



First Presbyterian

“Sanctify them by the truth;

Your word is truth.

As You sent Me into the world,
I have sent them into the world.”

John 17:17-18

Welcome!

~ Gathering Before the Word ~**Welcome**

Eddie Spencer

Prelude and Preparation for Worship

Hughes

Here I Am To Worship

Dallas Boovy, piano

Lighting of the Candles

Camryn Lowder and Noah Walker

Call to Worship** *Brethren, We Have Gathered to Worship*Hymn of Praise No. 599** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

Prayer of Adoration**Prayer of Confession**

“Ever faithful and most gracious Father, You promise blessing to those who trust You. Yet we confess losing our battle with unbelief regularly. Forgive us for doubting Your provision, promises, and plan. Pardon us for the times we have faced our trials without courage and with fickleness, not faith. Grant us to discover anew in Jesus’ death and resurrection the reality, immensity, and assurance of Your love. For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord.”

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

1 John 4:10

“This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family***Apostle’s Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Doxology No. 965**

OLD HUNDREDTH

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~**Word with our Children**

Jane Argabrite

Offering and Special Music

Dallas Boovy, Piano

***Scripture Reading**

Acts 2:42-47

***Sermon**

“Upward, Inward, Outward”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Hymn of Commitment No. 904**

Lord, Make Us Servants

***Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude

Lobe den Herren

German Tune

*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!



The rosebud on the altar is placed to the glory of God and in honor of Maverick Wren McDaniel, born August 31. Maverick is the son of Morgan and Jess McDaniel, and joins big brother Mabrey Jay. Paternal grandparents are Mallory & Debbie McDaniel. Congratulations to the McDaniel family!



Please welcome our newest Covenant Partners, Joe and Vicki Morris! The Morrises join via letter of transfer from Mt. Olivet UMC. Married for 51 years, they have two children and 4 grandchildren. Both Joe and Vicki began attending church at a young age. Joe loves to sing and is a member of the Piedmont Choral Society. Vicki enjoys spending time reading and working in her garden. The Morrises were invited to First Pres by Kay Yates, and found the church to be warm and welcoming. They look forward to being uplifted by the Word and the fellowship and friendship of their fellow covenant partners!



Wednesdays in the Word continue this week!

A Fellowship Meal will be served beginning at 5:30pm on a donation basis. This week's menu will be pork chops, mashed potatoes and green beans. PraiseMakers rehearse at 6pm.

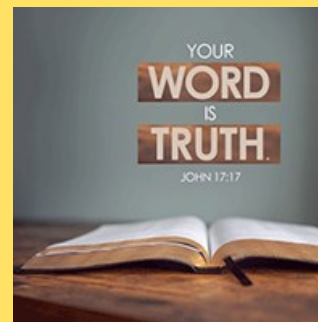
Classes/groups meet at 6:30, including:

"Foundations" - Adult class with Pastor Eddie

"Anxious for Nothing" - Middle/Sr High with Michelle

"Unafraid" - Elementary children with Chris & Charit

Don't miss this opportunity to dig deeper into God's word!



The JOY Group will meet on Friday, September 29th at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy chicken and taters from Mr. C's. The group is asked to provide salads, veggies, or desserts. Michelle will lead a devotional, while Kay will involve us in a musical program. Sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, September 24 if you will attend!

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!



A Men's Fellowship Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 12 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall (donation basis). We will have a guest speaker and enjoy a time of food and fellowship. Please sign-up in the Narthex by Sunday, October 8th so we have enough for everyone!

Serving Christ Together

Samaritan's Purse is ministering in Jesus' name to those affected by the wildfires that devastated Maui.

Volunteers are providing relief supplies, working to help remove debris, sifting through ashes, and praying with residents.

Please continue to remember in your prayers the residents of Maui and the volunteers bringing the hope of Jesus to them. If

you would like to donate towards Samaritan's Purse's relief effort, mark your offerings "Maui wildfires" or give online by 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 clothing ministry continues every

Tuesday 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 donate items, please see Sam or Kay McAllister.



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First Presbyterian is pleased to announce Kay Yates as our "new" Director of Music! Kay has been our organist for many years, and will continue to provide excellent music for our worship services. Kay is also broadening congregational participation in our music program, as

evidenced by recent worship services. If you are interested in learning more about music, or participate in one of our music groups, please fill out the form below, and Kay will be in touch.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

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
- Jean Bost - recovery from broken ribs
- Randy Childers - Big Elm Room 204
- Danny Bost- battling cancer
- Hank Cranford - health concerns

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Everett Halsell (Sue Maiocchi's dad) - diagnosed with cancer
- 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
- Mike Shinn (Connie Lisenby's brother) - recovery from eye surgery

HOMEBOUND

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



Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for all of the meals, prayers, visits, well wish cards, and love you have shown Bob & Shirley as they have struggled over the past year(s) and moved to assisted living. We greatly appreciate all of your support and your continued prayers.



Sincerely, Tod, Thad, Dana, Starla Goodnight; Sandy & Blaine Holbrook

This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, September 17

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

Tuesday, September 19

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

Wednesday, September 20

Wednesdays in the Word!

5:30pm - Fellowship Dinner
6:00pm - PraiseMakers Rehearsal
6:30pm - Kids, Youth, & Adult Groups

Thursday, September 21

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

Next Sunday, September 24

10 Cents a Meal!

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Chris Lowder
Children's Message: Jane Argabrite
Children's Message Next Week: Roxanne Spencer
Children's Church: Jenna Baker & Amelia Caskey
Children's Church next week: Lynn Efird & Lydia Vriesema
Acolytes: Camryn Lowder & Noah Walker
Acolytes next week: Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend
Nursery: Megan Quigg
Nursery next week: Debbie McDaniel
Ushers: Amy Hurst, Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister
Ushers next week: Mal McDaniel, Jill McLain, Phil McLain, Todd Pless
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: 9/10/23

Sunday School - 72

Worship - 132

