



**FIRST**  

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**PRESBYTERIAN**  

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**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**

Sheppard, arr. Blevins

*This is My Father's World*

Jessica Bell, violin \* Brannon Bell, violin \* Kay Yates, piano

**Lighting of the Candles**

Landon Walker &amp; Abby Vriesema

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 96:4,6,2

Leader: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; Splendor and Majesty are before Him; strength and glory are in His sanctuary..

**All: Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 604***"To God Be The Glory"***\*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**

"Holy God, we humbly confess that we are an anxious and fearful people. We do not trust You as we should: we are slow to seek You in prayer, weak in perseverance, and quick to forget your faithfulness and covenant promises. Forgive us for placing our trust in possessions, power, and the wisdom of man. Renew us that we might walk by faith and not by sight. By your mercy, keep us steadfastly devoted to Christ and cause us to endure to the end, that we might receive Your great salvation. For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord."

**\*Silent Prayers of Confession****\*Assurance of the Gospel**

Ephesians 1:7-8

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us."

**Testimony of Faith**

Danny Bost

**\*Hymn of God's Faithfulness No. 348**

FAITHFULNESS

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with our Children

Michelle Walker

Offering and Special Music

Traditional Spiritual

*Somebody's Knocking At Your Door*

Cierstyn Lowder, treble soloist

\*Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:8-12

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Sermon

"Foundations of Faith"

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

\*Hymn of Meditation No. 503

*As the Deer*

\*Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

*Jesus Is All The World To Me*

Thompson

\*All who are able, please stand  
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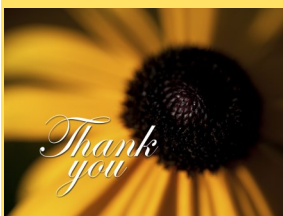
**Welcome!** We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning, and hope you find today meaningful and refreshing. Visitors are asked to fill out a Visitor Information Card, located in the pew, and place it in the offering plate. Prayer Requests may be noted on the reverse side of the same 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.

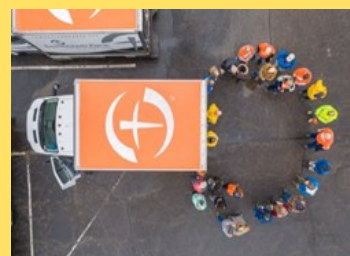
**A Nursery** is available for newborns through age 4. It is located in the Educational Building. If you need assistance or directions, an usher would be happy to help you!



**Linda Hathaway would like to thank** the wonderful folks at First Presbyterian for the cards, prayers, and outpouring of support following her recent surgery. She has experienced the power of your prayers and has recovered. Linda is grateful for her new church 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.



**Donations will be accepted through Sunday, September 24th.**

## **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!!!



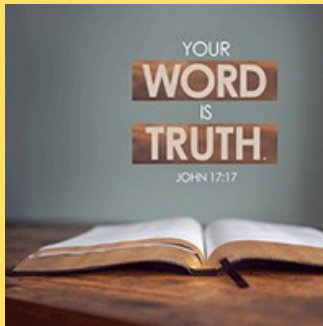
**Linda's Closet will be closed Tuesday, Sept 12th for restocking.** Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the End of Summer Give-Away.

**Linda's Closet will reopen Tuesday, September 19th** from 11am-2pm. Volunteers are needed during this time to greet and assist shoppers. Please sign up in the Narthex if you can help.



**The First Presbyterian Fence Ministry** continues to bless individuals with hygiene and seasonal clothing items. Small bags with products like bars of soap, washcloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby wipes, dry shampoo, combs and brushes, deodorant, feminine products, socks, underwear, and hats are placed on the fence along Vance St. for those in need. If you would like to contribute any of these items, please see Sam or Kay McAllister.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### **Wednesdays 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!**

**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!



**“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

- Melba Funderburk - recovery from surgery
- Dave Argabrite - recovery from shoulder surgery
- Jean Bost - recovery from broken ribs
- Randy Childers - wound care
- Danny Bost- battling cancer
- Hank Cranford - health concerns



## FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- May Ackerman (Roxanne's mother) - transition to Morningside
- Jeremy Carson (Caleb Goodnight's friend) - multiple blood clots
- 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) - health concern

## HOMEBOUND

- Bob & Shirley Faust - Morningside
- Peggy Barnhardt - Morningside
- Barbara Hancock - Home
- Iris Efird - Home
- Barbara Wise - Oaks at Hampton, Cummings, Georgia
- Loretta Young - Five Oaks

-----TEAR OFF HERE-----



**Our very own Kay Yates** will soon host a beginners' class for all those interested in learning a little about music. Maybe you need help reading notes. Perhaps you lack rhythm. You may even want to join one of our music groups. Kay can help! She will also be reaching out seeking "enthusiastic and willing" voices to sing in our Sunday "Pop Up" choirs that will rehearse during a portion of Sunday School time. Easy-peasy music selections and absolutely no pressure...but BIG FUN. We need you!

Fill out the form below if you are interested, and Kay will be in touch.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

# This Week @ FIRST PRES

## Sunday, September 10

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

## Monday, September 11

10:30am - Women's Council

## Tuesday, September 12

12:00pm - NA  
6:30pm - Missions Team

## Wednesday, September 13

### Wednesday's in the Word!

3:00pm - Cabarrus Co Hunger  
Task Force in F'ship Hall  
5:30pm - Fellowship Dinner  
6:00pm - PraiseMakers Rehearsal  
6:30pm - Kids, Youth, & Adult Groups

## Thursday, September 14

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study  
12:00pm - NA  
5:00pm - Samaritan's Table at  
Kimball Memorial  
7:30pm - *Sarah's Song* at Kimball  
Memorial

## Friday, September 15

7:30pm - *Sarah's Song* at Kimball  
Memorial

## Saturday, September 16

1:00pm - Youth to FaithFest NC

## Next Sunday, September 17

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

## SERVANTS

**Elder Lock-Up:** Chris Lowder  
**Children's Message:** Michelle Walker  
**Children's Message Next Week:** Jane Argabrite  
**Children's Church:** David & Vickie Ellington  
**Children's Church next week:** Jenna Baker & Amelia Caskey  
**Acolytes:** Landon Walker & Abby Vriesema  
**Acolytes next week:** Camryn Lowder & Noah Walker  
**Nursery:** Sue Maiocchi  
**Nursery next week:** Megan Quigg  
**Ushers:** Danny Bost, Mark Goodnight, John Hammond, Tony Hunter  
**Ushers next week:** Amy Hurst, Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister  
**Greeters:** Dave Ellington, Roxanne Spencer

## FINANCIALS

### FOR AUGUST

YTD Income	\$201,317.45
YTD Expenses	\$199,542.20
YTD Budget	\$194,336.00

**Last week's attendance:** 9/3/23  
**Sunday School - 61**  
**Worship - 98**

