



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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Wyeth

Lighting of the Candles

Abby Vriesema

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 30: 1-5

Leader: I will exalt You, Lord, for You lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

All: Lord, my God, I called to You for help, and You healed me.

Leader: You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of the dead; You spared me from going down to the pit. Sing the praises of the Lord, you His faithful people; praise His holy name.

All: For His anger lasts only a moment, but His favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

***Hymn of Praise No. 575** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

***Prayer of Adoration**

Prayer of Confession

“Lord Jesus Christ, our One Foundation, who commands all sinners everywhere to trust in You for their salvation, we confess that we failed to believe in You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Please forgive our unfaithful, untrusting hearts. We are truly sorry, and we plead for Your healing grace, that we might draw near to You with full assurance, delight in Your saving grace, and serve You with cheerful zeal to the glory of Your matchless name.”

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

Romans 10:13

“For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

***Hymn of Assurance No. 363**

Blessed Assurance

Crosby

The Ordination and Installation of Elders

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Offering and Special Music *On Eagle's Wings* Joncas, arr. Schrader
Abigail Malinovsky, clarinet; Lee Dixon, piano

***Scripture Reading** Psalm 13 Page 537

Sermon "Praying Our Sorrows" Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Sending Song *How Great Thou Art* Traditional
Abigail Malinovsky, clarinet; Lee Dixon, piano

***Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude *Holy, Holy, Holy* Dykes

*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 back, Lee Dixon, as our guest musician. We are glad to have him with us.



The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God, in memory of Hank Cranford, and in honor of Hank and Sharon's 55th wedding anniversary.



This Sunday marks our monthly 10 Cents-A-Meal collection!

Collection cans will be in the Narthex for your donation. These offerings are divided between Compassion International (we sponsor 3 children through this organization) and Cabarrus Meals on Wheels.

Today, we ordain and install three Elders for the Class of 2027 -

Jeff Barnhardt, Phil McLain, and Raegan Swaringen. As we do, we express our gratitude to our three outgoing Elders - Tracy Caskey, Tony Rary, and Donnie Swaringen - for their service over the last three years. Please extend your own thanks to these Elders, and continue to pray for all the leaders of our church!

Upcoming Events



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 today, 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.samaritanaspurse.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 4!**

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!**



The Fellowship Hall restroom has been reopened, and work is complete except for some finishing touches and decorating! Work on the Fellowship Hall air conditioning is expected to begin the first full week of August. There is also one air conditioning unit still to be finished on the third floor, as work has been delayed due to illness of the HVAC contractor.

The Project 24 team will meet soon to determine and begin planning the next scope of work after the HVAC.



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!**



Thank you from Cabarrus Women's Center...

Your support in our Baby Bottle Campaign has been amazing. Your donation of \$679.83 will be put to good use glorifying God through actions showing His love.

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





I want to thank everyone who sent a card, text or phone call in the recent death of my cousin and sister-in-law. Bonnie 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

- Kay McAllister - recovery from knee replacement surgery
- Judy Goodnight - treatments continue
- Debra Dandro - continuing treatments

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Jessica Brown (Connie Lisenby granddaughter) - lesions on liver
- Everett Halsall (Sue Maiocchi's dad) - recovery from surgery
- Ronald, Annabelle, & Caleb Barger (Ron & Alpha Barger's family) - in Brazil on mission trip through July 31
- Sarah Salisbury (Lisa Salisbury's daughter) - blood clots on lungs
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - chemo treatments
- Rachel Duval (Sam McAllister's granddaughter) - recovery from brain surgery
- 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 Troutman (friend of Hammonds) - under hospice

HOMEBOUND

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



This Week @ FIRST PRES

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

Tuesday, July 30

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

Thursday, August 1

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

Friday, August 2

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist Church Stream Fellowship

Saturday, August 3

10:00am - 7:00pm - Charlene Booth Family in Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, August 4

9:30am - Morning Coffee
- GraceFull Movements rehearsal
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service with Holy Communion

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Ken Sparks

No Children's Message This Week

Children's Message Next Week: Dave Argabrite

Children's Church: Lynn Efird & Lydia Vriesema

Children's Church Next Week: Megan Quigg & Abigail Malinovsky

Acolytes: Abby Vreisema

Acolytes next week: Michael Herbst & Noah Walker

Nursery: Debbie McDaniel

Nursery next week: Sue Maiocchi

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

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

FINANCIALS

FOR JUNE

YTD Income \$137,107.83

YTD Expenses \$141,163.48

YTD Budget \$158,380.02

Last week's attendance: 7/21/2024

Worship AM - 112

Sunday School - 77

