



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

Chant de Paix

Langlais

Lighting of the Candles

Cierstyn Lowder & Landon Walker

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.

All: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

All: For He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.

***Hymn of Praise No. 512**

Now with Joyful Exultation

BEECHER

***Prayer of Adoration**

Prayer of Confession

O Heavenly King, You summon us to gaze upon Your beauty, but we are mesmerized by the fading treasures of this world. We confess that we have cherished visions of earthly wealth, status, and power and have sought after them with more zeal and fervor than Your name, Your kingdom, and Your will. Forgive the wandering eyes of our hearts and enable us, by faith, to fix our gaze upon the One who alone is worthy of our focused attention and deepest affection. For we make our prayer in Jesus' name.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

***Song of Adoration No. 676**

Oh, How I Love Jesus

Whitfield

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

Word With Our Children

Blessing of the Bookbags

Doxology No. 965

OLD HUNDREDTH

Offering and Special Music

Rockingham
Christopher Brayne

Parry

*Scripture Reading

Psalms 142

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Sermon

“Praying Our Loneliness”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Sending Song No. 465

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Dorsey

*Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

Pasticcio

Langlais

*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 Christopher Brayne, as our guest musician. We are glad to have him with us.



The flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and in honor of Bob and Opal Hallman's 61st wedding anniversary. Please extend your congratulations to Bob and Opal!

Upcoming Events

Let's cover our students in prayer!

Today we will have a special "Blessing of the Bookbags". 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.



Thank you for your generous donations and to all our volunteers for a successful Back-to-School Bash yesterday. We were able to provide hundreds of children with school supplies, new shoes, clothing and good food.



Celebrate Christmas in August with the Missions Team!

We are continuing 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. **For August, our collection will focus on school supplies!** We need 400 wireless composition books, 200 packs of 24 ct crayons; 200 packs of skinny markers; lots of pencils, 400 pencil sharpeners, and 400 pairs of scissors.

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 Sunday, August 25th.**

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/.





Genesis Sunday will be Sunday, September 8th. Make plans to join us for breakfast at 9:30am and Sunday School at 10am. We will introduce our new adult, kids and youth classes.



Bible Study Fellowship will be offering a Women's group study of Revelation for the 2024-2025 year. It will meet at Multiply Church facility next to Big Lots in Concord on Wednesdays at 9:30am and **starts September 4.** Children may come with their mother since classes are offered for all ages. The calendar follows the school's calendar with the same break times. You can enroll at joinbsf.org, select an in-person group, and indicate the Concord, NC location. You will be greatly blessed!!! If you have questions, contact Sharon Cranford.



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 began this past week. 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 will be closed on August 13th for restocking. 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!



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

- Judy Goodnight - treatments are going well
- Iris Efird - home under hospice care
- Shirley Faust - broken hip and brain bleed from a bad fall
- Melba Funderburk - heart arrhythmia
- Debra Dandro - continuing treatments
- Susan Baker - recovery from surgery

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - chemo treatments
- Zelda (Tricia Nixon's 7 yr old granddaughter) - spinal surgery August 20th
- Jenny VanShavon (friend of Tricia Nixon) - battling cancer
- Family of Gary McGinnis (Bonnie Goodnight's cousin) - loss of Gary
- Everett Halsell (Sue Maiocchi's dad) - recovery from surgery
- Rachel Duval (Sam McAllister's granddaughter) - recovery from brain surgery
- Barbara Coffey (friend of Judy Hunter) - cancer
- Thomas Dishman (friend of Judy Hunter) - on dialysis and waiting for a kidney
- Alex Nicholson (friend of Argabrites) - fighting forest fires in Idaho
- Sheena Allen (Wren Philpot's daughter-in-law) - recovery from surgery
- Eric Michael (former member) - treatment for myeloma
- Katherine Kean (Alice Jeanes' sister) - esophageal cancer
- Jennifer Watson (Frank Gibson's daughter) - battling cancer
- Sam Dunn (Dave Argabrite's cousin) - lung cancer treatments
- Bob Teal (friend of Steve Goodnight) - lung cancer
- Buddy Troutman (friend of Hammonds) - under hospice care

HOMEBOUND

- Bob Faust - Accordius
- Barbara Hancock - Home
- Loretta Young - Five Oaks



This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, August 11

9:30am - Morning Coffee
- GraceFull Movements rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service with Blessing of Bookbags

Tuesday, August 13

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

12:00pm - NA

Thursday, August 15

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study

12:00pm - NA

Friday, August 16

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist Church Stream Fellowship

Next Sunday, August 18

9:30am - Morning Coffee
- GraceFull Movements rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Jeff Barnhardt

Children's Message This Week: Blessing of the Bookbags

Children's Message Next Week: Acting Out

Children's Church: Jenna Baker & Amelia Caskey

Children's Church Next Week: Chris & Chariti Lowder

Acolytes: Cierstyn Lowder & Landon Walker

Acolytes next week: Camryn Lowder & Scarlett Porter

Nursery: Lydia Vriesema

Nursery next week: Vickie Ellington

Ushers: Jill & Phil McLain, Lynn Sechler, Ryan Walker

Ushers next week: Phil Smith, Pam Hooks, Jeff Barnhardt, Eric Cowan

Greeters: Dave Ellington, Debbie McDaniel

FINANCIALS

FOR JULY

YTD Income \$171,436.37

YTD Expenses \$159,034.79

YTD Budget \$184,776.69

Last week's attendance: 8/4/2024

Worship AM - 119

Sunday School - 64

