

Welcome

First Presbyterian Church, Kannapolis

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

~ Gathering Before the Word ~

Welcome

Eddie Spencer

Prelude and Preparation

What Wondrous Love

Melanie Freeman, cello; Kay Yates, piano

Lighting of the Candles

Michael Herbst & Caylin Lowder

Call to Worship

Hebrews 12:1-3

Leader: “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

All: And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

Leader: For the joy set before Him, He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

All: Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

*Hymn of Praise No. 695

And Can It Be

SAGINA

*Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and Merciful God, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have too often followed the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit that we might truly love You and our neighbor. It’s in the name of Jesus our Redeemer we pray.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

Acts 4:12

“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

*Hymn of Response No. 682

Before the Throne of God Above

Bancroft

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word With Our Children

Jenna Baker

Offering and Special Music

Watts/Mason, arr. McDonald

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Chancel Choir

***Scripture Reading**

Matthew 27:11-14

Page 987

Sermon

“The Journey to the Cross”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Sending Song

An Easter Hallelujah

Mooney/Cohen/Gunther

Joe Morris, tenor, with PraiseMakers

***Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude

More About Jesus

Sweney

*All who are able, please stand
CCLI# 2221136

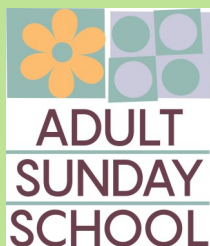
welcome

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.

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!



Join us for a combined, adult Sunday School on April 7 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. The Outreach Foundation's Executive Director, Rev. Dr. Mark Mueller, and Director of Communications, Jeremy Churchill, will share information about this global mission and how First Presbyterian can get involved.
The Outreach Foundation is an ECO ministry partner.



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 \$80,000 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.



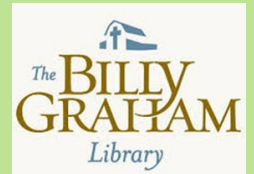
Join us for GAME NIGHT

THIS Friday, March 22nd from 6-8pm!

We will have a variety of opportunities for you to learn and play games. 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.**



The JOY Group is going to the Billy Graham Library on Friday, April 5th. We will meet at church at 10am and eat lunch at the Dairy Bar on the library grounds. **Plan to join us and sign up in the Narthex.**



Egg & Produce Market Spring Clothing Giveaway Set up, Fri, April 12

Market/Giveaway, Saturday, April 13



Feeding Kannapolis Hunger will host an Egg & Produce Market at First Pres on Saturday, April 13 from 10am -12pm. **Volunteers are needed** to prep the Market on Friday, April 12, beginning at 6pm, and serve during the Market on Saturday, beginning at 9am.



Linda's Closet will also host a Spring Clothing Giveaway on Saturday, April 13. **Volunteers are needed** to sort clothes, move displays outside the morning of the event, escort guests to and from the closet, and assist shoppers.

Sign up in the Narthex or see Cindy DeVoe to volunteer.

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Join us for our church's Holy Week and Easter celebrations, continuing this week!



This Wednesday, March 20, at 6:30 pm, you are invited to a special Lenten worship service 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) 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.



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

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

- Phil Smith - recovery from surgery
- Natalie Burleson - loss of brother-in-law
- Hank Cranford - health concerns
- Debra Dandro - continuing treatments for cancer
- Bob Faust - in hospital
- Ronnie Earl - tumor on vocal chords
- Dawn Cavin - broken shoulder

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
- Charlotte Green (friend of Matt & Brooke Beam) - 5 year old with blood cancer
- 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 year old recovering from open heart surgery
- Buddy & Alice Troutman (friends of Judy Hammond) - continued health concerns
- Mike Allen (father of Bangers' daughter-in-law, Michelle) - cancer treatments

HOMEBOUND

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



This Week @ FIRST PRES

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

Monday, March 18

2:00 pm - Dorcas Circle

Tuesday, March 19

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

Wednesday, March 20

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

Thursday, March 21

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

Friday, March 22

5:30 pm - Agape Chinese Baptist Church Stream Fellowship
6:00 pm - Game Night in Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday - 10 Cents A Meal

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Dave Ellington

Children's Message: Jenna Baker

Children's Message Next Week: Acting Out

Children's Church: Chris & Chariti Lowder

Children's Church next week: David & Vickie Ellington

Acolytes: Michael Herbst & Caylin Lowder

Acolytes next week: Evie Sechler & Camryn Lowder

Nursery: Megan Quigg

Nursery next week: Judy Hunter

Ushers: Mike Lowder Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel, Jill McLain

Ushers next week: Phil McLain, Todd Pless, Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler

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: 3/10/2024

Worship AM - 83

Sunday School - 53

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



First Presbyterian Church • 201 Vance Street • Kannapolis, NC 28081
704-938-4623 • www.firstpresb.org