



*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**

*Morning Has Broken*

Gaelic Melody

Patrick Deese, flute; Abigail Malinovsky, clarinet; Kay Yates, piano

**Lighting of the Candles**

Michael Herbst & Landon Walker

**Call to Worship**

Ephesians 2:14,15,16-18

Leader: For He Himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.

**All: His purpose was to create in Himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which He put to death their hostility.**

Leader: He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.

**All: For through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 590**

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
(verses 1-4)

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**\*Prayer of Adoration and 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. 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

Ezekiel 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit in you and move you to follow My decrees and be careful to keep My laws.

## Song of Response No. 777

*God is So Good*

Traditional

## Celebration of Mothers

First Pres Youth

## \*Hymn of Celebration

*Faith of Our Mothers*  
(see insert, v. 2-4)

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## ~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

**Offering and Special Music** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Traditional  
Patrick Deese, flute; Abigail Malinovsky, clarinet; Kay Yates, piano

## \*Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:4-9

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## Sermon

“Fruit of Peace”

Eddie Spencer

## ~ Responding to the Word of God ~

## Sending Song

*There's Within My Heart a Melody*  
Chancel Choir  
(see insert, v. 1,4,5)

Bridges

## \*Prayer and Benediction

## Postlude

*Wonderful Peace*

Cooper

\*All who are able, please stand.

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**Happy Mother's Day to all the women of our church, whether biological or spiritual mothers!**

To express our appreciation for the many ways you share God's love, our youth will be in the Narthex immediately following the worship service with a flower for you.

**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!

## Project 24 Update

**Work is scheduled to begin this coming Monday, May 13,** to install new heating and air conditioning units for the third floor of the Education building! After the third floor is finished, workers will install new heating and air for the Fellowship Hall.



This summer, improvements will be made to the restroom outside the Fellowship Hall including new floor covering, fixtures, and painting.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this project. To date, we have raised approximately **\$99,000** of the \$100,000 to \$110,000 that is needed to complete these top two priorities! Other potential improvements will be prioritized, scheduled, 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.



**PLEASE NOTE: The Women's Council "Afternoon Tea" scheduled for this Saturday, May 18, is postponed until the Fall. We will keep you updated.**



**Baby Bottle  
Boomerang**

**The Cabarrus Women's Center Baby Bottle Boomerang is back!** Beginning today, Mother's Day, May 12, baby bottles will be available in the Narthex for you to take. Fill the bottle with change or a donation (checks made to Cabarrus Women's Center), or ask others to contribute, and return the bottle by Father's Day, June 16. Thank you for your support of this life-affirming pregnancy support center!



**Next Sunday, May 19, we will celebrate Graduation**

**Sunday!** Fred Caskey, our graduating high school senior, will be honored during the worship service. A reception will also be held in his honor following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to attend and share your best wishes with Fred!



**This summer, Pastor Eddie will lead a combined adult summer Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall.** Throughout the summer, we will also host speakers from various mission agencies. The class will run from June 2 through September 1.

**On Sunday, June 9, Pam Smith with Cooperative Christian Ministry** will speak during our combined Adult Sunday School class. Pam will give us information on CCM's Capital Campaign and upcoming projects. Make plans to join us - breakfast will be served beginning at 9:30am!



**Youth Sunday will be Sunday, June 9!**

Our youth will lead the worship service in song, word, drama, and dance, while Pastor Eddie will bring us the message.

**Youth Sunday practices will be held as follows:**

Wednesday, May 15: Dinner at 5:30pm; Practice 6-7pm

Sundays, May 19 - June 9: 9:30am

Monday, May 20: Dinner at 5:30pm; Practice 6-7pm

Wednesday, June 5: Dinner at 5:30pm; Practice 6-7pm

**Saturday, June 8: "Dress" Rehearsal 10am-12pm, followed by lunch and Jocko's Mini Golf outing!**

**First Pres will host a "Neighborhood" VBS Friday - Sunday, June 21-23!** Not only will we invite our neighbors to join us, kids will learn *who* Jesus says our neighbor is and *why* that's important. Adults will learn with Pastor Eddie. Registration is available on our website - [firstpresb.org](http://firstpresb.org) - or by calling the church office. Volunteers will be needed, so see Michelle Walker if you can help!



**First Pres will have a group of tickets available for the Kannapolis CannonBallers game** on Friday, June 28th at 7pm. Tickets are \$12 each, which includes \$2 of Baller Bucks to spend in the stadium. Let Michelle Walker know if you are interested!



## 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 Tuesdays.

## 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:** Small (travel size) empty sealable plastic containers to hold shampoo and conditioner and ball caps, bandanas, small bottles of water, and sunscreen.

**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 - hospital with serious health concerns
- Judy Goodnight - upcoming treatments
- Susan Thomas - surgery for fractured femur and infection
- Bob Faust - surgery for lesion on back
- Eric Cowan - mom is in hospice care 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) - chemo treatments
- Alan West (father of a friend of Chariti Lowder's) - remains in hospital
- 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
- Barbara Hancock - Home
- Iris Efird - Home
- Loretta Young - Five Oaks
- Randy Childers - Big Elm



# This Week @ FIRST PRES

## Sunday, May 12

### Happy Mother's Day!

9:30am - Morning Coffee  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service

## Tuesday, May 14

11:00am - 2:00pm - Linda's Closet  
12:00pm - NA  
6:45pm - Missions Team

## Wednesday, May 15

5:30pm - Youth Dinner  
6:00pm - Youth Sunday Rehearsal

## Thursday, May 16

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

## Friday, May 17

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist  
Church Stream Fellowship

## Next Sunday, May 19

9:30am - Morning Coffee  
Youth Sunday Rehearsal  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service

## SERVANTS

**Elder Lock-Up:** Jeff Barnhardt

**Children's Message:** Youth Honor Moms

**Children's Message Next Week:** Acting Out

**Children's Church:** Michelle Walker & Carol Lowder

**Children's Church next week:** Roxanne Spencer & Katherine Vriesema

**Acolytes:** Michael Herbst & Landon Walker

**Acolytes next week:** Camryn Lowder & Noah Walker

**Nursery:** Jenny Sparks

**Nursery next week:** Debbie McDaniel

**Ushers:** Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel

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

**Greeters:** Tony Rary, Renee Goodnight

## FINANCIALS

### FOR APRIL

**YTD Income** \$ 86,077.38

**YTD Expenses** \$ 95,976.03

**YTD Budget** \$105,586.68

**Last week's attendance: 5/5/2024**

**Worship AM - 120**

**Sunday School - 59**

# 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**

