



**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.**

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~ **Gathering Before the Word** ~

**Welcome**

Eddie Spencer

**Prelude and Preparation**

Dallas Boovy

**Lighting of the Candles**

Landon & Noah Walker

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 95:1-3;6-7

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.

**All: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.**

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

**All: For He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 599**    *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

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**\*Prayer of Adoration and the 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**

“Holy God and Father, we are Your redeemed people, yet at times we refuse to live in the freedom that is ours in Christ. We are Your loved people, yet we spurn You by our desires for other loves. You call us to obedience, yet we question You and Your ways. Therefore, we repent and ask Your forgiveness for the travesty of our rebellion against You. Cleanse us with the blood of Your Son, which was shed for us. Show us how to build our lives on the only sure foundation, Jesus Christ our Savior. It is in His matchless name we pray.”

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Assurance of the Gospel**

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**\*Hymn of Joy** *In the Garden* Miles  
(see insert)

## Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

### ~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

**Word With Our Children** Roxanne Spencer  
**Doxology No. 965** OLD HUNREDTH  
**Offering and Special Music** *Take My Mother Home* Johnson  
Joe Morris, tenor  
**\*Scripture Reading** John 2:1-11 Page 1050  
**Sermon** "Fruit of Joy" Eddie Spencer

### ~ Responding to the Word of God ~

**Sending Song No. 365** *I Serve a Risen Savior* ACKLEY  
**\*Prayer and Benediction**  
**Postlude** *Jesus is All the World To Me* Thompson

\*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.

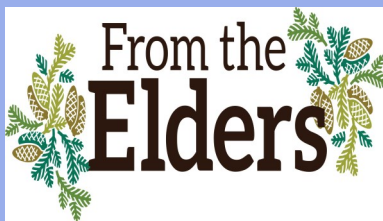
**Children's Church** is available for children 4 years through 2nd grade. After the "Word with our Children," they will be escorted to their classroom in the Church Nursery.

**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!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST COVENANT PARTNERS



**Cecil and Kathy Cress** join First Pres via letter of transfer from Mt. Zion United Church of Christ. The Cresses have three adult children and 5 grandchildren. They own Cress Electric Company, where Cecil is a licensed electrical contractor and Kathy is an administrator. Cecil was raised at Mt. Zion, while Kathy grew up in the Presbyterian church. After they married, Kathy joined Mt. Zion. Both were active in the life of the church – Cecil as Deacon and committee member; Kathy in the handbell choir, women’s circle, and children’s Sunday School. Cecil was drawn to First Presbyterian by its strong pastoral leadership and friendly congregation. Kathy appreciates the solid Biblical teaching and yearns for a stronger relationship with the Lord. Cecil enjoys fishing, gardening, and sports. Kathy loves spending time at the beach, boating, shopping, reading, cooking, and being a grandmother. Please welcome the Cresses!



**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.

### 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.



### First Presbyterian will once again partner with

**Kimball Lutheran** for Samaritan’s Table on Thursday, May 9 at 5 pm. Volunteers prep to-go meals at First Pres, then help hand them out in a drive-thru at Kimball. See Phil McLain if you are willing to help!



**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.

**The Kannapolis Bible Teaching Association 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 **TODAY, Sunday, April 21** if you would like to attend the banquet.



**South Rowan Bible Teaching Association is holding their annual Drive Thru Dinner** on Thursday, May 9th from 4-7pm at First Reformed Church in Landis. The price is \$14 each. The dinner consists of half of a bbq chicken, baked beans, slaw, roll and dessert. If you would like to purchase a ticket, see Michelle Walker or stop by the church office no later than Thursday, May 2nd. No tickets will be sold the day of the event.



**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 crafts for kids! Festivities will start at 6pm. Sign up in the Narthex or on our website. We 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 is open on Tuesdays from 11am-2pm.** If you would like to volunteer to serve with Linda's closet, please see Cindy DeVoe!

### **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 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
- 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 21

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

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

2:30 pm - Baker Family in Pavilion

## Tuesday, April 23

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

12:00pm - NA

## Thursday, April 25

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study

12:00pm - NA

## Friday, April 26

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist Church Stream Fellowship

## Saturday, April 27

8:30am - Spring Presbytery Gathering at Huntersville Presbyterian

1 :00pm - Playground Area Work Day

## Next Sunday, April 28

### 10 Cents A Meal

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

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

## SERVANTS

**Elder Lock-Up:** Chris Lowder

**Children's Message:** Roxanne Spencer

**Children's Message Next Week:** Michelle Walker

**Children's Church:** Jenna Baker & Amelia Caskey

**Children's Church next week:** Sue Maiocchi & Megan Quigg

**Acolytes:** Landon & Noah Walker

**Acolytes next week:** Evie Sechler & Camryn Lowder

**Nursery:** Sharon Stricker & Amelia Caskey

**Nursery next week:** Chariti Lowder

**Ushers:** Jill McLain, Phil McLain, Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler

**Ushers next week:** Phil Smith, Pam Hooks, Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt

**Greeters:** Sue Maiocchi & Jeff Barnhardt

## FINANCIALS

### FOR MARCH

**YTD Income** \$68,190.43

**YTD Expenses** \$72,348.47

**YTD Budget** \$79,190.01

