



*Welcome*

First Presbyterian Church, Kannapolis

**Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,  
and make Him known.**

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~ **Gathering Before the Word** ~

**Welcome**

Eddie Spencer

**Prelude and Preparation**

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*  
Tana Nichols, oboe; Kay Yates, piano

Hassler

**Lighting of the Candles**

Scarlett Porter & Ingrid Townsend

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 66:1-5

Leader: "Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious.

**All: Say to God, How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You.**

Leader: All the earth bows down to You; they sing praise to You, they sing the praises of Your name.

**All: Come and see what God has done, His awesome deeds for mankind!"**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 291**

*Revive Us Again*

Mackay/Husband

**\*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**

"Lord Jesus Christ, Crucified Savior, Friend of sinners, we confess anew our need of Your forgiveness: we have thought ourselves great when we were small; we have thought ourselves right when we were wrong; our devotion for You has been divided; our love for our neighbors has been halfhearted. Forgive us, Lamb of God, for these and all our sins, and purify us that we may praise You and live for You, now and forever."

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Assurance of the Gospel**

Romans 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

**\*Hymn of Response No. 303**

*Beneath The Cross*

ST. CHRISTOPHER

## Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

### ~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Offering and Special Music

Dallas Boovy

\*Scripture Reading

Luke 19:1-10

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Sermon

"The Journey to the Cross"

Eddie Spencer

### ~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Sending Song No. 212

*My Hope is Built*

SOLID ROCK

\*Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

*Are Ye Able*

Marlatt

\*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!



**The First Pres Women's Council has recently reviewed our Bereavement Meal Plan.** In the event of a death of a church member, four (4) Bereavement Groups are "on-call" to provide a meal or reception for the family. Group leaders will soon begin contacting their group members to confirm your participation. If you do not receive a call, please contact Sharon Cranford - (704) 796-5781. Thank you for helping us support our church family in times of grief!



## Project 24 NEW Update



**The Project 24 committee is working to line up contractors** to do the top two priorities, which are to replace the heating and air conditioning system for the Fellowship Hall/ Education Building and to improve the Fellowship Hall restroom. The team hopes to be able to share an estimated timeline for the work soon.

To date, we have raised approximately \$79,000 toward the \$100,000 to \$110,000 that is needed for the top two priorities.

If you are able, please prayerfully consider making a financial contribution to support this effort. You can contribute online through the church website or by placing a check with "Project 24" on the memo line in the offering plate. Thanks to all who have contributed.



**TEEN Girls (Middle & High School) Bible Study with Amelia Caskey will meet again, next Sunday, March 17, 2024.** Gather at 4:30pm for the Bible study: "Finding God Faithful: A Study on the Life of Joseph" and dinner. 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.

**Teen boys are invited to an outing at Jocko's Mini Golf next Sunday, March 17.** Meet at the church at 4:30pm. We will play a round of golf, then grab dinner, returning by 6:30pm.

**Sign up in the Narthex if you would like to go!**



**Join us for Game Night again on Friday, March 22nd from 6-8pm!**

We will have a variety of opportunities for you to learn and play games. Game night is a chance for all of us to be social and exercise our brain in a different and FUN way. Do you have a game that you love? Let Vickie Ellington know, or bring it and teach the group.

**If you need a ride, let Vickie know - (704) 706-4395.**

# JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Please make plans to participate in our church's Holy Week and Easter celebrations, coming soon!



**This Wednesday, March 13 and Wednesday, March 20, at 6:30 pm,** you are invited to special Lenten worship services in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we reflect on Jesus' sacrifice and the hope we have in Him.



**We will sing "Hosanna" and wave our palm branches on Palm Sunday, March 24, at 11:00am.** Special musical guests and our PraiseMakers youth choir will add to our worship service.



**Our Maundy Thursday Service will be held on March 28th at 6:30pm.** We will mark Jesus' last meal with His disciples as, together, we partake of the Lord's Supper in remembrance of Him.



**Kannapolis First Baptist has invited us to a CrossWalk on Good Friday, March 29th at 4pm.**

The walk will take place around the Research Campus "horseshoe". We will travel through several stations, remembering Christ's life, death, and resurrection in readings and songs.



