



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

How Great is Our God
Amanda DeVoe Haggist, soprano

Tomlin

Lighting of the Candles

Caylin Lowder & Abby Vriesema

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:24-29

Leader: This is the day which the Lord has made; Let's rejoice and be glad in it.

All: Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!

Leader: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord, we bless You.

All: The Lord is God, and He has made His light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession.

Leader: You are my God and I will praise You; You are my God and I will exalt You.

All: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

***Hymn of Praise No. 187**

Thine is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABAEUS

***Prayer of Adoration**

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.

***Song of Hope No. 361**

Because He Lives

RESURRECTION

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word With Our Children		Lydia Vriesema
Offering and Anthem	<i>I Am Life, I Am Love</i> Chancel Choir	McDonald
*Scripture Reading	John 11:17-27	Page 1063
Sermon	“Death of Death; Birth of Life”	Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Sending Song No. 227	<i>He is Lord</i>	Frey
-----------------------------	-------------------	------

***Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude	<i>Christ is Alive!</i>	Musica Sacre c. 1778
-----------------	-------------------------	----------------------

*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!



As our church family celebrates the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we also traditionally collect for our Good Samaritan Fund. This fund allows the church pastor and staff to assist those in need - both in our church and in our community. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in the ‘Good Samaritan Fund’ envelope, or mark your offering envelope ‘Good Samaritan Fund’.



GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATION
Next Sunday, April 14, the Gideons International will make a presentation during the Worship Service. Please make plans to join us for this time together!

Thank you to all who have supported Project 24.

To date, we have raised approximately **\$86,000** 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. Other potential improvements will be prioritized and worked after these two items.

If you wish to contribute financially, place a check with "Project 24" on the memo line in the offering plate, or give through the church website. Gifts of any size are greatly appreciated.



First Presbyterian is a sponsor of the Cabarrus Women's Center's 3rd annual Prayer Walk. This year's theme is "Steps of Faith." The "drop by" event will be held at Vietnam Veterans Park (760 Orphanage Road, Concord, NC 28027) on Saturday, April 13 from 10am-1pm. To register or for more information, visit <https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrsync/event/home.php?e=27120>

Thank you from Cabarrus Women's Center: First Presbyterian's ongoing support has made such a meaningful difference to the lives of the women and babies we serve. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. In our first quarter we were able to help a young couple connect to a well vetted Christian adoption agency to give their baby a stable Christian home. We also helped an abandoned teenager get into a maternity home. Instead of the regret of abortion, she now has accepted Jesus! She's learning life skills & on a trajectory of hope! Your support is creating direct impact and shining the light of Jesus! God bless, Jane.



Kannapolis Bible Teaching Association
Fundraising Banquet
Monday, May 6, 2024 at 6pm
at Shoe Show, Inc., 2201 Trinity Church Road
Please let Sam McAllister or Pastor Eddie know by
Sunday, April 21 if you would like to attend the banquet.



**Egg & Produce Market
Spring Clothing Giveaway
Set up, Fri, April 12
Saturday, April 13
Market 10am - 12pm**

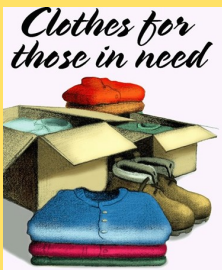


Clothing Giveaway 10am - 1pm

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, 10am-1pm. They will be setting up tables in the Pavilion, as well as, opening the closet. **"Strong" volunteers are needed Friday, April 12, 4-6pm to move tables, clothes racks and bins. Volunteers are also needed on Saturday** to set out clothes the morning of the event, escort guests to and from the closet, and assist shoppers. We are limiting guests to 6 at a time to avoid overcrowding.



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



**Join us for a
Party in the Pavilion!**

On Saturday, May 4, First Pres will host a **community block party** complete with a hot dog cookout, popcorn, cotton candy and a family-friendly movie! Festivities will start at 6pm.

Sign up in the Narthex or on our website. But we also need your help! Please see Michelle Walker if you can lend a hand. Then spread the word with friends, family, and others in the community!

**Ladies, Save the Date for an
Afternoon Tea Party**

Saturday, May 18 at 2:00pm

Guest Speaker: Josephine Haynes

Join us for delicious food, great fellowship, and fun!





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!

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

- Hank Cranford - health concerns
- Debra Dandro - continuing treatments for cancer
- Bob Faust - in hospital

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Lisa Threatt (mother of Chariti Lowder) - recovery from brain surgery
- Tony Wilson's family (Judy Hammon's cousin) - loss of Tony
- Sheena Allen (Wren Philpot's daughter-in-law) - cancer treatments
- Alan West (father of a friend of Chariti Lowder's) - health concerns
- Sam Dunn (Dave Argabrite's cousin) - lung cancer
- Melissa Kirshner (Dave Argabrite's cousin's niece) - mom of newborn and has breast cancer
- Barbara Coffey (Judy Hunter's friend) - stage 4 cancer
- Terry Rainey (father of Walkers' friend) - cancer progressing
- Buddy & Alice Troutman (friends of Judy Hammond) - health concerns

HOMEBOUND

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



This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, April 7

9:30am - Morning Coffee & Fellowship
Breakfast
- GraceFull Movements Dance
Rehearsal
10:00am - Adult Sunday School
w/The Outreach Foundation
11:00am - Worship Service
4:30pm - Teen Girls' Bible Study &
Dinner

Tuesday, April 9

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

Thursday, April 11

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

Friday, April 12

4:00pm - Linda's Closet Prep
5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist
Church Stream Fellowship
6:00pm - Feeding Kannapolis Hunger
Market Prep

Saturday, April 13

9:00am - Market/Closet set up
10am-1pm - Feeding Kannapolis
Hunger Market & Linda's
Closet Giveaway

Next Sunday, April 14

9:30am - Morning Coffee & Fellowship
- GraceFull Movements Dance
Rehearsal
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service w/Gideons

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Chris Lowder

Children's Message: Lydia Vriesema

Children's Message Next Week: Alpha
Barger

Children's Church: Michelle Walker & Lydia
Vriesema

Children's Church next week: Debbie
McDaniel & Jenny Sparks

Acolytes: Caylin Lowder & Abby Vriesema

Acolytes next week: Scarlett Porter & Ingrid
Townsend

Nursery: Katherine Vriesema

Nursery next week: Jenna Baker

Ushers: Mark Goodnight, John Hammond,
Tony Hunter, Chris Lowder

Ushers next week: Amy Hurst, Mike Lowder,
Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel

Greeters: Sue Maiocchi & Jeff Barnhardt

FINANCIALS

FOR MARCH

YTD Income \$68,190.43

YTD Expenses \$72,348.47

YTD Budget \$79,190.01

Last week's attendance: 3/31/2024

Worship AM - 199

Sunday School - 71

