



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

Power in the Blood
Handbell Choir

Jones

Lighting of the Candles

Abby Vriesema & Noah Walker

*Call to Worship

Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the LORD. Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens.

ALL: Praise Him for His acts of power; praise Him for His surpassing greatness. Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre,

Leader: Praise Him with timbrel and dancing, praise Him with the strings and pipe, praise Him with the clash of cymbals, praise Him with resounding cymbals.

ALL: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

*Hymn of Praise No. 575 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

*Prayer of Adoration

The Apostle's Creed

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 Spirit, 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 living and the 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.

*Doxology No. 965

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Hymn of Assurance No. 689 *There's A Wideness In God's Mercy* CIVILITY

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word With Our Children

Michelle Walker

Offering & Special Music *Only Trust Him* Stockton
Abigail Malinovsky, clarinet; Kay Yates, piano

Scripture Reading Genesis 50:15-21 Page 53

Sermon “Reconciliation” Eddie Spencer

~ **Responding to the Word of God** ~

Sending Hymn No. 946 *Go, My Children, With My Blessing* AR HYD Y NOS

***Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude *Leaning On The Everlasting Arms* Hoffman

*All who are able, please stand
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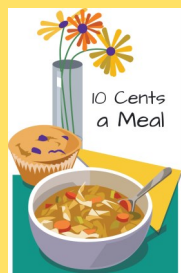
welcome

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.

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.

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!

Children will be in the Narthex immediately following worship to accept your donations. These offerings are divided between Compassion International (we sponsor 3 children through this organization) and Cabarrus Meals on Wheels.



Pastor Eddie and Ryan & Michelle Walker will be representing First Pres at the ECO National Gathering, Tuesday, January 30 - Thursday, February 1st in Greenville, SC. Please keep them in prayer as they travel and attend. If you need assistance in their absence, please contact Lisa in the church office.

UPCOMING Events



Join us for Sunday School!

Youth classes include:

Explorers (PreK - K) - **studying The Gospel Project**
with Alpha Barger & Judy Hunter

Seekers (1st - 4th Grades) - **studying The Gospel Project**
with Carol Lowder & Sharon Stricker

Navigators (5th - 8th grades) - **studying Kingdom Quest**
with Tracy & Amelia Caskey

Adult classes include:

Guardians - **studying 1 Corinthians 13** with Pastor Eddie

Friendship - **studying Jude and lesser-known books of the Bible**
with Renee Goodnight & Vickie Ellington

Disciples - **studying John 13-21** with Dave Argabrite

Drummond - **studying Romans** (video series by Dr Godfrey) with Ron Lisenby

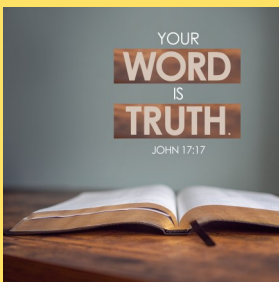
Teen girls (Middle & High School) are invited to a Bible Study with Amelia Caskey!

“Finding God Faithful - A Study on the Life of Joseph”

is an 8-session study which will begin **NEXT** Sunday February 4th at 4:30pm. The group will gather monthly and dinner will be provided! Subsequent meetings are scheduled for: March 17, April 7, June 2, and July 14.

Feel free to invite friends to join us for this special time of fellowship and devotion.

Let Amelia or Tracy Caskey know if you are interested.

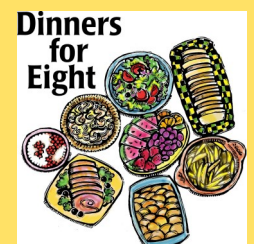


WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD resume February 7! Children and youth are invited to gather at 6pm for Music Ministry, which will include singing or chimes. At 6:30pm, adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall for an Old Testament Survey with Rev. Dr. Trevor Smith. Roxanne Spencer and Lydia Vriesema will lead children to explore the “I AM” statements of Jesus. Middle High Youth are invited to meet with Michelle to investigate some “Believe-It-or-Not” Bible stories. Join us as we study God’s Word together!

Do you like to eat? Do you enjoy good company?

Sign up for a monthly Supper club at First Pres! Clubs will meet from February to April to allow church members to get to know each other better. Each supper will have eight people: the host couple provides an entrée & beverages, one couple provides two sides, one couple provides salad & dessert, and one couple is invited as guests by the host. Eating out is also an option.

Sign up in the Narthex if you are interested, or see Renee Goodnight.



SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



Ministry Focus: Cabarrus Meals on Wheels (MOW)

Cabarrus Meals on Wheels is a non-profit organization that provides well-balanced, nutritious meals, 5 days a week, to eligible homebound seniors and individuals with disabilities. Each of the 31 Cabarrus routes ideally needs a driver and a helper. Having daily face-to-face contact during the week allows volunteers to develop relationships with those they are serving and provides a wellbeing check to alert of any potential problems. This, in turn, can help clients remain longer in their homes. Half of our monthly 10 Cents a Meal Collection is now designated for Cabarrus MOW, with the other half going towards our Compassion International children. Dave and Jane Argabrite, who have volunteered for Cabarrus MOW since September of 2018, would be happy to talk to you or let you ride along with them if you want more information!

The Missions Team has scheduled a Domestic Missions Trip in 2024!

The site is in New Bern, NC for hurricane repairs. We are working with World Renew, an ECO partner. Work will begin on Tuesday, May 27th and continue through that week.

An informational meeting will be held NEXT Sunday, February 4, immediately following worship. A sandwich lunch will be provided. Please sign up in the Narthex by TODAY if you will attend the meeting!



First Presbyterian will once again partner with

Kimball Lutheran for Samaritan's Table on Thursday, February 8 at 5pm. Volunteers prep to-go meals at First Pres, then hand them out in a drive-thru at Kimball. See Phil McLain if you are willing to help!

The Missions Team is sponsoring a Missions Lunch on Sunday, February 11

immediately following worship. As part of the "Souper Bowl of Caring", Missions Team members will provide soup and drinks on a donation basis.

The congregation is asked to provide desserts. A collection bin will also be outside the Fellowship Hall for canned and dry goods. Donations and proceeds will go to Cooperative Christian Ministry.



Linda's Closet is open on Tuesdays from 11am -

2pm. Currently, Closet needs are socks, hats, and gloves in all sizes. Donations have been so plentiful that no other clothing items are being accepted at this time. If you would like to volunteer to serve with Linda's closet, please see Cindy Devoe!



Thank you to all who have donated to the First Pres Blessing Fence! So many items have been gifted to our community through this ministry.

Current needs: 1 & 2.5 gallon storage bags
Small sealable plastic containers
(to hold shampoo and conditioner)

Please see Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help!



Thank you for the many acts of kindness

you have shown me with cards, texts, phone calls, emails, flowers and prayers. Your kindness means so much.

With love and gratitude. Judy Goodnight

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

- Bill Stricker and family- loss of his mother
- Tony Sherrill - battling infection
- Bill Jolley - recovery from kidney stone procedure
- Barbara Boucher - health concerns
- Hank Cranford - health concerns
- Debra Dandro - treatment for cancer
- OCC Shoeboxes - pray for the recipients, their families, and their communities (in Uruguay, Peru, Honduras, Colombia, & Ecuador) to truly experience the love of our great God!

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Bruce Pruett (Terri's husband) - fracture of knee and back
- Emily Stansell (Lucinda's friend) - re-occurrence of brain cancer
- Barbara Coffey (Judy Hunter's friend) - stage 4 cancer
- Bill Stoudt (Vickie Ellington's brother-in-law) - part of leg amputated
- Terry Rainey (father of Walkers' friend) - cancer treatments

HOMEBOUND

- Bob and Shirley Faust - Morningside
- Randy Childers - Big Elm
- Barbara Hancock - Home
- Iris Efird - Home
- Loretta Young - Five Oaks



This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, January 28

10 Cents A Meal!

9:30am - Morning Coffee
- GraceFull Movements Dance Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

Tuesday, January 30

Happy Birthday, Pastor Eddie!

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

12:00pm - NA

Thursday, February 1

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study

12:00pm - NA

Friday, February 2

5:30 pm - Agape Chinese Baptist Church Stream Fellowship

Saturday, February 3

1pm - 6pm - NA Event in Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, February 4

9:30am - Morning Coffee
- GraceFull Movements Dance Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service with Holy Communion

12:00pm - New Bern Mission Trip informational luncheon

4:30pm - Teen Girls' Bible Study & Dinner

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Donnie Swaringen

Children's Message: Michelle Walker

Children's Message next week: Alpha Barger

Children's Church: Michelle Walker & Lydia Vriesema

Children's Church next week: Debbie McDaniel & Chariti Lowder

Acolytes: Abby Vriesema & Noah Walker

Acolytes next week: Scarlett Porter & Camryn Lowder

Nursery: Katherine Vriesema

Nursery next week: Megan Quigg

Ushers: Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler, Phil Smith, Pam Hooks

Ushers next week: Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt, Mark Goodnight, John Hammond

Greeters: Dave Ellington, Roxanne Spencer

FINANCIALS

FOR DECEMBER

YTD Income \$314,008.13

YTD Expenses \$297,738.86

YTD Budget \$291,504.00

Last week's attendance: 1/21/2024

Worship AM - 96

Sunday School - 58

