



# 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***In the Garden*

Miles

**Lighting of the Candles**

Landon &amp; Noah Walker

**Call to Worship**

Isaiah 6:3-5

Leader: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

**All: "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, The Lord Almighty."**

Leader: Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar.

**All: With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 538***Holy, Holy, Holy!*

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**\*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**

"Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse our impure thinking and living so that we might take captive every thought to obey Jesus. Forgive our idolatry and our failure to love others. Transform us by Your Holy Spirit so that we might be and live as the faithful bride of Christ. We pray in His matchless name."

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

II Corinthians 5:21

"For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."

**\*Hymn of Response**

*He Giveth More Grace*  
(see insert)

Mitchell

**Concerns and Celebrations of our Church Family**

**~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~**

**Word With Our Children**

Michelle Walker

**Offering and Special Music**

*Any More*  
PraiseMakers

Pardo/West/Cain

feat. Noah Walker, Landon Walker, Toby Caskey & Abigail Malinovsky

**Scripture Reading**

Genesis 45

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**Sermon**

“The Joseph Story”

Eddie Spencer

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

**Sending Song**

*Love Can Turn the World*  
PraiseMakers and Men’s Ensemble

Gaither/Silvey/Williams

**\*Prayer and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*I Love To Tell The Story*

Hankey

\*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!



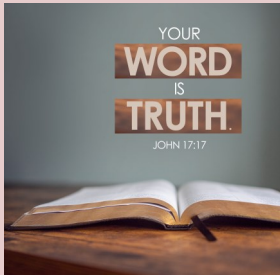
## **This Sunday marks our monthly 10 Cents-a-Meal collection!**

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.

**Feeding Kannapolis Hunger is in need of clean, empty egg cartons.** Please bring them to church on Wednesdays or Sundays and place in the box outside the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.



**Thank you to the congregation of First Pres** for your get well cards, wishes and prayers during my illness. I am so thankful for my church family. Tony Sherrill



## **WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD will continue this week!**

Children and youth are invited to gather at 6pm for Music Ministry. 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!**

## **First Pres will host a Men's Fellowship dinner THIS Thursday, February 29th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

Pastor Wayne Frazier, a retired Associate Reformed Presbyterian pastor, will be our guest speaker. Pastor Frazier served at Back Creek ARP for over two decades and was a moderator of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian General Synod. He has also been a leader in church planting and development in the ARP. The menu will include chicken, potatoes, salad, dessert and drinks, for a suggested donation of \$10.

**Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend!**



## **Area churches will gather TODAY, February 25 at 6:00pm at Centerview Baptist Church for the 26th Annual Crossover Kannapolis event.**

Together, we will enjoy worship, prayer, special music, and more. Centerview Baptist is located at 415 Walter Street.

# SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



## Project 24 February Update

Thank you to all who have supported **Project 24**. To date, we have raised \$56,000 of the \$100,000 to \$110,000 that is needed to complete the top two priorities!

**Project 24** is the beginning of a multi-year effort to improve our church campus functionally and aesthetically. The current focus is on two items: (1) replace the 50+ year old heating and air conditioning system for the Fellowship Hall and third floor of the Education Building and (2) improve the Fellowship Hall restroom.

If you are able, please prayerfully consider making a financial contribution to support this effort. By doing so, you will be helping to provide a functional and more attractive space for the activities of this church for years to come. You can contribute online through the church website or by placing a check with "Project 24" on the memo line in the offering plate. Gifts of any size are greatly appreciated.



## The Cabarrus, Iredell, and Rowan County Area Volunteer Teams for Operation Christmas Child

will host a Celebration Event here at First Pres **THIS Saturday, March 2!** Anyone interested in knowing more about the ministry of Operation Christmas Child or becoming more involved is welcome to attend the celebration from

10:30am - 12pm in our Fellowship Hall!

Please RSVP to [michellewalker@firstpresb.org](mailto:michellewalker@firstpresb.org) by TODAY, February 25.

## Linda's Closet is open on Tuesdays from 11am - 2pm.

As winter is coming to an end, we will begin accepting donations again. Our greatest needs are: men's jeans sizes 28, 30 and 32; men's sneakers, especially size 9 & 10; and children's shoes in good condition, any size. We are also accepting spring and summer clothes for all. Bless all of you who continue to support this ministry. We are touching hundreds of people in our community. **If you would like to volunteer, 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!**

## LOVE quote of the Week

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**



**(When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, Isaac Watts)**

## 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

- Barbara Boucher - health concerns
- Hank Cranford - health concerns
- Debra Dandro - continuing treatments for cancer

### FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Lisa Threatt - (mother of Chariti Lowder) - upcoming brain surgery
- Sheena Allen (Wren Philpot's daughter-in-law) - cancer treatments
- Everett Halsell (Sue Maiocchi's dad) - under hospice care
- Bruce Pruett (Terri's husband) - fracture in his knee and back
- Alan West - (father of a friend of Chariti Lowder's) - health concerns
- Barbara Coffey (Judy Hunter's friend) - stage 4 cancer
- Terry Rainey (father of Walkers' friend) - cancer treatments

### HOMEBOUND

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





# This Week @ FIRST PRES

## Sunday, February 25

### 10 Cents A Meal

- 9:30am - Morning Coffee
- PraiseMakers Rehearsal
- 10:00am - Sunday School
- 11:00am - Worship Service
- 6:00pm - Area Church Event at Centerview Baptist Church

## Tuesday, February 27

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

## Wednesday, February 28

- 6:00pm - Journey Youth Music Ministry
- 6:30pm - Wednesdays in the Word

## Thursday, February 29

- 10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study
- 12:00pm - NA
- 6:00pm - Men's Fellowship Dinner

## Friday, March 1

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

## Saturday, March 2

- 10:30am - OCC Area Team Celebration in the Fellowship Hall

## Next Sunday, March 3

- 9:30am - Morning Coffee
- GraceFull Movements Dance Rehearsal
- 10:00am - Sunday School
- 11:00am - Worship Service with Holy Communion

## SERVANTS

**Elder Lock-Up:** Tony Rary

**Children's Message:** Michelle Walker

**Children's Message next week:** Roxanne Spencer

**Children's Church:** Michelle Walker & Lydia Vriesema

**Children's Church next week:** Roxanne Spencer & Katherine Vriesema

**Acolytes:** Landon & Noah Walker

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**Nursery:** Jenna Baker

**Nursery next week:** Sharon Stricker

**Ushers:** Todd Pless, Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler, Ryan Walker

**Ushers next week:** Phil Smith, Pam Hooks, Jeff Barnhardt, Mark Goodnight

**Greeters:** Donnie Swaringen, Ryan Walker

## FINANCIALS

### FOR JANUARY

**YTD Income** \$20,438.16

**YTD Expenses** \$17,988.94

**YTD Budget** \$26,396.67

**Last week's attendance:** 2/18/2024

**Worship AM - 107**

**Sunday School - 68**

# SERMON NOTES

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION - ACTIVE ELDERS

**Tracy Caskey**

**Dave Ellington**

**Lynn Sechler**

**Cookie Hamilton**

**Chris Lowder**

**Ken Sparks**

**Sue Maiocchi**

**Tony Rary**

**Donnie Swaringen**

**Pastor Eddie Spencer, Moderator**

**Jeff Barnhardt, Session Clerk**



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