



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

R. V. Williams

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lighting of the Candles

Caylin Lowder & Abby Vriesema

***Call to Worship**

Colossians 3:15-16

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

All: Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

***Hymn of Praise No. 599**

MADRID

Come Christians Join to Sing

***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

Lord Jesus Christ, our One Foundation, who commands all sinners everywhere to trust in You for their salvation, we confess that we failed to believe in You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Please forgive our unfaithful, untrusting hearts. We are truly sorry, and we plead for Your healing grace, and serve You with cheerful zeal to the glory of Your matchless Name.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

Question 60, Heidelberg Catechism

We are righteous before God by faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.”

***Hymn of Grace No. 772**

SOLID ROCK

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with our Children

Michelle Walker

***Doxology No. 965**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Offering and Special Music

Lowry

I Need Thee Every Hour

Tana Nichols, oboe

Kay Yates, piano

***Scripture Reading**

Colossians 3:1-4

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Sermon

“Gospel Change - Part II”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Hymn of Faith No. 327** *When We Walk with the Lord*

TRUST AND OBEY

***Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude

Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven

J. Williams

*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!

UPCOMING *Events*



The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God and in honor of Hank and Sharon Cranford's 54th Anniversary. Please extend your congratulations to the Cranfords!

First Pres is happy to introduce Lisa Salisbury as our new Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper! Lisa and her husband Ken moved to Kannapolis from Syracuse, NY in 2020. They have four children and five grandchildren, with another grandchild due in December. Lisa retired as secretary for the Liverpool Central School District. Ken is the pastor of Village Chapel, here in Kannapolis. Lisa will be in the office Monday - Thursday, from 10am - 2pm. You may also reach her via email to firstpresb@firstpresb.org. Please make her welcome!



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. Another session will be held **TOMORROW, Monday, July 31 at 6:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. If you are not able to attend, please see Michelle so another time can be arranged. Thank you for all you do for our children!!!

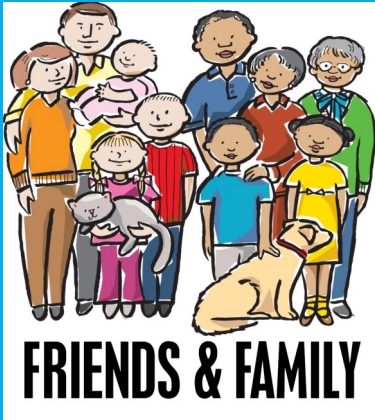
Create & Celebrate is wrapping up a Summer with our Creative God! Join us for dinner at 6 and class at 6:30 with our last lesson on August 2 – Mosaics with Allison Hammett. Please RSVP to Michelle, so we have plenty of food and materials.



Friends & Family Outings abound this summer!

- **Join us for an outing to Tweetsie Railroad on 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. Pricing information is on the sheet in the Narthex. **Sign up by TODAY, July 30!**



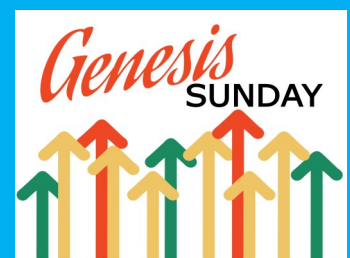
- **Youth, family, and friends are invited to Faith Fest, a Christian music worship event on Saturday, September 16 in Wilkesboro, NC!** Featured artists include Chris Tomlin, Cece Winans, Cain, and more. We will leave from church at 1pm and enjoy an afternoon and evening of fun and fellowship. **Sign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

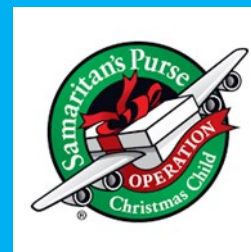
Linda's Closet is now open for weekly visitors!

The clothing closet, located beside the choir room, will be staffed on Tuesdays from 11am – 2pm. Volunteers are needed to help assist shoppers during those hours. See Cindy DeVoe, Kay McAllister, or Mary Taylor for more information or to volunteer!



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!

Celebrate Christmas in July by shopping for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes! As our collection begins, we will focus on school supplies like composition notebooks (not wire-bound), scissors, pencils, manual pencil sharpeners, colored pencils, markers, and crayons. Place your donations in the collection bin, located in the Narthex. Thanks for your support!



To Pastor Eddie, Staff, and Church Family :



I am truly grateful that God has blessed me with a loving, caring church family. In this time of my health condition, it has been comforting to know of the support of my brothers and sisters in Christ . Thank each of you for the constant prayers, visits, cards, meals, phone calls, of which have given me strength and endurance to continue to be prompted by the hope for eternity that I have in Christ Jesus. I want my life to be an example of what it means to follow Jesus Christ. love you, each and everyone. To God be the Glory !!!

Danny Bost

It's hard to put into words how grateful I am. I only hope you know just how much I mean when I say thank you for everything.

Love in Christ, *Shirley Johnson*

Prayer Concerns

Please help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly update Email the church or note on a prayer card & place in the offering plate.

CHURCH FAMILY

- Susan Hathaway - Loss of her sister, Joy Purser
- Randy Childers - Rehab at Big Elm
- Danny Bost- Battling cancer
- Hank Cranford - Health Concerns
- Thomas Bost - Been in hospital



FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Lori Holder (Sam McAllister's daughter) - health concerns
- Justin Wallace (Melba Funderburk's grandson) - rare disease that affects the heart
- May Ackerman (Roxanne's mom) - hospice care
- Sherry Bath (Amy Hurst's friend) - cancer surgery on head and neck
- Debby Reed (former member) - loss of daughter
- Sheila Cowan (Eric Cowan'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 30

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

Monday, July 31

- 6:30pm - Volunteer Training

Tuesday, August 1

- 11:00am-2:00pm - Linda's Closet
- 12:00pm - NA
- 6:00pm - Session

Wednesday, August 2

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

Thursday, August 3

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

Friday, August 4

- 8:00am-4:00pm - Children's Home Society Foster Care Conference

Saturday, August 5

- 6:00 pm - Women Without Reservations at Melting Pot

Sunday, August 6 - Blessing of the Bookbags

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Dave Ellington

Children's Message: Michelle Walker

Children's Message next week: Blessing of Bookbags

Children's Church: Lynn Efird & Lydia Vriesema

Children's Church next week: Michelle Walker & Megan Quigg

Acolytes: Caylin Lowder & Abby Vriesema

Acolytes next week: Landon and Noah Walker

Nursery: Shannon Sechler

Nursery next week: Amelia Caskey

Ushers: Mal McDaniel, Jill McClain, Phil McClain, Todd Pless

Ushers next week: Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler, Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt

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: 7/23/23

Sunday School - 68

Worship - 112



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