



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,
and make Him known.

~ **Gathering Before the Word** ~

Welcome

Eddie Spencer

Prelude & Preparation for Worship

McMillan/McMillan

King of My Heart

Lighting of the Candles

Noah Walker & Abby Vriesema

***Call to Worship**

Romans 11:33-36

Leader: Oh, the depths of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out!

All: Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor?

Leader: Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?

All: For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen.

***Hymn of Praise No. 604**

To God Be the Glory

Crosby

***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, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth 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.

Song of Assurance

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Jaazaniah Salehm, piano & vocals

Watts

~ **Proclaiming the Word of God** ~

Concerns and Celebrations of our Church Family

Offering and Special Music *How Can It Be* Ingram/Mabury/Johnson
Jaazaniah Salehm, piano & vocals

***Scripture Reading** Psalm 51 Page 562

Sermon “A Sobering Story & Redeeming Grace” Eddie Spencer

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

Sending Song *Psalm 34 (Taste and See)* Rigney/Barnhard
PraiseMakers; Jaazaniah Salehm, piano and vocals

***Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude *Love Lifted Me* Rowe

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

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!

Today we welcome Jaazaniah Salehm as our guest musician. Jaazaniah is from Black Creek, NC. He is a rising Junior at Catawba College, studying Worship Music and Production. Jaazaniah is a gifted pianist, composer, singer, songwriter, and visual artist. Please extend your own welcome to him!

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 long-time 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 was raised in this church. To her, 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.

Upcoming Events



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!

Middle/Senior High Youth Boys are invited to a TopGolf Outing on Tuesday, July 9! Meet at church at 8am for transportation to TopGolf University. We will "golf" from 9am-11am with our very own Mal McDaniel and Pastor Eddie as instructors! Then we'll stop for lunch on our way back to church. **Sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, July 7, if you will attend!**



Our Teen Girls Bible Study continues with Tracy & Amelia Caskey on Sunday, July 14! The group is focusing on the life of Joseph and will meet at 4:30pm at the church. This session will end with dinner at the NW Swim Club and a chance to swim there if the girls would like. **See Tracy Caskey for more information!**

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.



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.

Linda's Closet ministry is growing! We need more help to sort and hang donations. Volunteers can come anytime on Tuesdays or Thursdays, 11am-2pm. No heavy lifting required. You can sit to sort/hang clothes. Please contact Cindy Devoe if you have any questions or can help.



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, ball caps, bandanas, small bottles of water, and sunscreen.

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

- Jerry Phillips - home recovering from kidney stones
- Kay McAllister - knee replacement surgery
- Sharon Cranford and family - loss of Hank Cranford
- Judy Goodnight - treatments continue
- Bob Hallman - home recovering from pneumonia
- Dawn Cavin - recovering from fractured hip
- Debra Dandro - continuing treatments
- Melba Funderburk - recovery from knee surgery



FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - health concern
- Sam McAllister's daughter - frontal brain disturbance
- Delores Watts (Bonnie Goodnight's sister-in-law) - ICU with pneumonia
- Sharon Copeland's father - leg issues
- Eva Garver (Charlene Booth'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 Funderburk's grandson) - on call for a heart and kidney transplant
- Sam Dunn (Dave Argabrite's cousin) - lung cancer treatments
- Bob Teal (friend of Steve Goodnight) - lung cancer
- Buddy & Alice Troutman (friends of Hammonds) - health concerns

HOMEBOUND

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

This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, June 30

9:30am - Morning Coffee
- PraiseMakers Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

Tuesday, July 2

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

12:00pm - NA

6:00pm - Session Meal and Meeting

Thursday, July 4

Happy Independence Day!

*****Church Office Closed*****

12pm - NA

Friday, July 5

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist
Church Stream Fellowship

Next Sunday, July 7

9:30am - Morning Coffee

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service with Holy
Communion

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Lynn Sechler

Children's Message: Roxanne Spencer

Children's Message Next Week: Michelle
Walker

Children's Church: Roxanne Spencer &
Risa Little

Children's Church Next Week: Debbie
McDaniel & Jenny Sparks

Acolytes: Noah Walker & Abby Vriesema

Acolytes next week: Cierstyn Lowder &
Landon Walker

Nursery: Amelia Caskey

Nursery next week: Jenny Sparks

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

Ushers next week: Sam McAllister, Mal
McDaniel, Jill & Phil McLain

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: 6/23/2024

Worship AM - 104

Sunday School - 78

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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