



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

Spring

Brault's Lament

Dennis Spring

Lighting of the Candles

Erica & Lily Efirid

*Call to Worship

I John 3:1-2

Leader: See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

All: Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

*Hymn of Praise (insert)

Morning Has Broken

Scottish Gaelic Tune

*Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, by the sacrifice of Your Son, You have declared broken sinners like us forgiven, accepted, healed, and profoundly loved. Forgive us for putting our hope in other things and people rather than Jesus, our Savior. Deliver us from our unbelief of Your Gospel promises and our unwillingness to love and serve others as You have commanded. Grant that we might once again live for You and eagerly serve our neighbors, that Your holy Name would be honored forever. It's in the Name of Jesus, our Rock, we pray.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

Acts 4:11-12

“This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by You, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

*Hymn of Grace (insert)

Rock of Ages

Hastings

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with our Children

Jenna Baker

*Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in

Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Doxology No. 965**

OLD HUNDREDTH
Irish Folk Melody

Offering and Special Music *Be Thou My Vision*
Dennis Spring

***Scripture Reading**

Colossians 3:1-4

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Sermon

“Gospel Change”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Hymn of Faith No. 661** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

American Melody

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

I'll Fly Away
Dennis Spring

Brumley

*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!!

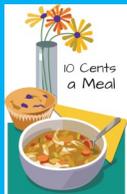
Children's Activity Bags are available for children aged 3 to grade 5. They include a children's bulletin related to the Sunday sermon, crayons, and scrap paper.

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!

UPCOMING Events

Today we welcome musician Dennis Spring to our worship service. He is highly regarded and respected for his talent and musicianship. Please express your appreciation to Dennis for sharing his many talents with us. See the bulletin insert for more information about Mr. Spring.



This week marks our monthly 10 Cents a Meal collection. Your donations of loose change will benefit Cooperative Christian Ministry, Compassion International, and Cabarrus Meals on Wheels. Youth will be the Narthex to collect your offerings!

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.



Calling all volunteers! If you currently volunteer in any of our children's ministries, like Nursery, Sunday School, Children's Church, Wednesday night, or even special programs, it's time for your annual volunteer training! New volunteers are needed, who must also attend this training. Two sessions will be offered in the coming weeks:

- Thursday, July 27 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Monday, July 31 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

If you cannot attend either of these dates, please see Michelle so another time can be arranged. Thank you for all you do for our children!!!

Create & Celebrate is wrapping up a Summer with our Creative God! Join us for dinner at 6 and class at 6:30 for these two remaining dates:

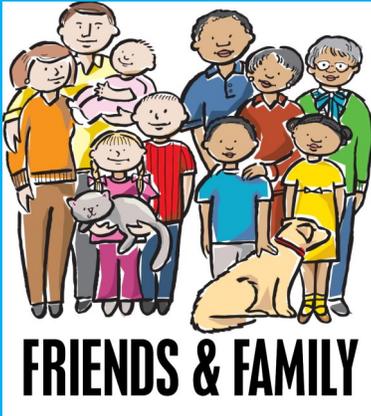
- July 26 – Music with Kay & Michelle
- August 2 – Mosaics with Allison Hammett.

Please RSVP to Michelle, so we have plenty of food and materials.



Friends & Family Outings abound this summer!

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> by **TODAY, July 23** to RSVP and sign up for a side!

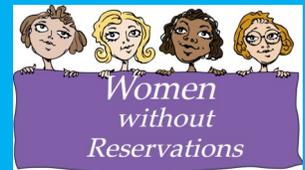


- **Our outing to Tweetsie Railroad has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 12th!** Carpooling will be available from the church at 8am. After spending the day in the park, we will enjoy dinner at Dan'l Boone Inn Restaurant before heading home. Journey Youth tickets will be covered by the church. For 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!!!**

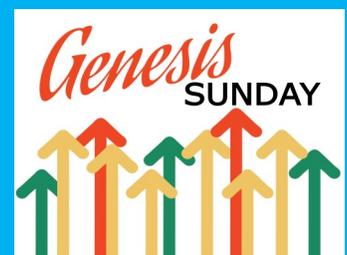
Women Without Reservations is going to Melting Pot Lake Norman on Saturday, August 5 at 6pm! This women's group desires to fulfill Proverbs 25:31 by living "without reservations," while welcoming anyone who wants to join us "without reservations"! In this case, though, we need to make reservations, so RSVP to Michelle by Sunday, July 30!



