



## 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**

Dallas Boovy, piano

**Lighting of the Candles**

Evie Sechler &amp; Ingrid Townsend

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 145: 1,3

Leader: I will exalt You, my God the King; I will praise Your name forever and ever.

**ALL: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom.**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 224***Rejoice, the Lord is King*

DARWALL'S 148TH

**\*Prayer of Adoration****\*The Lord's Prayer No. 912**

MALOTTE

**Prayer of Confession**

Psalm 51

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

1 Timothy 1:14-15

"The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am the worst."

**Song of Response***Into My Heart*  
PraiseMakers

Clark

*"Into my heart, into my heart, Come into my heart, Lord Jesus;  
Come in today, Come in to stay, Come into my heart, Lord Jesus."*

**Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family****\*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 440** *He Leadeth Me*

AUGHTON

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

Acting Out

**Offering and Special Music***Because of Who You Are*  
Jenny Carroll, Soprano

Farrel/Smiley

**\*Scripture Reading**

Psalm 1

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## ~ Responding to the Word of God ~

## \*Sending Song

*As We Go*  
Jenny Carroll, Soprano

Johnson

*“As we go, may Your Spirit go before us.  
As we go, may we follow where You lead.  
May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard,  
And be a light unto the world—as we go.”*

## \*Prayer and Benediction

## Postlude

*Trusting Jesus*

Sankey

\*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!!

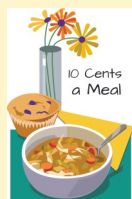
**Children's Activity Bags** are available for children aged 3 to grade 5. They include a children's bulletin related to the Sunday sermon, crayons, and scrap paper.

**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 place to the glory of God and in honor of Avery Collins Wagoner**, born on September 13, 2023.

Avery is the daughter of Laura and Tyler Wagoner. Her proud grandmother is Regina Starnes. Congratulations to the Wagoner/Starnes family!



**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.

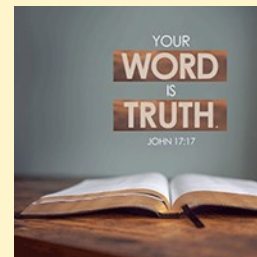


## Wednesdays in the Word continue this week!

A Fellowship Meal will be served beginning at 5:30pm on a donation basis. This week's menu will be pizza, salad and desserts.

PraiseMakers rehearse at 6pm. Classes/groups start at 6:30, including: "Foundations" - Adult class with Pastor Eddie,  
"Anxious for Nothing" - Middle/Sr High with Michelle,  
"Unafraid" - Elementary children with Chariti & Chris,

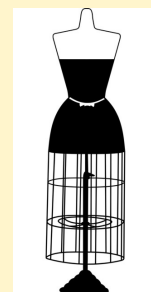
Join us as we dig deeper into God's Word this fall!



**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 12:30 pm-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 enjoy a meal from Sonny's BBQ, including bbq pork, bbq chicken, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, salad, drinks and dessert. A special guest will lead us in a time of devotion. Please sign-up in the Narthex by Sunday, October 8th !

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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!

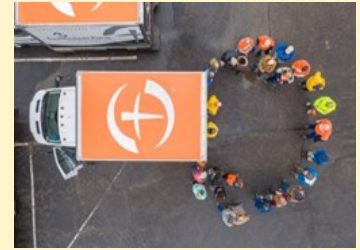
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# Serving Christ Together

## **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 **TODAY, September 24th.**



## **Operation Christmas Child Updates!**



**Collection Season is in full swing!** Our missions team has committed to packing 400 boxes for ages 10-14, 200 boys and 200 girls. We are currently working on school supplies and need your help to fulfill the following: 168 composition notebooks (not wire-bound), 324 scissors, 64 pencils, 85 manual pencil sharpeners, 174 packs of colored pencils or crayons, and 390 packs of skinny markers. Place your donations in our collection bins in the Narthex or

outside the Fellowship Hall. You may also make monetary donations (including online) - just mark your offering for "shoeboxes."

## **The Missions Team will host a Missions Meal (donation basis)**

immediately following the worship service on Sunday, October 22! Members of the Missions Team will provide soups and cornbread. The congregation is asked to contribute desserts. All donations received will go towards our OCC Shoebox packing efforts.

As always, THANK YOU for your support of this ministry!



**Linda's Closet clothing ministry** is open 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 plastic bandages, lip balm, washcloths, towels and hand towels, combs and brushes, hair ties, deodorant, feminine products, plastic forks/spoons, ponchos, scarves, gloves, and toboggans 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; or make a donation to First Pres marked "homeless ministry" to support our fence and other homeless outreaches.



# 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

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

## 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
- Barbara Moss (Betty Sechler's sister) - recovery from stroke
- Leigh Ann Hall (Betty Sechler's daughter) - recovery from stroke
- Eric Cowan's mom - health concerns
- Johnny Campbell (friend of Stewarts) - stem cell transplant

## 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 Family,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, texts, calls received during my surgery, as well as, for my grandson, Justin, as he continues to remain in a stable condition. We greatly appreciate all of your support and continued prayers.

Sincerely, Melba Funderburk

# This Week @ FIRST PRES

## Sunday, September 24

### 10 Cents a Meal!

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

## Tuesday, September 26

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

## Wednesday, September 27

### Wednesdays in the Word!

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

## Thursday, September 28

- 10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study
- 2:00pm - NA

## Friday, September 29

- 12:00pm - JOY Group Luncheon
- 2:00pm - "Fall into Fashion" Setup

## Saturday, September 30

- 12:30 -2:30pm "Fall Into Fashion"  
Women's Event

## Next Sunday, October 1

### World Communion Sunday

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

## SERVANTS

**Elder Lock-Up:** Chris Lowder

**Children's Message:** Roxanne Spencer

**Children's Message Next Week:** Acting Out

**Children's Church:** Lynn Efird & Lydia Vriesema

**Children's Church next week:** Chris & Chariti Lowder

**Acolytes:** Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend

**Acolytes next week:** Caylin Lowder & Landon Walker

**Nursery:** Debbie McDaniel

**Nursery next week:** Jenny Sparks

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

**Ushers next week:** Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler, Phil Smith, Pam Hooks

**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:** 9/17/23

**Sunday School - 71**

**Worship - 114**

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