AABAC2EA1FB6-journey> to RSVP and sign up for a side!



- **Our outing to Tweetsie Railroad has been rescheduled. The new date is Saturday, August 12th!** Carpooling will be available from the church at 8am. After spending the day in the park, we will enjoy dinner at Dan'l Boone Inn Restaurant before heading home. Journey Youth tickets will be covered by the church. For more pricing information, see the sheet in the Narthex. **Sign up by Sunday, July 30!**

- **Youth, family, and friends are invited to Faith Fest, a Christian music worship event on Saturday, September 16 in Wilkesboro, NC!** Featured artists include Chris Tomlin, Cece Winans, Cain, and more. We will leave from church at 1pm and enjoy an afternoon and evening of fun and fellowship. **Sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, July 30 so we can purchase advance tickets!!!**



**All adults are invited to a combined summer Sunday School!** From now 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.

**Please extend your congratulations to our newest elders** – Chris Lowder, Sue Maiocchi, and Ken Sparks – on their ordination and installation today. Thank you 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!



Dear First Presbyterian,  
I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the scholarship of \$1,000 that I received from our church. Your generosity has truly touched my heart. This financial support will have a significant impact on my educational journey, allowing me to continue my studies with reduced financial stress. I am sincerely thankful for the commitment our church has shown in supporting the dreams and aspirations of its members. Your belief in me and investment in my education have given me renewed determination and motivation to excel. Thank you for your unwavering support and for making a difference in my life.  
With heartfelt appreciation,  
*C.J. Semcho Jr.*

# 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

- **Bob and Shirley Faust** - health concerns
- **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
- **Carolyn Dixon** (friend of Kathleen Crosier) - surgery for cancer
- **Sheila Cowan** (Eric Cowen's sister) - recovery from a kidney replacement
- **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, July 9

9:30am – Fellowship Breakfast

10:00am – Sunday School

11:00am – Worship Service with Elder Installation/Ordination

## Tuesday, July 11

12:00pm – NA

6:00pm – Session

## Wednesday, July 12

6:00pm – Taco Dinner

6:30pm – Create & Celebrate (Dance with Jane Jacobs)

## Thursday, July 13

10:30am – Ladies' Bible Study

12:00pm – NA

## Sunday, July 16

9:30am – Fellowship Breakfast

10:00am – Sunday School

11:00am – Worship Service

## SERVANTS

**Elder Lock-Up:** Dave Ellington

**Children's Message:** Michelle Walker

**Children's Message next week:** Amelia Caskey

**Children's Church:** Sharon Stricker & Allison Hammett

**Children's Church next week:** Tracy & Amelia Caskey

**Acolytes:** Landon & Noah Walker

**Acolytes next week:** Camryn Lowder & Evie Sechler

**Nursery:** Lynn Efirid

**Nursery next week:** Jenna Baker

**Ushers:** Phil & Jill McLain, Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt

**Ushers next week:** Danny Bost, Mark Goodnight, John Hammond, Tony Hunter

**Greeters:** Jeff Barnhardt & Ryan Walker

## FINANCIALS

FOR JUNE

**YTD Income** \$151,206.95

**YTD Expenses** \$141,206.06

**YTD Budget** \$145,752.00

**Last week's attendance:** 7/02/23

**Sunday School - 73**

**Worship - 111**

