



**FIRST**  

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**PRESBYTERIAN**  

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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

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

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~ Gathering Before the Word ~

Welcome

Eddie Spencer

**Prelude & Preparation for Worship**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

*Schaum*

Derek Smith, trumpet; Kay Yates, piano

**Lighting of the Candles**

Cierstyn Lowder & Landon Walker

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!

**All: Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!**

Leader: Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars!

**All: Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord! For He commanded and they were created.

**All: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!**

**Young men and maidens together, old men and children!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven.

**All: He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His saints, for the people of Israel who are near to Him. Praise the Lord!**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 538**

*Holy! Holy! Holy!*  
featuring Alleluia Ringers

NICAEA

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**Prayer of Confession**

Ever faithful Father, You promise blessing to those who trust You. Yet we confess losing our battle with unbelief. Forgive us for doubting Your provision, promises, and purposes. Pardon us for the times that we have faced our trials with cowardice and not courage, with fickleness and not faith. Grant us to discover anew in Jesus' death and resurrection the reality, immensity, and assurance of Your love. For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Assurance of the Gospel**

Proverbs 18:10

The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

\*Hymn of Faith No. 897

*What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

CONVERSE

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

**Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family**

**Word with our Children**

Roxanne Spencer

**Offering & Special Music**

*Doxology of Praise*

Bourgeois

Derek Smith, trumpet; Kay Yates, piano

\***Scripture Reading**

Exodus 1 & 2

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**Sermon**

“The Moses Story”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

\***Sending Song No. 770**

*In Christ Alone*

\***Prayer and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*A Mighty Fortress*

Luther

Derek Smith, trumpet; Kay Yates, piano

\*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 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!

# Upcoming Events



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 September, our collection will be personal care items!** Our goal is to collect 400 hairbrushes, 320 washcloths, 382 regular sized bars of soap, 398 packs of hair accessories (like clips, pins, or small bows), and 362 toothbrushes. We would also like to give small water bottles to the older girls (we still need 120) and a dinnerware set for the younger girls (We will order - approx. \$2.83 each on Amazon).

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, pre-printed boxes are now available in the Narthex, along with instruction guides. Return your packaged box, with the \$10 shipping cost inside, by Sun, November 10. If you would like to Build a Shoebox online, go to [www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/).



**OCC Workshop coming soon!** If you are interested in learning more about Operation Christmas Child or how you can be involved in our church's collection, Samaritan's Purse is hosting a Project Leader Workshop on Saturday,

Sept 21 at Pitts Baptist, from 10:30am-12. A shoebox recipient will also share his testimony. Please see Sue Maiocchi or Michelle Walker for more information.



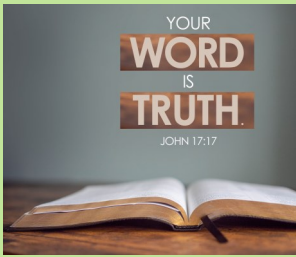
**Journey Youth and their families are invited to our Fall Kick-off THIS Wednesday, September 18!** We will begin with a cookout at 6pm. Then, all ages are invited to compete in a Ga-ga Ball tournament! Friends are welcome - just sign up in the Narthex by **TODAY**, Sunday, September 15.



**Men of the church are invited to a Fellowship Dinner THIS Thursday, September 19 at 6pm.** Pastor Jim Harris of Calvary Baptist Church, Kannapolis, will be our guest speaker. The menu will include steak or chicken, baked potato, salad, and dessert. Suggested donation is \$12.00 per person. **Please sign up by TODAY in the Narthex and indicate your choice of entree.**

**The First Pres Women's Council is hosting a "Christmas" themed Bridal Shower for Elizabeth Sechler NEXT Sunday, Sept 22nd.** Please drop by the Fellowship Hall between 3:00-5:00pm to bless Elizabeth. She is registered at Target and Amazon.





