



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

Mason, Arr. Valadez

Nearer My God To Thee

Jessica Bell, Violin; Kay Yates, piano

Lighting of the Candles

Camryn & Caylin Lowder

Call to Worship

Still

Read/Ebach

GraceFull Movements Dance Ministry

***Hymn of Praise No. 43** *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer* CWM Rhondda

***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.

Confession of Sins

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who is to be worshipped, adored, trusted, and served, we confess that we, Your people, have often refused to gather under Your wings, but as rebellious children have sought pleasure and refuge elsewhere. Please forgive our foolish pride, our wayward deeds, and our hard hearts. Rule over us again, and restore to us the joy of our salvation and purpose of our lives, that we may forever exalt Your Holy Name. It is in the matchless name of Jesus we pray.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

Romans 5:8, Colossians 1:13-14, Romans 5:1

God shows His love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Hymn of Prayer No. 897** *What A Friend We Have In Jesus* Converse/Erie

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

Arabesque
Devin Bell, piano

Debussy

***Scripture Reading**

Colossians 4: 2-6

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Sermon

“Prayer and Mission”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Sending Song**

You Are My All in All
PraiseMakers with Jessica Bell, Violin; Kay Yates, piano

Jernigan

***Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude

Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus

Webb

*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 in the Church nursery. 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!



This Sunday marks our monthly 10 Cents A Meal collection. Donations are shared between Compassion International, Cabarrus Meals-on-Wheels, and Cooperative Christian Ministry. Children and youth will be in the Narthex immediately following worship to accept your offerings.

Dear Pastor Eddie & Church Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, concern, and support during Dave's shoulder surgery and recovery. The meals were delicious and a huge help. It is a tremendous blessing to know that we are only a phone call away from whatever help we need. First Presbyterian is not only a great church but also a caring family. We are so grateful that God lead us here.

Dave & Jane Argabrite



Thank you for providing lunch for our new teachers during their orientation days. We appreciate your support and your partnership. The new teachers loved learning about our wonderful community and enjoyed a delicious lunch. Thank you again.

Erin Anderson, Director of Elementary Ed.
Kannapolis City Schools

RELIEF EFFORT

Samaritan's Purse is on the ground in Maui, ministering in Jesus' name to those affected by the wildfires that devastated Lahaina and other areas. Relief supplies have been flown in, and volunteers are working to help families in hard-hit communities - removing debris, sifting through ashes for belongings, and praying with residents. Please continue to remember in your prayers the residents of Maui and those volunteering to bring the hope of Jesus to them. If you would like to donate towards Samaritan's Purse's relief effort, mark your offerings, "Maui wildfires" and place it in the offering plate, or give online.



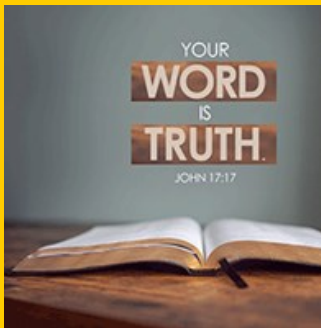
UPCOMING Events

RUN FOR THE WORD 5K to support the South Rowan Public Schools Bible Teaching Association will be held Saturday, September 9, 2023

at Trinity Lutheran Church, 108 W. Rice Street, Landis. Check-In: 7:30am; 5K: 9am; Fun Run: 10am. For more information, visit: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Landis/RunfortheWord5KpresentedbyMerrellFamilyDentistry>



For 40 years the Bible Teaching Association has been able to teach Bible history to students of South Rowan, including China Grove Middle, Corriher-Lipe Middle, South Rowan High School and Carson High School.



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 6-6:30pm. 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 7:30pm. 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 eleven original 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. Place your donations in the collection bins in the Narthex or outside the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support!!!



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, as well as greet, guide and assist shoppers. Please sign up in the Narthex if you can participate!

Our Fence Ministry continues with 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



First Pres is once again partnering with Kimball Memorial to serve at Samaritan's Table - a drive-thru-meal outreach on Thursday, September 14 at 5 pm. Volunteers are needed to prep meals in to-go containers at First Pres, and distribute the meals at Kimball. Please see Phil McLain if you can help!

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

- Baker Family - loss of Harvey
- Dave Argabrite - recovery from shoulder surgery
- Jean Bost - in hospital with cracked ribs
- Dickson Family - birth of new baby
- Efird Family - moving to Chattanooga
- 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

- Angela Simpson (former staff member) - loss of husband , Scottie
- Lori Holder (Sam McAllister's daughter) - health concerns
- Justin Wallace (Melba Funderburk's grandson) - rare disease
- Sherry Bath (Amy Hurst's friend) - begins chemo and radiation this week
- 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 27

10 Cents a Meal

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
- GraceFull Movements

Dance Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

- Confirmation Class

11:00am - Worship Service

Tuesday, August 29

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

12:00pm - NA

Wednesday, August 30

6:30pm - PraiseMakers Rehearsal

Thursday, August 31

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study

12:00pm - NA

Saturday, September 2

5:00pm - Guardians SS Class Pool
Party

Next Sunday, September 3

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: Michelle Walker

Children's Church: Tracy & Amelia
Caskey

Children's Church next week: Roxanne
Spencer & Ella Sechler

Acolytes: Camryn & Caylin Lowder

Acolytes next week: Evie Sechler &
Ingrid Townsend

Nursery: Megan Quigg

Nursery next week: Jane Argabrite

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

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

Greeters: Donnie Swaringen, Debbie
McDaniel

Greeters next week: Dave Ellington,
Roxanne Spencer

FINANCIALS

FOR JULY

YTD Income \$178,363.95

YTD Expenses \$174,039.67

YTD Budget \$170,044.00

Last week's attendance: 8/20/23

Sunday School - 80

Worship - 114



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