



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

Lemmel

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus***Lighting of the Candles**

Caylin & Camryn Lowder

***Call to Worship**

Revelation 5:12, 13

Leader: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

ALL: "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever!"

***Hymn of Praise No. 601**

CORONATION

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name****Prayer of Adoration****Prayer of Confession**

Holy and gracious Father, united to Christ by faith, the highest court in the universe has declared us completely forgiven, totally accepted, and forever loved. Yet today we ask Your forgiveness for not living in the security of Your love. We confess that too often fear and pride drive many of our decisions; that disappointments and difficulties have caused us to doubt Your love and care. Grant us renewed faith to trust Your loving heart, for we pray in Jesus' name.

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

Colossians 1:13-14

"For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

***Hymn of Praise No. 568**

MY REDEEMER

*I Will Sing of My Redeemer***Prayer for the Nations****~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~****Word with our Children**

Roxanne Spencer

***Doxology No. 965**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Offering and Special Music

Redman/Kaple/Yunker/Barrett/Martin

Build My Life

Sarah Bailey Wooten, vocalist; Amy Hicks, guitar

***Scripture Reading**

Acts 11:19-26

Sermon

“An Outward Church”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Sending Song

Gentle Shepherd

Gaither/Gaither

Richard Little, Kay Yates, Ryan & Michelle Walker

***Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude

On Eagle's Wings

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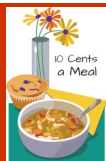
Welcome! We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning, and hope you find today meaningful and refreshing. Visitors are asked to fill out a Visitor Information Card, located in the pew, and place it in the offering plate. Prayer Requests may be noted on the reverse side of the same card.

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!



This Sunday marks our monthly 10 Cents A Meal collection.

Donations are shared between Compassion International, Cabarrus Meals-on-Wheels, and Cooperative Christian Ministry. Donation jars are in the Narthex for your offerings.

TODAY, October 22nd will be a day of celebration and thanksgiving at First Pres! We are pleased to announce the dedication of the Rev. Dr. Joseph R. Crawford Memorial Pavilion immediately following the worship service today. Join us under our new shelter for a time of prayer and thanksgiving.



Then, enjoy a **Missions Lunch in the Fellowship Hall** to benefit our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox packing efforts. The Missions Team will provide soups and cornbread, while the congregation is asked to provide desserts. Come celebrate this new facility, our replaced playground, and our expanded ministry capabilities!!!



Wednesdays in the Word continue this week!

A Fellowship Meal will be served beginning at 5:30pm on a donation basis.

PraiseMakers rehearse at 6pm.

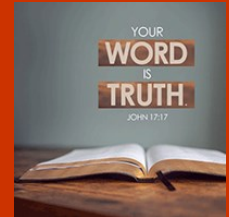
Classes/groups start at 6:30, including:

“Foundations” - Adult class with Pastor Eddie

“Anxious for Nothing” - Middle/Sr. High Youth with Michelle

“Unafraid” - Elementary children with Chariti & Chris

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



The JOY GROUP will be heading to Archdale, NC this Wednesday, October 25th to dine at the Pioneer Family Restaurant. Meet at First Presb at 10:45 am to carpool. Please sign up in the Narthex TODAY and indicate if you want to ride in the Church van.

The Journey Youth Fall Festival will be Sunday, October 29 at 4pm! Join us at the Walker farm as we fire up the grill and then the tractor for a hayride. We'll play games, make crafts, and enjoy sweet treats together. Entrée will be provided, please bring a side or dessert to share. Sign up in the Narthex by TODAY, October 22!



The South Rowan Public Schools Bible Teaching

Association is hosting their annual golf tournament on Monday, October 30th. A shotgun start begins at 9am at The Club at Irish Creek. Registrations and/or sponsorships are due by October 23rd. Forms are in the Narthex if you are interested!

First Presbyterian Church, Linda's Closet, and Feeding Kannapolis Hunger

will host a Fall Health Fair and Cold Weather Clothing Giveaway on Saturday, November 4! The health and wellness presentation will begin at 9:30am, with a fresh produce and egg giveaway to follow. Attendees can also shop for coats, gloves, and toboggans, as well as other needs in the Closet. Soup, desserts, and bread will be served for lunch. There will be vendors and health organizations too! Please drop off donations of coats, gloves, and toboggans by Wednesday, November 1st. Volunteers are needed to prep the market on Friday evening, Nov. 3, as well as donate desserts, prepare and serve lunch, and help shoppers on Saturday. Sign up in the Narthex, and join us for a fun day of service!!!



Join us for Thanksgiving Day lunch on Thursday, November 23! The meal starts at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Turkey and gravy will be provided; guests are asked to bring sides, desserts, and tea to share. Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, November 19!!!

