



*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 for Worship

*Elegy in B-Flat*

Ball

Lighting of the Candles

Scarlett Porter & Camryn Lowder

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 126

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed. Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy.

**All: Then it was said among the nations, the Lord has done great things for them. The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.**

Leader: Restore our fortunes, Lord, like streams in the Negev. Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.

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

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 581**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Beethoven

**\*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.

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy and majestic God, You have loved us with a love beyond our understanding and have called us to continue the mission of Jesus Christ our Savior. Yet we confess we have doubted the promises of the Gospel and ignored the ministry of the Gospel. You call, but we do not follow. You command, but we do not obey. You bless, but we do not bless others. Please forgive and help us, O Lord. Help us to see You, receive You, and follow You that we might be filled with joy and faithfully serve as Your representatives to a broken world. It's in the matchless name of Jesus we pray.

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Assurance of the Gospel**

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**\*Hymn of Assurance No. 568**     *I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

Bliss

**~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~**

**Concerns and Celebrations of our Church Family**

**Word With Our Children**

Michelle Walker

**Offering and Special Music**

*Priere*

Vierne

**\*Scripture Reading**

Galatians 5:22-25

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**Sermon**

“Spirit of Self-Control”

Eddie Spencer

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

**Sending Song No. 329**

*Lead Me, Guide Me*  
Men’s Vocal Ensemble

Akers

**\*Prayer and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Grand Choeur*

DuBois

\*All who are able, please stand.  
CCLI# 222113

**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!

**Today we again welcome guest musician, Scott Foppiano on organ and piano.** Scott Foppiano is both a classical recitalist, as well as a theatre organist and silent film accompanist. He is in demand as a solo artist both regionally and around the US, and is an executive board member of the Charlotte chapter of AGO (American Guild of Organists) and Dean of the Spartanburg chapter.

## Elder Nominees

**A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, July 14,** during the worship service for the purpose of electing three new Elders. Those approved by the congregation will be ordained/installed on Sunday, July 28, and serve a three-year term. These are the nominees:



**Jeff Barnhardt** is a life-long member of First Presbyterian, where he sees members grow in knowledge of God's Word, strengthen their relationships with Christ, and put their faith into practice. He also sees our church as a place to encourage others and be encouraged; where people pray for each other and care for each other as family. Jeff is retired from Duke Energy. He is a past Elder, and is currently acting as the Clerk of Session and the head of our Project 24 capital campaign - experiences he hopes will help him discern our church's direction. Jeff is a member of the Drummond Sunday School Class, works regularly on stewardship and budgeting, and serves as an usher. His hope is that First Pres continues its tradition of being a warm, welcoming, and encouraging church dedicated to serving Christ and spreading His Word throughout our community. Jeff not only wants our church to grow in numbers, but desires that its members grow in discipleship and willingness to serve and lead for Christ.



**Phil McLain** is also a past Elder of First Pres, having grown up in this church. His love for the church and its people run deep, as he vividly recalls the dedication his own family members had for the church and the many ways the church has supported him and his family his entire life. Phil and his wife Jill have two adult daughters, Lindsay and Laura. Phil is retired, having been an owner in a food service industry business. He attends the Friendship Sunday School Class, serves as an usher, and leads our church's efforts to serve with Samaritan's Table at Kimball Memorial. He also routinely assists with building and grounds improvements. As an elder, Phil hopes to continue the church's emphasis on Missions work (both domestically and abroad), support resources for children and youth programming, and commit to stewardship of our church property. Phil is excited to see the natural growth in our church, not only in numbers but in diversity of attendees.



**Raegan Swaringen** grew up in this church. First Pres represents family and is her home. The church and its members helped to build the foundation of her faith at an early age and have continued to foster her faith into adulthood. Raegan is married to Donnie and mom to Abigail Malinovsky. She cares for the physical needs of her community as a Nurse Practitioner for Northeast Digestive Health Center in Concord. As an elder, she hopes to care for the spiritual needs of her church family with love and compassion. Raegan is a member of the Guardians Sunday School Class, Women Without Reservations, and the Alleluia Ringers. Her hope for First Pres during her tenure as elder is to continue creating a welcoming and inclusive environment, where everyone feels supported in their faith.



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

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



## **Upcoming Events**

**You are invited to the CCM My Father's House Annex Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** on Wednesday, June 26, 2024: Tours at 2:30pm, Ribbon cutting at 3:00 pm at 1805 Dale Earnhardt Blvd, Kannapolis, NC 28023.



