



**FIRST**  

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**PRESBYTERIAN**  

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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**

Townend

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*  
Tana Nichols, oboe; Kay Yates, piano

**Lighting of the Candles**

Erica & Lily Efird

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 104:1, 31-34

Leader: Praise the Lord, my soul. Lord my God, You are very great; You are clothed with splendor and majesty.

**All: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in His works; He who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.**

Leader: I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

**All: May my meditation be pleasing to Him, as I rejoice in the Lord.**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 2**

*O Worship The King*

LYONS

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**Confession of Sins**

**Almighty and merciful Father, we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward Your purposes, our refusal to relieve the sufferings of others, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, and our neglect of Your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what You love, and do what You command, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Assurance of the Gospel**

Based on Romans 8:34; II Corinthians 5:17

Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that if you are in Christ, you are forgiven. Be at peace.

**\*Hymn of Assurance No. 695**

*And Can It Be*

SAGINA

**Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family**

## ~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

**Word with our Children**

Roxanne Spencer

**Doxology No. 965**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Offering and Special Music**     *Ancient Words*

DeShazo

Lucinda Stewart, Kay Yates, Joe Morris, Richard Little

**\*Scripture Reading**

Colossians 3:23-25

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**Sermon**

“In Whatever We Do”

Eddie Spencer

## ~ Responding to the Word of God ~

**\*Sending Song No. 899**

*Seek Ye First*

LAFFERTY

**\*Prayer and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Footsteps of Jesus*

Everett

\*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 flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God and in memory of Hank & Sharon Cranford's parents: Henry & Dora Cranford, and A.W. & Ilene Bradsher.



## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST COVENANT PARTNERS!



**Kay Yates**, our organist since June of 2014, joins First Pres by letter of transfer from Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church. The love of music that Kay generously shares with us started as a child. She has played piano since age eight, taught elementary music for 25 years in Cabarrus County Schools, and currently serves as president of the Piedmont Choral Society. Likewise, Kay began attending church with her grandmother when she was very young. She was baptized at age 10 and has participated in church music since age 15. Kay feels that she has grown spiritually since coming to First Presbyterian, and is grateful and blessed to be a part of our congregation. Kay is married to Dennis, and loves helping others and any animal she comes across!

**Devin Goode** joins First Presbyterian by profession of faith. Devin has seen the hand of God at work in his life, and acknowledges that it is God's grace that allows him to live each day. He has committed to sharing his faith journey and the hope that can only be found in Christ with the world. Devin is a mechanical engineer in ammonia refrigeration and enjoys many sports, including golf, tennis, and boxing. Devin believes that the Holy Spirit led him to First Presbyterian, where he will passionately work to help the homeless and individuals struggling with addiction.



**Please extend your own welcome to Devin and Kay!**

## RELIEF EFFORT

**Samaritan's Purse is on the ground in Maui**, along with the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team, ministering in Jesus' name to those affected by the wildfires that devastated Lahaina and other areas. They are evaluating when and where volunteers can assist, and working with local churches to share the love and hope of Christ in tangible ways. Seventeen tons of supplies were flown from Greensboro to Maui on Thursday, like solar lights, hygiene kits, tools, and sifting equipment. If you would like to donate to the Samaritan's Purse relief effort, mark your offering "Maui wildfires" and place it in the offering plate, or give online. Please continue to remember in prayer the residents of Maui and those working to share the hope of Jesus with them.



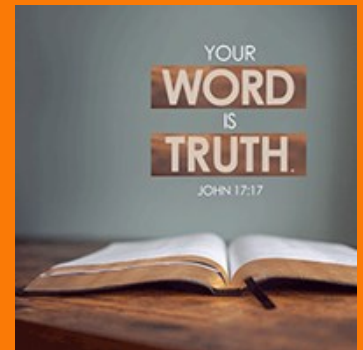
# UPCOMING *Events*



**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!

## Wednesday's in the Word Resume September 13!

A Fellowship Meal will be served each Wednesday evening at 5:30pm on a donation basis. PraiseMakers will rehearse from 6pm-6:30pm. At 6:30, Pastor Eddie will continue his "Foundations" class for adults in the Fellowship Hall, while youth groups will discover how God helps us conquer our anxieties and fears. **Classes will run through November 1. Invite a friend, and join us as we dig deeper into God's Word!**



**"Sarah's Song,"** a musical based on the lives of Abraham and Sarah, will be presented at Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church on September 14 and 15 at 7:30p.m. Our own Lucinda Stewart will play the part of Sarah. Toby Caskey is also a member of the cast. Cookie Hamilton and other members of our church are assisting with costumes and props. The musical will consist of original 11 songs and script written by Don and Kay Simmons. **You are invited to this special event!**

## 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!!!





## SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER

### 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.



**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** on Tuesdays from 11am – 2pm. Sign up in the Narthex if you can assist shoppers during those hours.

### 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!



### Sasha Tsutserov, President of the Moscow Evangelical Christian Seminary,

writes: "Thank you for fulfilling the Great Commission, 'Go and make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19) together with us, First Presbyterian Church!" Since 1993, the seminary has been training over 500 full-time students across 11 time zones in Eastern Europe. Of nearly 1,000 graduates, 15% are pastors, 43% are bi-vocational pastors,

24% are on staff at parachurch organizations, and 6% are missionaries. The new Mission Program established last year has also graduated 51 students! Your mission dollars have supported the Seminary in years past, including \$1,000 this year from the Missions budget. Please say a special prayer for Moscow Seminary this August as new seminary students begin their journey.

# Prayer Concerns

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

- Linda Hathaway - recovery from surgery
- Oliver Townsend - recovery from hernia surgery
- Dave Argabrite - shoulder surgery Monday
- 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

- Bill Watts (Bonnie Goodnight's brother) - recovery from hip surgery
- Lori Holder (Sam McAllister's daughter) - health concerns
- Justin Wallace (Melba Funderburk's grandson) - rare disease
- Harvey Baker (Bakers' brother) - recovery from a brain tumor
- Sherry Bath (Amy Hurst's friend) - begins chemo and radiation soon
- 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 20

### Genesis Sunday

- 9:15am - Gracefull Movements Dance Rehearsal
- 9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
- 10:00am - Sunday School (gather in Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00am - Worship Service

## Monday, August 21

- 2:00pm - Dorcas Circle

## Tuesday, August 22

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

## Wednesday, August 23

- 6:30pm - PraiseMakers Rehearsal

## Thursday, August 24

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

## Next Sunday, August 27

### 10 Cents A Meal

- 9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
  - Graceful Movements Dance Rehearsal
- 10:00am - Sunday School
  - Confirmation Class
- 11:00am - Worship Service

## SERVANTS

**Elder Lock-Up:** Cookie Hamilton

**Children's Message:** Roxanne Spencer

**Children's Message next week:** Michelle Walker

**Children's Church:** Jenna Baker & Amelia Caskey

**Children's Church next week:** Lynn & Shannon Sechler

**Acolytes:** Erica & Lily Efird

**Acolytes next week:** Camryn & Caylin Lowder

**Nursery:** Jane Argabrite

**Nursery next week:** Megan Quigg

**Ushers:** Amy Hurst, Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister

**Ushers next week:** Mal McDaniel, Jill McLain, Phil McLain, Todd Pless

**Greeters:** Donnie Swaringen, Debbie McDaniel

## FINANCIALS

### FOR JULY

<b>YTD Income</b>	\$178,363.95
<b>YTD Expenses</b>	\$174,039.67
<b>YTD Budget</b>	\$170,044.00

**Last week's attendance:** 8/6/23

**Sunday School - 77**

**Worship - 132**

