



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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Holden

Lighting of the Candles

Caylin & Cierstyn Lowder

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All: Gracious Father, giver of all good things: For Your initiating love and for Your unfailing mercy, we give You thanks.

Leader: Christ, our Redeemer: For Your sacrifice on the cross and for rising from death so that we might live, we give You thanks and praise.

All: Holy Spirit, giver of life: For Your abiding presence in our lives and for enabling power to live the Christian life, we give You thanks, praise, and glory.

Leader: O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: To You be glory and praise now and forever.

***Hymn of Praise No. 521**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who is to be worshiped, adored, trusted, and served, we confess that we, Your people, have often refused to gather under Your wings, but as rebellious children have sought freedom, joy, and refuge elsewhere. Please forgive our foolish pride, our wayward deeds, and our hard hearts. Restore to us the joy of our salvation and the purpose of our lives, that we may forever exalt Your Holy Name.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of the Gospel

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Hymn of Assurance No. 363

Blessed Assurance

Crosby

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word With Our Children		Amelia Caskey
Offering and Special Music	<i>Glorify Thy Name</i> Wyatt Newsome, piano	Adkins
*Scripture Reading	Galatians 5: 22-25	Page 1155
Sermon	“Fruit of Gentleness”	Eddie Spencer
Celebration of the Lord’ Supper		

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Sending No. 175	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	Hamburg
*Prayer and Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus</i>	Webb

*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!

We are delighted to welcome Wyatt Newsome, our guest musician this morning. Wyatt works at the Board of Elections and comes recommended to us by Carol Soles. He will be leading the music and offering the special music. Thank you Wyatt.



As our church family celebrates the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we also traditionally collect for our Good Samaritan Fund. This fund allows the church pastor and staff to assist those in need, both in our church and community, If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in the 'Good Samaritan Fund' envelope, or mark your offering envelope 'Good Samaritan Fund'.

Upcoming Events



Baby Bottle

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's combined adult summer Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall will run through September 1. Throughout the summer, we will also host speakers from various mission agencies.

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

Sunday, June 9: 9:30am

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 next Sunday, June 9 if you wish to pack, 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, 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 \$99,930 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

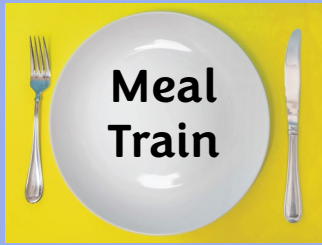
11am-2pm. We are starting to restock the Closet with spring and summer clothes and are in need of men's and women's shorts, all sizes! Donations can be left in the box outside the church office or you can stop by and see us on Tuesdays.

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!





We have the opportunity to love on two of our members with supper: Judy & Steve Goodnight as Judy receives her new treatment protocol. **See the church email for a link 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!

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 - moved to Pruitt Health in Harrisburg
- Judy Goodnight - cancer treatments
- 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
- 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

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, June 2

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

Tuesday, June 4

11:00am - 2:00pm - Linda's Closet
12:00pm - NA

Wednesday, June 5

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

Thursday, June 6

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

Friday, June 7

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist
Church Stream Fellowship

Saturday, June 8

10am-12pm - Youth Sunday Dress Rehearsal
12pm - Youth Lunch and Jocko's Mini Golf

Next Sunday, June 9

Youth Sunday

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
Youth Sunday Rehearsal
10:00am - Sunday School with Guest Pam Smith, CCM
11:00am - Worship Service
5:00pm - Teen Girl's Dinner/Bible Study

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Lynn Sechler

Children's Message: Amelia Caskey

Children's Message Next Week: Acting Out

Children's Church: Chris & Chariti Lowder

Acolytes: Caylin & Cierstyn Lowder

Acolytes next week: Camryn Lowder & Evie Sechler

Nursery: Megan Quigg

Nursery next week: Sharon Stricker

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

Ushers next week: Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel, Tony Rary

Greeters: Ken Sparks & Dave Argabrite

FINANCIALS

FOR APRIL

YTD Income \$ 86,077.38

YTD Expenses \$ 95,976.03

YTD Budget \$105,586.68

Last week's attendance: 5/26/2024

Worship AM - 70

Sunday School - 47

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

