



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 and Preparation

Dallas Boovy, piano

Lighting of the Candles

Evie Sechler & Camryn Lowder

Call to Worship 1 Chronicles 16:26-28; Habakkuk 3:17-18; Romans 15:13

Leader: For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and joy are in His dwelling place.

All: Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Leader: Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

All: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

***Hymn of Praise No. 604**

To God be the Glory

Crosby

***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.”

Responsive Reading on Joy

Zephaniah 3:17; Ps. 126:5-6;

Is.55:12; Ps. 71:23; John. 15:11; Philemon 1:7; Ps. 16:11; Romans 14:17

Leader: The Lord Your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves.

He will take great delight in you; in His love He will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.

All: Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

Leader: You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before You and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

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.

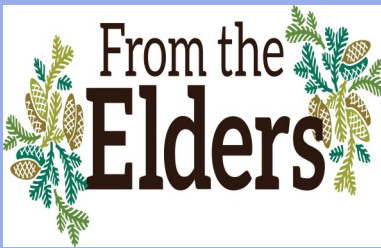
Children's Church is available for children 4 years through 2nd grade. After the "Word with our Children," they will be escorted to their classroom in the Church Nursery.

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!



This Sunday marks our monthly 10 Cents-a-Meal collection!

Children will be in the Narthex immediately following worship to accept your donations. These offerings are divided between Compassion International (we sponsor 3 children through this organization) and Cabarrus Meals on Wheels.



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 **TODAY 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 **\$97,000** 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.



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 by **TODAY, April 28th**.

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 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!



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. We are starting to restock the Closet with spring and summer clothes and are in need of men's and women's shorts, all sizes! Donations can be left in the box outside the church office or you can stop by and see us on Tuesday.



First Presbyterian, I would like to thank each of you that had me in your thoughts & prayers. My surgery was a success no doubt because of all the prayers prayed for me. I also appreciate all the cards I received. Thank you. Lisa Threatt

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
- Judy Goodnight - upcoming treatments
- Eric Cowan - mom is in hospice in Winston Salem
- Adam Caskey - recovery from hernia surgery
- Debra Dandro - completed treatments and awaiting surgery

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Tony Wilson's family (Judy Hammond's cousin) - loss of Tony
- Sheena Allen (Wren Philpot's daughter-in-law) - two more chemo treatments
- Alan West (father of a friend of Chariti Lowder's) - stable and in long term facility
- Sam Dunn (Dave Argabrite's cousin) - lung cancer
- Barbara Coffey (Judy Hunter's friend) - stage 4 cancer
- Buddy & Alice Troutman (friends of Judy Hammond) - health concerns

HOMEBOUND

- Shirley Faust - Morningside
- Bob Faust - Accordius Health in Concord
- Barbara Hancock - Home
- Iris Efird - Home
- Loretta Young - Five Oaks
- Randy Childers - Big Elm



This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, April 28

10 Cents A Meal

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

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

Tuesday, April 30

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

12:00pm - NA

Thursday, May 2

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study

12:00pm - NA

Friday, May 3

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist
Church Stream Fellowship

Saturday, May 4

6:00pm - Party in the Pavilion!

Next Sunday, May 5

9:30am - Morning Coffee
- Acting Out & PraiseMakers
Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Chris Lowder

Children's Message: Michelle Walker

Children's Message Next Week: Acting Out

Children's Church: Sue Maiocchi & Megan
Quigg

Children's Church next week: Lynn Efird &
Lydia Vriesema

Acolytes: Evie Sechler & Camryn Lowder

Acolytes next week: Caylin Lowder & Abby
Vriesema

Nursery: Chariti Lowder

Nursery next week: Vickie Ellington

Ushers: Phil Smith, Pam Hooks, Ryan
Walker, Jeff Barnhardt

Ushers next week: Mark Goodnight, John
Hammond, Tony Hunter, Amy Hurst

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: 4/21/2024

Worship AM - 104

Sunday School - 66

SERMON NOTES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION - ACTIVE ELDERS

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| 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 | | |