Serving Christ Together

Operation Christmas Child 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 hygiene items and need your help to fulfill the following: 323 bars of soap, 67 brushes, 400 combs, 365 thick washcloths, and 400 tubes of lip balm. 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."



Our OCC Shoebox packing will begin Wednesday, November 8th with Craft Night!

After dinner at 5:30 (donation basis) we will decorate items to place in our shoeboxes. All ages are invited to come ready to create (and maybe get messy)!

Our Shoebox Packing Party will be Wednesday November 15th!

Dinner will be served at 5:30, before we gather to pack and pray for our 400 boxes at 6:30pm. There's a job for everyone, so come enjoy the fun and fellowship!!!



First Presbyterian will once again serve as an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drop-off Center in 2023! During National Collection Week, November 13-20, volunteers will be needed to staff our center and receive shoeboxes from neighboring churches and community members.

We must then transport those boxes to Pitts Baptist on Monday, November 20. A sign-up board is in the Narthex with the hours for which help is needed. See Sue Maiocchi if you have questions or would like more information!

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.





Compassion International is “a child-advocacy ministry pairing compassionate people with children living in extreme poverty. Child sponsorship allows this mission to take place as youngsters are provided access to health care, education, and other necessities, while being shown and taught the love of Jesus. Your

monthly 10 Cents a Meal offerings at First Pres support three children. Dorcas, sponsored since December 2015 is 14. She lives in Burkina Faso and is in the 6th grade. Bithi, sponsored since March 2016 is 15. She lives in Bangladesh and is in 9th grade. Alassane, sponsored since February 2018 is 10. He lives in Burkina Faso and is in 5th grade. **Thank you for your support of this special ministry!**

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

- Cookie Hamilton - recovery from ankle surgery
- Phil Smith - recovery from knee surgery
- Barbara Hancock - recovery from multiple health concerns
- Kay McAllister - knee surgery Oct 23
- Danny Bost- battling cancer
- Jean Bost - health concerns
- Hank Cranford - health concerns
- Randy Childers - moved to Room 113 at Big Elm

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Ken Salisbury (husband of our administrator, Lisa) - recovery from eye surgery
- Robert Little (Rickard's brother) - new treatment for cancer
- Betty Sechler's brother - recovery from stroke
- Everett Halsell (Sue Maiocchi's dad) - beginning treatment for cancer
- 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
- Peggy Barnhardt - Morningside
- May Ackerman - Morningside
- Barbara Hancock - Home
- Iris Efird - Home
- Barbara Wise - Oaks at Hampton, Cummings, Georgia
- Loretta Young - Five Oaks

This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, October 22 10 Cents a Meal!

- 9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
 - GraceFull Movements
 - Dance Rehearsal
- 10:00am - Sunday School
 - Confirmation
- 11:00am - Worship Service
- 12:00pm - Dedication of Joe Crawford Pavilion
 - Missions Meal for OCC
 - Shoebox Packing Efforts

Tuesday, October 24

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

Wednesday, October 25

Wednesdays in the Word!

- 10:45am - JOY Group lunch at Pioneer Family Restaurant
- 5:30pm - Fellowship Dinner
- 6:00pm - PraiseMakers Rehearsal
- 6:30pm - Kids, Youth, & Adult Groups

Thursday, October 26

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

Friday, October 27

- 5:30 pm - Agape Chinese Baptist Church Stream Fellowship

Next Sunday, October 29

- 9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
 - Graceful Movements
 - Dance Rehearsal
- 10:00am - Sunday School
- 11:00am - Worship Service
- 4:00pm - Journey Youth Fall Festival

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Ken Sparks

Children's Message: Roxanne Spencer

Children's Message Next week: Alpha Barger

Children's Church: Debbie McDaniel & Abigail Malinovsky

Children's Church next week: Michelle Walker & Megan Quigg

Acolytes: Camryn & Caylin Lowder

Acolytes next week: Landon & Noah Walker

Nursery: Ella Sechler

Nursery next week: Jenna Baker

Ushers: Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel, Todd Pless

Ushers next week: Jill McLain, Phil McLain, Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler

Greeters: Sue Maiocchi, Jeff Barnhardt

FINANCIALS FOR SEPTEMBER

YTD Income \$224,203.45

YTD Expenses \$222,649.78

YTD Budget \$218,628.00

Last week's attendance: 10/15/23

Worship - 86



Thank you so much for the opportunity to attend your Fashion Show and program. It was a wonderful

event. The food was delicious ... I was so blessed to be a part of such a great event.
Sincerely, Kay Smith

SERMON NOTES



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