



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

Patriotic Melody

Ogletree

Lighting of the Candles

Scarlett Porter & Ingrid Townsend

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-7

Leader: I will exalt You, my God the King; I will praise Your name forever and ever. Every day I will praise You and extol Your name forever and ever.

All: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends Your works to another; they tell of Your mighty acts.

Leader: They speak of the glorious splendor of Your majesty and I will meditate on Your wonderful works. They tell of the power of Your awesome works and I will proclaim Your great deeds.

All: They celebrate Your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of Your righteousness.

***Hymn of Praise No. 2**

O Worship the King

LYONS

Prayer of Adoration

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Celebration of Kindness

Galatians 5:22; Proverbs 11:17; Proverbs 19:17;
1 John 3:16-18; Ephesians 4:31,32

Leader: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness...

All: Those who are kind benefit themselves, but the cruel bring ruin on themselves

Leader: Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done.

All: This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

Leader: If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

Song of Response No. 17

Beautiful Savior

ST. ELIZABETH

Prayer for our Nation and the Nations

“Our fathers’ God! To Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing. Long may our land be bright, with freedom’s holy light. Protect us by Thy might, Great God our King.” (Stanza 4 of “My Country, Tis of Thee”)

~ **Proclaiming the Word of God** ~

Offering and Special Music

Requiem for a Soldier

Kamen

Joe Morris, tenor; Kay Yates, piano

***Scripture Reading**

Luke 10:25-37

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Sermon

“Fruit of Kindness”

Eddie Spencer

~ **Responding to the Word of God** ~

Sending No. 930

This Little Light of Mine

***Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude

God Bless America

Berlin

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!

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

Collection cans will be in the Narthex for your donation. These offerings are divided between Compassion International (we sponsor 3 children through this organization) and Cabarrus Meals on Wheels.



Thank you for your generosity to the Gideons International. Our congregation blessed them with a \$1,277 donation.

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 begin next Sunday, June 2, and run 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 26 - June 9: 9:30am

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!



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!**



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!



Work began Tuesday, May 21 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 \$99,855 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. Gifts of any size are greatly appreciated.



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!



Susan Thomas would like to express heartfelt appreciation to the congregation for the outpouring of love and support she has experienced following her hospitalization and surgery. All of the calls, cards, texts, prayers, and meals you have sent mean so much!

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
- Debra Dandro - recovering from surgery on Tuesday
- Melba Funderburk - knee surgery on June 10

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Sheena Allen (Wren Philpot's daughter-in-law) - chemo treatments
- Justin (Melba's grandson) - on call for a heart and kidney transplant
- Alan West (father of a friend of Chariti Lowder's) - moved to Pruitt Health
- Sam Dunn (Dave Argabrite's cousin) - lung cancer
- Bob Teal (friend of Steve Goodnight) - lung cancer
- Buddy & Alice Troutman (friends of Judy Hammond) - health concerns
- Barbara Moss (Betty Sechler's sister) - health concerns

HOMEBOUND

- Shirley Faust - Morningside
- Bob Faust - returned to Accordius under hospice care
- Barbara Hancock - Home
- Iris Efird - Home
- Loretta Young - Five Oaks
- Randy Childers - Big Elm



This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, May 26

10 Cents A Meal

9:30am - Morning Coffee

Youth Sunday Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

Monday, May 27

Happy Memorial Day!

Tuesday, May 28

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

12:00pm - NA

Thursday, May 30

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study

12:00pm - NA

Friday, May 31

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist

Church Stream Fellowship

Next Sunday, June 2

9:30am - Morning Coffee

Youth Sunday Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Jeff Barnhardt

Children's Message Next Week: Amelia Caskey

Children's Church: Tracy & Amelia Caskey

Children's Church next week: Chris & Chariti Lowder

Acolytes: Scarlett Porter & Ingrid Townsend

Acolytes next week: Caylin & Cierstyn Lowder

Nursery: Roxanne Spencer

Nursery next week: Megan Quigg

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

Ushers next week: John Hammond, Tony Hunter, Amy Hurst, Chris Lowder

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: 5/19/2024

Worship AM - 118

Sunday School - 77

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 | | |