**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 by TODAY, June 23rd.**

**Pastor Eddie will continue to lead a combined adult summer Sunday School class studying "Healthy Relationships" in the Fellowship Hall.** Classes will run through September 1. Throughout the summer, we will also host speakers from various mission agencies.



**Children and Youth are invited to join Michelle for "Musical Mondays" this July!** We will meet together on July 8, 15, and 22 to practice singing and maybe learn some new skills! Dinner will be served at 5:30pm, with music time from 6-7pm. See Michelle if you have any questions!

## **Calling all volunteers: the First Pres Journey Youth need you!**

If you are passionate about encouraging and leading our youth, please consider volunteering for our ministries - church nursery, children's message, children's church, Sunday School, Wednesdays in the Word, or special events like VBS! Volunteers should either be members of First Pres for at least 6 months or regular attendees for 1 year. A short training session and background check are required. Current and new volunteers must attend one of the following training sessions for 2024:



**Sunday, July 14 at 9:30am in the Session Room**

**Tuesday, July 16 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall**

**Thursday, July 18 at 10:00am in the Session Room**

**Sunday, July 21 immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall**

**Please sign up for a time slot in the Narthex, or see Michelle if you need more information.**



**Dear First Presbyterian Family,** Hank and I felt your prayers and experienced God's honoring them. The power of prayer is unquestionable. You have stood by us for several years sending cards which let us know we were not alone in our time of Hank's declining health. You were with us on that long journey. Thank you for the many offers of food. We especially thank Dorcas Circle for the food cards during Hank's 21 day ICU stay. Thank you church family for all your thoughtfulness and kindness. **We love you, Sharon Cranford and family**

**Dear First Pres Youth and Michelle,** Thank you for the inspirational worship service on Youth Sunday. Everyone did such a terrific job. You all inspired our worship with your special gifts. Thank you, Michelle, for bringing out the best in all of our young people - keep on keeping on. God loves it when you use the gifts He has given you and so do we! **Steve & Judy Goodnight**

### 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

- Randy Childers' family and friends - loss of Randy
- Sharon Cranford and family - loss of Hank Cranford
- Judy Goodnight - treatments continue
- Bob Hallman - Atrium Health Rehab recovering from pneumonia
- Dawn Cavin - fractured hip
- Debra Dandro - continuing treatments
- Melba Funderburk - recovery from knee surgery
- Pray for strength for those in recovery.

### FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Denny Keaton (Bonnie' Goodnight's cousin) - pancreatic cancer
- Eva Garver (Charlene's daughter) - MS related complications
- Jennifer Watson (Frank Gibson's daughter) - cancer treatments at Vanderbilt
- Sheena Allen (Wren Philpot's daughter-in-law) - completed chemo treatments
- Justin (Melba's grandson) - on call for a heart and kidney transplant
- Sam Dunn (Dave Argabrite's cousin) - lung cancer; starting radiation therapy
- Bob Teal (friend of Steve Goodnight) - lung cancer
- Buddy & Alice Troutman (friends of Judy Hammond) - health concerns

### HOMEBOUND

- Shirley Faust - Morningside
- Bob Faust - Accordius under Hospice care
- Barbara Hancock - Home
- Iris Efird - Home
- Loretta Young - Five Oaks



# This Week @ FIRST PRES

## Sunday, June 23

### 10 Cents a Meal

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

## Tuesday, June 25

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

## Wednesday, June 26

Renovation begins on Fellowship Hall  
bathroom

## Thursday, June 27

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

## Friday, June 28

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist  
Church Stream Fellowship  
7:00pm - CannonBallers Game

## Next Sunday, June 30

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

## SERVANTS

**Elder Lock-Up:** Lynn Sechler

**Children's Message:** Michelle Walker

**Children's Message Next Week:** Roxanne  
Spencer

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

**Children's Church Next Week:** Roxanne  
Spencer & Risa Little

**Acolytes:** Scarlett Porter & Camryn Lowder

**Acolytes next week:** Noah Walker & Abby  
Vriesema

**Nursery:** Jenna Baker

**Nursery next week:** Amelia Caskey

**Ushers:** Lynn Sechler, Ryan Walker, Jeff  
Barnhardt, Mark Goodnight

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

**Greeters:** Ken Sparks & Dave Argabrite

## FINANCIALS

### FOR MAY

**YTD Income** \$115,938.98

**YTD Expenses** \$116,909.62

**YTD Budget** \$131,983.35

**Last week's attendance: 6/16/2024**

**Worship AM - 115**

**Sunday School - 74**

# 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**



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