School will be starting soon, and we want to send our youth off covered in prayer! On Sunday, August 6, they are invited to bring their bookbags for a special "blessing" during the children's message. Magnets with each child's name, grade, and school will also be placed in the Narthex for church members to "adopt" – committing to pray for that child each day in the coming year. If you would like for your youth to be included, please email

michellewalker@firstpresb.org with the student's information.

Mark your calendars for Genesis Sunday, August 20th! We will start with breakfast at 9:30. During the 10:00 Sunday School hour, classes will be introduced, many of which will begin new studies. Come find your place as we study God's word together!





Confirmation
Class

A Confirmation Class will begin soon for rising 6th graders and up! The class will meet every other Sunday from August 27 through December 3 during the 10:00am Sunday School hour, and will be led by Pastor Eddie and Michelle. Confirmation will take place during the worship service on Sunday, December 17. Please see Michelle if your youth is interested in participating!

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!

Linda's Closet



Anyone who has two shirts
should share with the one
who has none.

Luke 3:11



Our Fence Ministry continues with new, summer

items! Small bags have been placed on the fence with hygiene kits and summer wearables. If you would like to contribute, the following items are needed: bars of soap, wash cloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby wipes, dry shampoo, combs/brushes, deodorants, feminine products, socks, underwear, flip flops, and summer hats. See Sam or Kay McAllister to donate or for more information!

Dwain Upton is a friend of the Spencers from Fort Myers.



He has served with Young Life for many years and is presently preparing to go to Portugal to serve as a missionary with Young Life International. Dwain shared his calling during Sunday school and several folks asked how they could learn more about his ministry. Dwain's email is portugal.dwain.upton@gmail.com and phone number is 918-810-2550. If you are interested in supporting Dwain financially, you can send a check for:

Dwain Upton
Young Life
PO Box 5184
Harlan, IA 51593

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
- Danny Bost - Battling cancer
- Hank Cranford - Health Concerns

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF Church Family

- Joy Purser-(sister of Susan Hathaway) - Lewy Body Dementia
- Lori Holder (Sam McAllister's daughter) - health concerns
- Debby Reed (former member) - loss of daughter
- Shiela Cowen- (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

- Shirley Faust - Morningside
- 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 23 10 Cents a Meal!

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

Tuesday, July 25

- 12:00pm – NA

Wednesday, July 26

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

Thursday, July 27

- 10:30am – Ladies' Bible Study
- 12:00pm – NA
- 6:30pm – Volunteer Training

Sunday, July 30

- 9:30am – Fellowship Breakfast
- 10:00am – Sunday School
- 11:00am – Worship Service
- 4:00pm – Youth Friends & Family Pool Party @ NW Swim Club

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Dave Ellington

Children's Message: Jenna Baker

Children's Message next week: Roxanne Spencer

Children's Church: Jane Argabrite & Vickie Ellington

Children's Church next week: Lynn Efird & Lydia Vriesema

Acolytes: Erica & Lily Efird

Acolytes next week: Caylin Lowder & Abby Vriesema

Nursery: Hannah Efird

Nursery next week: Shannon Sechler

Ushers: Amy Hurst, Chris Lowder, Ryan Walker, & Sam McAllister

Ushers next week: Mal McDaniel, Phil & Jill McClain & Todd Pless

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: 7/16/23

Sunday School - 70

Worship - 111



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