**Children and youth are invited to an Easter "Egg"stravaganza on Saturday, March 30 at 10am .**

We will celebrate Jesus with games, crafts, and an egg hunt, followed by lunch on the church grounds. Sign up in the Narthex or on our website ([www.firstpresb.org](http://www.firstpresb.org)) by Wednesday, March 27.



**CELEBRATE EASTER SUNDAY WITH US!**

**Holy Week culminates with our Easter Sunday Resurrection Service on March 31 at 11am.**

We will praise our triune God with special music and the flowering of the cross during our worship service.



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

Our greatest needs are: men's jeans sizes 28, 30 and 32; men's shoes; and children's shoes in good condition, any size.

**We are also accepting spring and summer clothes for all.**

If you want to volunteer, please see Cindy Devoe.

## **Thank you to all who have donated to the First Pres**

**Blessing Fence! Current needs:** 1 & 2.5 gallon storage bags and small sealable plastic containers (to hold shampoo and conditioner) **Please see Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help!**



## **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
- Elizabeth Arcos - recovery from pneumonia
- Hank Cranford - health concerns
- Debra Dandro - continuing treatments for cancer
- Bob Faust - health concerns

### **FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY**

- Lisa Threatt - (mother of Chariti Lowder) - upcoming brain surgery on March 20
- Sheena Allen (Wren Philpot's daughter-in-law) - cancer treatments
- Ronnie Earl - tumor on vocal chords
- Charlotte Green (friend of Matt & Brooke Beam) - 8 month old with blood cancer
- Bruce Pruett (Terri's husband) - health concerns
- John DeVoe (Cindy's husband) - health concerns
- Teresa Porter (Scarlett Porter's grandmother) - recovery from knee surgery
- Tim Rubin (Ila Ortega's grandfather) - kidney disease
- Alan West (father of a friend of Chariti Lowder's) - acute rehab
- Tommy Walker (Ryan Walker's dad) - surgery to remove liver carcinoma on 3/14
- Barbara Coffey (Judy Hunter's friend) - cancer
- Terry Rainey (father of Walkers' friend) - cancer treatments
- Callie DiSibio (Jason & Lindsay Leece's niece) - 4 yr old recovering from open heart surgery
- Buddie & Alice Troutman (friends of Judy Hammond) - continued health concerns
- Mike Allen (father of Bargers' daughter-in-law, Michelle) - 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, March 10

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

10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service

## Tuesday, March 12

11:00am - 2:00 pm Linda's Closet  
12:00pm - NA  
6:30pm - Session

## Wednesday, March 13

6:00pm - Journey Youth Music Ministry  
6:30pm - Lenten Worship Service  
In the Fellowship Hall

## Thursday, March 14

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

## Friday, March 15

5:30 pm - Agape Chinese Baptist  
Church Stream Fellowship

## Saturday, March 16

6:00pm - Women Without Reservations  
to Aspire Women's Event

## Next Sunday, March 17

9:30am - Morning Coffee  
- GraceFull Movements Dance  
Rehearsal  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service  
4:30pm - Teen Girls' Dinner/Bible Study  
- Teen Boys Outing

## SERVANTS

**Elder Lock-Up:** Dave Ellington

**Children's Message Next Week:** Jenna  
Baker

**Children's Church:** Dave & Jane Argabrite

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

**Acolytes:** Scarlett Porter & Ingrid Townsend

**Acolytes next week:** Michael Herbst &  
Caylin Lowder

**Nursery:** Sue Maiocchi

**Nursery next week:** Megan Quigg

**Ushers:** John Hammond, Tony Hunter, Amy  
Hurst, Chris Lowder

**Ushers next week:** Mike Lowder Sam  
McAllister, Mal McDaniel, Jill McLain

**Greeters:** Lynn Sechler & Debbie McDaniel

## FINANCIALS

### FOR FEBRUARY

**YTD Income** \$39,203.98

**YTD Expenses** \$46,628.68

**YTD Budget** \$52,793.34

**Last week's attendance:** 3/3/2024

**Worship AM - 106**

**Sunday School - 67**

# 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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