



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 and Preparation

Lighting of the Candles

Camryn Lowder & Noah Walker

Call to Worship

Psalm 37:7; Romans 12:12; Ephesians 4:2;
Proverbs 15:18; 1 Corinthians 13:4; Jeremiah 29:11

Leader: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him;

All: Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Leader: Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

All: A hot-tempered person stirs up conflict, but the one who is patient calms a quarrel.

Leader: Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

All: For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

***Hymn of Praise No. 737**

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

ADELAIDE

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, who has ascended to the right hand of God to make intercession for us, have mercy upon us, for we have sinned against You and have done that which is evil in Your sight. Forgive our foolishness and our hard-heartedness. Cleanse us from our sin and renew a right spirit within us, that we might worship and serve You aright as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, now and forevermore.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

Isaiah 57:15

For this is what the High and Exalted One says - He who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite."

Song of Response No. 322

I Need Thee Every Hour

NEED

Celebration of Graduation

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word With Our Children		Acting Out Drama Ministry
Offering and Special Music	<i>Come Magnify</i>	Ingram/Nockels/Nockels
*Scripture Reading	James 5:7-12	Page 1199
Sermon	“Fruit of Patience”	Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Sending Song No. 749	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	IVERSON
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*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!

Please welcome our guest musicians, Sarah Bailey Wooten and Amy Hicks! Sarah Bailey is the Bible History teacher at West Rowan High School. Amy is the Bible History teacher at Central Cabarrus High School. They both also serve on the Senior Staff of Ambassador Christian Camp in Lake Waccamaw, NC - Sarah Bailey as the director and Amy as the Worship Team Leader. We appreciate them sharing their amazing talents and leading us in worship today!

TODAY, we will celebrate Graduation Sunday!



Fred Caskey graduated *summa cum laude* from Great-heart Christian Academy on May 18. He also attended Pathway Christian Cooperative for three years. Fred plans to earn his Associates Degree in Engineering from Rowan-Cabarrus Community College before transferring to a four year university through the College Transfer Program. He has been a year-round, competitive swimmer for over eight years with Sailfish Aquatics and is a Junior Coach for both Sailfish Aquatics and the Northwest Tigersharks Summer League. Fred lifeguards at both the YMCA and Northwest Swim Club. Besides swimming, he enjoys hunting, golfing, piano, and spending time with his church family. He is very glad to continue being a part of First Presbyterian Church after graduation. Fred is the son of Adam and Tracy Caskey and brother to Amelia and Toby. His maternal grandparents are Lee and Lynn Efird of Kannapolis; his paternal grandparents are Ralph and Susan Caskey of Cincinnati. He is the great grandson of Iris Efird and great-great nephew of Jean Bost, both dedicated members of First Pres Church.

Please join us for a reception in Fred's honor immediately following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

These church members are also celebrating graduations from continuing education:



Emma Sechler graduated *cum laude* from Appalachian State University on May 10 with a Bachelor of Science degree. She majored in Communications Sciences and Disorders, with a minor in Psychology. At Appalachian, Emma was active in the Kappa Delta Sorority. Her future plans include a break from school next year before she pursues a Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy. Emma is the daughter of Lynn and Shannon Sechler, and sister to Elizabeth, Ella, and Evie. Her maternal grandparents are Steve and Judy Goodnight. Her paternal grandmother is Betty Sechler.



Lauren and Matthew Pless each received graduate degrees this year. Lauren was awarded her Juris Doctorate from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill School of Law. She plans to practice law in the Triangle area. Matthew received his Master of Science in Analytics from Georgia Tech. He will continue to work for SAS as an AI engineer.

Congratulations to all our graduates in the Class of 2024!

Upcoming Events



Baby Bottle Boomerang

The Cabarrus Women's Center Baby Bottle Boomerang is back! Baby bottles are 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!



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:

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 - 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!



Join us on Wednesday, June 12 for a Night of Service at Lifeline Christian Mission in

Concord! Our goal is to pack 2,592 dried veggies & rice meals, which equals 12 boxes of meals. At least part of those

meals will be given to Feeding Kannapolis Hunger for distribution in our area. The Missions Team will provide pizza and drinks at 6pm, and the packing will start at 6:30pm. **Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, June 9 if you wish to serve, as space is limited. All ages are invited to serve!**

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.

We have the opportunity to love on three of our members with supper: Susan Thomas as she recuperates from surgery and Judy & Steve Goodnight as Judy receives her new treatment protocol. **See the church email for links to sign up to help.** Restaurant gift cards will also work. Sincerest appreciation to Tony Sherrill & John Hammond and their Wednesday night suppers that will be part of the meal support. Cards and text would be appreciated too!

CHURCH FAMILY

- Hank Cranford - moved to Pruitt Health in Harrisburg
- Judy Goodnight - cancer treatments began this past week
- Susan Thomas - recovery from leg injury
- Bob Faust - recovery from surgery for bed sore
- Linda Bost - recovery from Shingles and fall
- Debra Dandro - surgery on Tuesday
- Betty Sechler - health concerns

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- 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 19

Graduation Sunday!

9:30am - Morning Coffee
Youth Sunday Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

12:00pm - Graduation Reception in
Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 20

2:00pm - Dorcas Circle of Hope

5:30pm - Youth Dinner

6:00pm - Youth Sunday Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 21

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

12:00pm - NA

Thursday, May 23

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study

12:00pm - NA

Friday, May 24

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist
Church Stream Fellowship

Next Sunday, May 26

10 Cents A Meal

9:30am - Morning Coffee
Youth Sunday Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Jeff Barnhardt

Children's Message: Acting Out

Children's Message Next Week: Amelia
Caskey

Children's Church: Roxanne Spencer &
Katherine Vriesema

Children's Church next week: Tracy &
Amelia Caskey

Acolytes: Camryn Lowder & Noah Walker

Acolytes next week: Scarlett Porter &
Ingrid Townsend

Nursery: Debbie McDaniel

Nursery next week: Roxanne Spencer

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

Ushers next week: Ryan Walker, Jeff
Barnhardt, Amy Hurst, Mark Goodnight

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: 5/12/2024

Worship AM - 128

Sunday School - 78

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

