



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

Livingston

Shall We Gather At The River

Lighting of the Candles

Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend

***Call to Worship**

Ephesians 1: 18-21

Leader: I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people and His incomparably great power for us who believe.

All: That power is the same as the mighty strength He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

***Hymn of Praise No. 10**

We Sing the Mighty Power of God

KINGSFOLD

***Prayer of Adoration**

Confession of Sins

Almighty God, Shepherd of our lives, we crown You with praise for setting us free from sin and the tyranny of the devil. Yet we confess that we often usurp Your lordship and live in bondage rather than freedom. We dally with sin because we lose sight of Your beauty and holiness. We live to make our names great rather than Yours. We ask Your forgiveness for our wayward hearts and prodigal ways. Pour Your lavish and unrestrained love into our hearts. Help us to follow You and to never lose sight of the exceeding wonder of Your grace found in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend. It is in His matchless name we pray.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***Hymn of Beauty No. 17**

ST. ELIZABETH

Beautiful Savior

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with our Children

Alpha Barger

Offering and Special Music

Seeger

Turn, Turn, Turn,

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Joe Morris, tenor and guitar

*Scripture Reading

Psalm 63

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Sermon

“A Word For The Weary”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Sending Song

Blessings

Story

Jenny Carroll, soprano

*Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

Fantasia in C Minor

JS Bach

*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!



The rose on the altar is placed to the glory of God and in honor of Jackson David Dixon, born Thursday, August 3, 2023. Jackson is the son of Addison and Kimberly Dickson, and brother to Elijah. Congratulations to the Dickson family!

UPCOMING EVENTS



The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God and in honor of Bob and Opal Hallman's 60th Wedding Anniversary, August 9th! Please extend your congratulations and well wishes to the Hallmans!



THANK YOU:

Dave & Jane Argabrite would like to thank the church family for all the cards and texts sent to them during their recent bout with Covid. They are glad to be back with us!

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for all the comfort and support you have shown me during the loss of my sister, Joy Purser. Thank you for the many cards I received during this heartbreaking time, from many of you that I do not know. Knowing that a church has such supporting and loving people, gives me comfort and hope. It is greatly appreciated and will always be remembered.

God bless each of you. Susan Hathaway

Please join in prayer for students, faculty, and staff as school begins for the 2023-2024 year. The names, schools, and grades of our children have been placed on magnets in the Narthex. Our church family is invited to "adopt" a student by taking their magnet from the display, committing to pray for that child daily in the coming year. Thank you for your continued support of our children and youth!



All adults are invited to a combined summer Sunday

School! TODAY is the last Sunday. Pastor Eddie will finish the class entitled "Foundations: An Overview of Christian Truth in the Church." The class will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am.

Mark your calendars - NEXT SUNDAY is Genesis Sunday, August 20th! We will start with breakfast at 9:30. During the 10:00 am 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!

Journey 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 as soon as possible in the Narthex, so that we can secure tickets before they sell out!!!



Linda's Closet is hosting an END OF SUMMER Clothing Give-away and Hot Dog Lunch on September 9th from 11am-1:00pm. Volunteers will be needed to help prep lunches for 100 guests, greet and guide shoppers, and assist shoppers. Please sign up in the Narthex if you can participate!

Linda's Closet is open for weekly visitors!

The clothing closet, located beside the choir room, will be staffed on Tuesdays from 11am – 2pm. Volunteers are needed to assist shoppers during those hours. Please sign up in the Narthex if you can help for all or part of that time slot!

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!



Our Operation Christmas Child collection continues in August with school supplies!

This year the Missions Team has decided to pack at least 400 boxes for ages 10-14, 200 boys and 200 girls. Supplies currently needed are: composition notebooks (not wire-bound), scissors, pencils, manual pencil sharpeners, packs of colored pencils or crayons, and packs of skinny markers.

Please place your donations in the collection bins, located in the Narthex and outside the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support!

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

- Evie Sechler - recovery from surgery to remove tonsils
- Susan Hathaway - loss of her sister, Joy Purser
- Randy Childers - moved to Carolinas Continue Care Hospital
10648 Park Rd, Charlotte, NC 28210
- Danny Bost- battling cancer
- Hank Cranford - health concerns

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Lori Holder (Sam McAllister's daughter) - health concerns
- Justin Wallace (Melba Funderburk's grandson) - rare disease
- May Ackerman (Roxanne's mom) - hospice care
- Harvey Baker (Bakers' brother) - recovery from surgery to remove brain tumor
- Sherry Bath (Amy Hurst's friend) - recovery from cancer surgery
- Fiancé of Rachel Hinson—death of mother
- Ellen Morrison (Judy Hammond's friend) - cancer
- Buddy Troutman (Judy Hammond's family) - health concern

HOMEBOUND

- Bob & Shirley Faust - Morningside - Rm 215 & Rm 237
- 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, August 13

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
- GraceFull Movements
Dance Rehearsal
- Volunteer Training in
Session Room

10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service

Tuesday, August 15

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

Wednesday, August 16

6:30pm - Agape Bistro Rehearsal

Thursday, August 17

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

Next Sunday, August 20 Genesis Sunday

9:15am - GraceFull Movements
Dance Rehearsal
9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Cookie Hamilton

Children's Message: Alpha Barger

Children's Message next week: Roxanne
Spencer

Children's Church: Chris & Chariti Lowder

Children's Church next week: Brian &
Hannah Efird

Acolytes: Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend

Acolytes next week: Erica & Lily Efird

Nursery: Allison Hammett

Nursery next week: Abigail Malinovsky

Ushers: Danny Bost, Mark Goodnight,
John Hammond, Tony Hunter

Ushers next week: Amy Hurst, Chris
Lowder, Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister

Greeters: Donnie Swaringen, Debbie
McDaniel

FINANCIALS

FOR JULY

YTD Income	\$178,363.95
YTD Expenses	\$174,039.67
YTD Budget	\$170,044.00

Last week's attendance: 8/6/23

Sunday School - 74

Worship - 119

SERMON NOTES



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