



FRUIT of the SPIRIT

Galatians 5:22-23

Welcome

First Presbyterian Church

Kannapolis, North Carolina

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

~ **Gathering Before the Word** ~

Welcome

Eddie Spencer

Prelude Hymn No. 526

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Doerksen

Lighting of the Candles

Scarlett Porter & Ingrid Townsend

Call to Worship

Matthew 22:35-39

Leader: One of them, an expert in the law, tested Him with this question:

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

All: Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

***Hymn of Praise No. 223**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

***Prayer of Adoration**

Prayer of Confession

“Ever faithful and most gracious Father, You promise blessing to those who trust You without the aid of sight. Yet we confess losing our battle with unbelief regularly. Forgive us for doubting Your provision, promises, and plan. Pardon us for the times that we have faced our trials with cowardice and not courage, with fickleness and not faith. Grant us to discover anew in Jesus’ death and resurrection the reality, immensity, and assurance of Your love. For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Assurance of the Gospel

Romans 4:25-5:1

“Jesus was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Moment for Missions

John Garver,
Gideons International

***Songs of Worship**

Concerns and Celebrations of our Church Family

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word With Our Children

Alpha Barger

Offering & Special Music *More and More Like Jesus* Rev FC Barnes & Co.

***Scripture Reading**

Galatians 5:22-25

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Sermon

“Fruit of the Spirit”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Sending Song

If I Could Have Anything

House Fires

***Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude

*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!

Today we welcome Jaazaniah Salehm as our guest worship leader. He is a sophomore at Catawba College studying Worship Music and Production.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by the Kannapolis Gideons. We are also pleased to welcome Gideons International representative, John Garver, to our worship service this morning. Mr. Garver and John Roberson will be in the Narthex immediately following the worship service if you would like more information on this organization. If you feel led to contribute to the mission of the Gideons, please place your check (made to First Presbyterian) or donation in the offering plate, designated for "Gideons."

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST COVENANT PARTNERS!



Ruth Wilmore comes to First Presbyterian from Bethpage United Presbyterian Church, USA. Ruth grew up in church in South Carolina. That upbringing has led her to keep God in her heart and in her mind. And God has always been there for Ruth, even when she has stepped away from Him. Ruth has one living son and two grandchildren. She has worked in housekeeping at several locations throughout Cabarrus County, including Hospice, Big Elm, Terry Products, and Carolina

Interiors. Ruth enjoys sewing and walking. She found First Presbyterian after going through a difficult season following the death of her eldest son to cancer in 2020. Here, she desires to worship honestly, love the people around her, and grow in her relationship with God – ultimately following His will in her life.



Joseph Eric Cowan joins First Presbyterian through re-affirmation of his faith. Having been baptized in Yadkin County and grown up in the Baptist denomination, Eric once served as an officer of the church. While he acknowledges having gone astray in his walk, Eric is also confident that God has a plan for his life. He has “surrendered all” to the Lord, deciding to accept God’s will and listen to God’s voice. Eric is a father of one and grandfather of two. He enjoys mini golf, singing, chess, smooth

jazz, fishing, fellowshiping, and NA, where he has taken on a leadership role. Eric is honored to be a “servant” here at First Pres.



Thank you to all who have supported Project 24.

To date, we have raised approximately **\$88,000** 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.



A meal train is being set up for the Caskey Family following Adam’s surgery. Please use the link in the Thursday email to sign up or see Renee Goodnight.



Nominations for the office of Elder are now being accepted! Nomination forms may be found in your bulletin or in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider nominees, complete a form, and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by Sunday, April 28. See Tony Rary or Donnie Swaringen for more information.



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



Saturday, April 27th will be a workday in the playground/fenced area. Dirt will be brought in to smooth some rough areas, and landscaping will be done around the Pavilion. We will also cover the dirt with grass seed and straw. Please bring work gloves, shovels, rakes, bush trimmers, and wheelbarrows. Work will begin at 1:00pm.

Thank you to all who volunteered and served at the Feeding Kannapolis Hunger/Linda's Closet Event yesterday! Special thanks to Jenna Baker and Sue Maiocchi for coordinating the Market, as well as, Cindy Devoe, Kay McAllister, Susan Thomas, Pat Polubinsky, and all the Linda's Closet helpers!



Join us for a Party in the Pavilion!

On Saturday, **May the Fourth**, First Pres will host a community block party complete with a hot dog cookout, family movie night, popcorn, treats, and kids' crafts! Festivities will start at 6pm. Sign up in the Narthex or on our website. We also need your help! **Please see Michelle Walker if you can lend a hand.** Then spread the word - posters and postcards are in the Narthex. Don't miss the fun - it's going to be a **Galactic Night** under the **Stars!**

First Presbyterian Women's Council presents an "Afternoon Tea". Join us Saturday, May 18th at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for delicious food, an inspiring message, and great fellowship. Our guest speaker will be Josephine Haynes, and local vendors will be featured in our tea time. Sign up in the Narthex or via the link on our website by Sunday, May 12!





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!



Linda's Closet will not be open to the public on Tuesday, April 16th to allow for reorganizing after the Spring Clothing Giveaway.

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
- Frank Gibson - recovery from heart procedure
- Adam Caskey - recovery from hernia surgery
- Debra Dandro - continuing treatments for cancer
- Bob Faust - recovery from gallbladder surgery

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Lisa Threatt (mother of Chariti Lowder) - recovery from brain surgery
- Tony Wilson's family (Judy Hammond'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
- Family of Terry Rainey (father of Walkers' friend) - loss of Terry
- 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 - Big Elm



take a
moment
to pray for
someone
today.

This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, April 14

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

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service with Gideons International

Monday, April 15

2:00pm - Dorcas Circle of Hope

Tuesday, April 16

12:00pm - NA

Thursday, April 18

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study

12:00pm - NA

Friday, April 19

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist Church Stream Fellowship

Next Sunday, April 21

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

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

2:30pm - Baker Family in Pavilion

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Chris Lowder

Children's Message: Alpha Barger

Children's Message Next Week: Roxanne Spencer

Children's Church: Debbie McDaniel & Jenny Sparks

Children's Church next week: Jenna Baker & Amelia Caskey

Acolytes: Scarlett Porter & Ingrid Townsend

Acolytes next week: Landon & Noah Walker

Nursery: Jenna Baker

Nursery next week: Sharon Stricker & Amelia Caskey

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

Ushers next week: Jill McLain, Phil McLain, Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler

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: 4/7/2024

Worship AM - 115

Sunday School - 77

