



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

Revelation Song

Riddle

Lighting of the Candles

Camryn Lowder & Scarlett Porter

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 66:1-4

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious. Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You.

All: All the earth bows down to You; they sing praise to You, they sing the praises of Your name."

***Hymn of Praise No. 859**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

***Prayer of Adoration**

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Lord, Your name is a strong tower. The righteous run to it and are safe, yet, we confess that we have turned away from You. You call us to have no other gods before You. Yet, we worship and serve created things rather than You, our Creator and Redeemer. Forgive our divided hearts and wandering eyes. Grant us faith to gaze upon Jesus who alone is worthy of our focused worship and deepest affection, for we pray in His matchless name.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

Isaiah 54:10

"For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but My steadfast love shall not depart from you, and My covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

***Hymn of Trust No. 627**

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

WOODWORTH

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Concerns & Celebrations of Our Church Family

Word With Our Children

Jenna Baker

Offering and Special Music

As The Deer
Angel Dixon, vocalist

Nystrom

*Scripture Reading

Psalm 56

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Sermon

“Praying Our Fears”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Sending Song

Hold On to Me
Abigail Malinovsky, alto

Daigle/Duncan/Mabury

*Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare for a Joyful Day

Lee Dixon

*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.

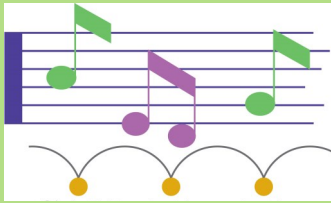
Children's Church is available for children 4 years through 2nd grade. After the "Word with our Children", they will be escorted to their classroom in the Church Nursery.

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!

Please welcome Lee Dixon as our guest musician for today! Lee is from Ridgeway, South Carolina. He began playing for his church while in high school, and studied music at Winthrop University. He served as Music Director and Organist of St. Mark's Lutheran in Blythewood, SC, as well as Sion Presbyterian in Winnsboro, SC for a combined total of 32 years. We are glad to have him with us!

Upcoming Events

Our Teen Girls Bible Study continues with Tracy & Amelia Caskey TODAY, 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!**



Children and Youth are invited to join Michelle for "Musical Mondays" this July! Remaining meetings are **TOMORROW, July 15 and Monday, July 22** to practice singing and begin an introduction to chimes or handbells. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm, with music time from 6-7pm. See Michelle if you have any questions!

First Pres will again host a Feeding Kannapolis Hunger Market THIS Saturday, July 20!

The Market gives families healthy eating and living tips, as well as fresh produce and eggs. A sample recipe is also given out. Volunteers will be needed to set up on Friday, July 19 at 5:30pm and Saturday, July 20 at 8:30am, and clean up after the event. **Sign up in the Narthex if you can help!**



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:

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.

Sessions will NOT be held unless individuals are signed up to attend.



Celebrate Christmas in July with the Missions Team!

We are beginning our Operation Christmas Child collection this month, having set our goal to once again pack 400 shoeboxes - 200 for girls aged 2-4, and 200 for girls aged 10-14. Our goal for July

is to collect 400 "WOW" items that will grab the child's attention when they open the box.

For the toddler girls, it will be a stuffed teddy bear for \$3.39 each.

For the older girls, it will be a bead crafting set for \$5.99. If you would like to contribute towards these items or the cost of shipping our boxes (\$10/box) you can do so online; or mark your donation "Shoeboxes" and place it in the offering plate.

If you would like to pack your own shoebox, please take a pre-printed box from the Narthex, or use one from home, and grab an instruction guide. Return your packaged box, with the \$10 shipping cost inside, by Sunday, November 17.

If you would like to Build a Shoebox online, go to www.samaritanaspurse.org/



First Pres will host a "Back-to-School Bash" on Saturday, August 10, from 10am-1pm!

We, along with other area churches, will provide bookbags and school supplies to children. Linda's Closet will be open for families to shop for back-to-school clothing.

We will end with a cookout in the Pavilion, including games and treats for all. Anyone wishing to receive

school supplies must register on our website by August 7. Church members wanting to attend the cookout OR volunteer to help may sign up in the Narthex.

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.



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.

Please see Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help!



Thanks for your prayers and concerns during my recent illness. I'm so grateful for such a wonderful church family. **Love, Jerry Phillips**

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

- Kay McAllister - recovery from knee replacement surgery
- Regina Starnes - recovery from surgery
- Judy Goodnight - treatments continue
- Debra Dandro - continuing treatments
- Melba Funderburk - recovery from pneumonia & knee surgery

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - cancer
- Sam McAllister's daughter - frontal brain disturbance
- Katherine Kean (Alice Jeanes' sister) - esophageal cancer
- Ginger Reed (Peggy's daughter) - hip replacement surgery July 12
- Jennifer Watson (Frank Gibson's daughter) - battling cancer
- Sheena Allen (Wren Philpot's daughter-in-law) - recovery from surgery
- 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
- Netha DeVoe (Cindy DeVoe's daughter-in-law) - fractured ankle, may need surgery
- Bill Watts & family (Bonnie Goodnight's brother) - loss of Delores Watts

HOMEBOUND

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



This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, July 14

9:30am - Morning Coffee
Volunteer Training in Session Room
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service
4:30pm - Teen Girls' Bible Study & NW Swim Club Outing

Monday, July 15

5:30pm - Youth Dinner
6:00pm - Musical Mondays for Youth

Tuesday, July 16

11:00am - 2:00pm - Linda's Closet
12:00pm - NA
6:00pm - Volunteer Training in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, July 18

10:00am - Volunteer Training in Session Room
10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study
12pm - NA

Friday, July 19

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist Church Stream Fellowship
- Feeding Kannapolis Hunger set up

Saturday, July 20

8:30am - Feeding Kannapolis Hunger Market set up
9:00am - Feeding Kannapolis Hunger Market

Next Sunday, July 21

9:30am - Morning Coffee & Light Breakfast
10:00am - Sunday School with Heath Burchett, Watchmen of the Streets/Habit Missions
11:00am - Worship Service
12:30pm - Volunteer Training Session in Fellowship Hall

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Ken Sparks

Children's Message: Jenna Baker

Children's Message Next Week: Amelia Caskey

Children's Church: David & Vicki Ellington

Children's Church Next Week: Tracy & Amelia Caskey

Acolytes: Camryn Lowder & Scarlett Porter

Acolytes next week: Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend

Nursery: Katherine Vriesema

Nursery next week: Chariti Lowder

Ushers: Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler, Phil Smith, Pam Hooks

Ushers next week: Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt, Mark Goodnight, Eric Cowan

Greeters: Jeff Barnhardt, Donnie Swaringen

FINANCIALS

FOR JUNE

YTD Income \$137,107.83

YTD Expenses \$141,163.48

YTD Budget \$158,380.02

Last week's attendance: 7/7/2024

Worship AM - 102

Sunday School - 57

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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