



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

Schönberg/Kretzmer/Boublil

Bring Him Home - Joe Morris, tenor

Lighting of the Candles

Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:25-26, 28-31

Leader: “To whom will you compare Me? Or who is My equal?” says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of His great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

All: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom.

Leader: He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

All: But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

*Hymn of Praise No. 551 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

*Prayer of Adoration and 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.

Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 60

Leader: How are you righteous before God?

All: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Although my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all God’s commandments, have never kept any of them, and am still inclined to all evil, yet God, without any merit of my own, out of mere grace, imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ. He grants these to me as if I had never committed nor had any sin, and as if I myself had accomplished all the obedience which Christ has rendered for me, if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.

***Hymn of Grace No. 696**

Marvelous Grace

MOODY

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Concerns & Celebrations of Our Church Family

Word With Our Children

Amelia Caskey

Offering and Special Music

Rhosymedre
Christopher Brayne

Williams

Doxology No. 965

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Scripture Reading**

Psalm 73

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Sermon

“Praying Our Doubts”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Sending Song No. 615

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling
Vocal Ensemble

Thompson

***Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude

Festival Voluntary

Peeters

*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.

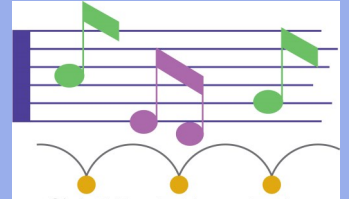
Children’s Church is available for children 4 years through 2nd grade. After the “Word with our Children”, they will be escorted to their classroom in the Church Nursery.

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 make welcome Christopher Brayne as our guest musician for today! Christopher is a freelance organist, pianist and vocal coach having held Director of Music Ministry posts in NY and Charlotte, and a former Organist in the UK. He has worked with Trinity Cathedral Choirs in Columbia, SC and the chorister program at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Winston-Salem. He holds a Masters Degree from Cambridge University and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists.

Upcoming Events

There is only one "Musical Monday" left! We have begun an intro to handbells and will continue choir practice. Dinner this Monday, July 22 is at 5:30pm, with practice from 6-7pm. Join us in making some joyful noises!



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 a training session for 2024. **TODAY, Sunday, July 21 immediately following worship, is the last scheduled session. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall. If you have not been able to make a session, but still want to volunteer, see Michelle ASAP!**



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 **by next Sunday, July 28th.**



If you would like to pack your own shoebox, pre-printed boxes will soon be in the Narthex, or use one from home, and grab an instruction guide. Return your packaged box, with the \$10 shipping cost inside, by Sun, November 17. If you would like to Build a Shoebox online, go to www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/.



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, school supplies, and new shoes, for up to 200 children. In addition, 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. **We need your help!** First Pres is collecting packs of No. 2 pencils and packs of wide-ruled loose leaf paper. Leave donations in the box in the Narthex by Sunday, Aug. 4.

Linda’s Closet needs new or gently used clothing for children and babies. We also need volunteers to help cook, serve, and host. **Please sign up in the Narthex if you want to attend or volunteer.** **Those wishing to receive school supplies or shoes must register on our website by Sunday, August 7!**



Blessing of the Backpacks

Let’s cover our students in prayer! As we approach another school year, we will once again have a special “Blessing of the Bookbags” on Sunday, August 11. Students of all ages are encouraged to bring their bookbags for a prayer during the worship

service. Magnets will also be available in the Narthex with the names of all our children. Members of the congregation are encouraged to “adopt” a child by taking a magnet and committing to pray for that child every day during the year. **If you would like for your child to be included, please email their name, grade, and school to michellewalker@firstpresb.org!**

Linda’s Closet



Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none.

Duke 3:11

Linda’s Closet ministry is planning to be open for our Back-to-School Bash on August 10th! We need children’s clothes for boys and girls, sizes 6-16. If you know anyone who is cleaning out their children’s closets to get ready for school clothes shopping, PLEASE let them know we

will accept their outgrown clothes in good condition. Bless you all for your continued support. 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. **Please see Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help!**



Recycling bins are now available in the Fellowship Hall, Narthex and Main Office. Please make use of them for paper, cardboard, plastic and glass!



My First Presbyterian Church Family! Thanks so much to each of you that had me in your thoughts and prayers. The texts, calls, cards and food were such a blessing to receive during my knee surgery procedure. So grateful for the gifts of kindness and thoughtfulness. Blessings! Melba Funderburk

Bobby Hallman and family wish to thank our loving Heavenly Father for His healing hand during the sickness and recovery of Bobby.

Dear Church Family, Thank you for the wonderful graduation reception. It is very encouraging to see and feel the love you have for me. I am glad to have such an amazing group of believers always there for me. Also, thank you for the scholarship. It will help a lot to kick-start my college education. Thank you for always supporting me. Fred Caskey

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) - chemo treatments
- Sam McAllister's granddaughter - surgery to remove tumor on brain
- Sheena Allen (Wren Philpot's daughter-in-law) - recovery from surgery
- Netha DeVoe (Cindy DeVoe's daughter-in-law) - recovery from ankle surgery
- Eric Michael (former member) - diagnosed with myeloma
- Katherine Kean (Alice Jeanes' sister) - esophageal cancer
- Ginger Reed (Peggy's daughter) - recovery from hip replacement surgery
- Jennifer Watson (Frank Gibson's daughter) - battling cancer
- 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, 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 in Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 22

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

Tuesday, July 23

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

Thursday, July 25

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

Friday, July 26

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist Church Stream Fellowship

Next Sunday, July 28

10 Cents A Meal

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
10:00am - Sunday School with John Terech, ECO Executive Director of Operations
11:00am - Worship Service with Elder Installation/Ordination

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Ken Sparks

Children's Message: Amelia Caskey

Children's Message Next Week: Lydia Vriesema

Children's Church: David & Vickie Ellington

Children's Church Next Week: Lynn Efird & Lydia Vriesema

Acolytes: Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend

Acolytes next week: Abby Vriesema

Nursery: Chariti Lowder

Nursery next week: Debbie McDaniel

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

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

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: 7/14/2024

Worship AM - 124

Sunday School - 78

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

