



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 Bach
O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Lighting of the Candles Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend

Call to Worship Psalm 107:1,43

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endures forever.

All: Let the one who is wise heed these things and ponder the loving deeds of the Lord.

***Hymn of Praise No. 351** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

***Prayer of Adoration**

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

***Hymn of Faith No. 426** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* OLIVET

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

~ **Proclaiming the Word of God** ~

Doxology No. 965 OLD HUNDREDTH

Offering and Special Music *The Old Rugged Cross* Bernard
 Kay Yates, piano

***Scripture Reading** Colossians 4: 7-9 page 1167

Sermon “No Little People and Places” Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Communion Hymn No. 174 *I Stand Amazed*

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

*Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

Nothing But The Blood

Lowry

*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 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!

As we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we traditionally collect for our Good Samaritan Fund. Donations to this Fund allow the Pastor and Church Staff to give immediate assistance to those in need - both in our congregation and our community. If you would like to contribute, please use the Good Samaritan Fund envelope found in the pew, or mark your offering for Good Samaritan Fund.



We would like to thank everyone for their cards, texts, phone calls and prayers for our family following the death of brother Harvey. A special thank you to Pastor Eddie for his visits, prayers and for uplifting us just when we needed it. We're so blessed to be a part of this wonderful church family. **The Baker Family**

Serving Christ Together

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.



Our Operation Christmas Child collection continues in September 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 our 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 THIS SATURDAY, 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, flps, and summer hats. See Sam or Kay McAllister to donate!

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!



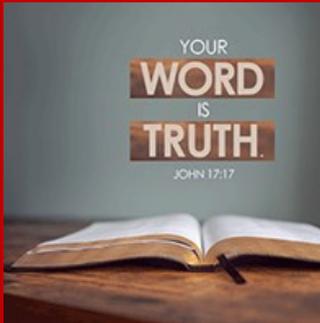
UPCOMING EVENTS



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.



Wednesdays in the Word Resume September 13!

A Fellowship Meal will be served that 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!**



The First Presbyterian Women's Council invites you to **"Fall Into Fashion"** on Saturday, September 30 from 12:30pm-2:30pm. Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, beautiful music, a time of devotion, and fashion from local establishments. Betsy Forbes will be our special guest speaker.

Invite friends and sign up in the Narthex or via the link on our website by Sunday, September 24!

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
- Bobby Hallman - loss of nephew, Kenny Sherrill
- Dave Argabrite - recovery from shoulder surgery
- Jean Bost - recovering from broken ribs
- 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

- Mike Shinn (Connie's brother) - recovery from eye surgery
- May Ackerman (Roxanne's mother) - transition to Morningside
- Everett Halsell (Sue Maiocchi's father) - health concerns
- Justin Wallace (Melba Funderburk's grandson) - rare disease
- Sherry Bath (Amy Hurst's friend) - chemo and radiation treatments
- Ellen Morrison (Judy Hammond's friend) - cancer
- Buddy Troutman (Judy Hammond's family) - health concern
- Lisa Threatt (Chariti Lowder's mom) - new treatment for trigeminal neuralgia

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



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.

This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, September 3

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

Monday, September 4 Labor Day

Church Office Closed
(Pastor Eddie available by phone)

Tuesday, September 5

11:00am - 2:00pm - Linda's Closet
12:00pm - NA
6:30pm - Session

Wednesday, September 6

6:30pm - PraiseMakers Rehearsal

Thursday, September 7

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

Saturday, September 9

11am-1:00pm Linda's Closet
End of Summer Give-Away/
Hot Dog Lunch

Next Sunday, September 10

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 Next Week:

Michelle Walker

Children's Church: Roxanne Spencer &
Ella Sechler

Children's Church next week: David &
Vickie Ellington

Acolytes: Evie Sechler & Ingrid
Townsend

Acolytes next week: Landon Walker &
Abby Vriesema

Nursery: Jane Argabrite

Nursery next week: Sue Maiocchi

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

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

Greeters: 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: 8/27/23

Sunday School - 71

Worship - 117