## Wednesdays in the Word resume September 25!

Pastor Eddie will begin with a 5-week adult class on the life of Moses. Children and Youth will meet as well. For the remaining weeks, we will enjoy fall festivities and OCC Shoebox activities. Beginning Wednesday, October 16, the Chancel Choir will also rehearse at 6:30pm. The schedule for Wednesday nights will be as follows:

- 5:30pm Dinner for Youth and their families
- 6:00pm PraiseMakers Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Adult and Youth classes & Chancel Choir Rehearsal (beginning 10/16)

## You are invited to Celebrate Community - A Night to Remember on Saturday, September 28!

This evangelical event to celebrate the children and youth in our community will be held in the Cannon Ballers' stadium at 7pm and end with fireworks. There are even opportunities to join a community choir for kids and adults. For more information see Michelle Walker! **If you would like to go with a First Pres group, please sign up in the Narthex!**



**Women of the Church are invited to an Afternoon Tea & Fashion Extravaganza on Saturday, October 5th at 2:00pm.** Guest speaker, Josephine Haynes, will lead us in a time of devotion. Refreshments and fashion from local vendors will be featured. **Please sign up in the Narthex or on the First Pres website by Sunday, September 29 if you would like to attend!**



**Linda's Closet would like to open to the community one Saturday each month from 11am-2pm.** But we need additional volunteers. If you would be willing to help staff the closet on a Saturday, during our weekly Tuesday openings, or sort donations on Thursdays, please see Cindy DeVoe.

**Thank you to all who have donated to the First Pres Blessing Fence!** Current needs: Small (travel size) empty sealable plastic containers to hold shampoo and conditioner, ball caps, bandanas, small bottles of water. Please see Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help!



**There is a LOST & FOUND basket in the Narthex.** Please check it for any items you may have misplaced. Thankyou.



**Dear Church family,** I would like to thank you for the cards and prayers during my recent 2 surgeries. I truly felt God at work.  
Love in Christ, Susan Baker

**Dear Church Family,** Your love and support through cards, calls, texts, transportation help, prayers, and visits has sustained us through this diagnosis and hospitalization. We can't say thank you enough and ask for continued prayers for healing, strength and wisdom as we navigate this path.

With love - Judy and John Hammond

## 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

- John Hammond - heart concerns
- Barbara Boucher - health concerns
- Debra Dandro - continuing treatments
- Cecil Cress - health concerns
- Shirley Faust - recovering from surgery and has returned to Accordius

### FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - chemo treatments
- Zelda West (Trish Nixon's granddaughter) - recovery from surgery
- Jillian Goodwin (Cindy DeVoe's daughter) - recovery from surgery
- Justin Wallace (Melba's grandson)- waiting for heart and kidney transplant
- Rachel Duval (Sam McAllister's granddaughter) - treatment for brain tumor
- Jessica Brown (Lisenby's granddaughter) - treatment for liver issues
- Barbara Coffey (friend of Judy Hunter) - cancer
- Thomas Dishman (friend of Judy Hunter) - on dialysis and waiting for a kidney
- Sheena Allen (Wren's daughter-in law) - first of six radiation treatments
- Jennifer Watson (Frank Gibson's daughter) - battling cancer
- Buddy Troutman (friend of Hammonds) - under hospice care

### HOMEBOUND

- Bob Faust - Accordius
- Linda Bost - Best of Care
- Barbara Hancock - Home
- Loretta Young - Five Oaks



# This Week @ FIRST PRES

## Sunday, September 15

9:30am - Morning Coffee  
- GraceFull Movements  
Rehearsal  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service  
4:30pm - Teen Girls Bible Study

## Monday, September 16

2:00pm - Dorcas Circle of Hope

## Tuesday, September 17

11:00am - 2:00pm - Linda's Closet  
12:00pm - NA  
6:45pm - Missions Team

## Wednesday, September 18

6:00pm - Journey Youth Fall Kickoff

## Thursday, September 19

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study  
12:00pm - NA  
6:00pm - Men's Fellowship Dinner

## Friday, September 20

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist  
Church Stream Fellowship

## Saturday, September 21

10:30am - OCC Workshop, Pitts Baptist

## Next Sunday, September 22

### 10 Cents-A-Meal

9:30am - Morning Coffee  
- GraceFull Movements  
Rehearsal  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service  
3:00-5pm - Elizabeth Sechler Bridal  
Shower

## SERVANTS

**Elder Lock-Up:** Cookie Hamilton

**Children's Message:** Roxanne Spencer

**Children's Message Next Week:** Michelle Walker

**Children's Church:** David & Vickie Ellington

**Children's Church Next Week:** Roxanne Spencer & Katherine Vriesema

**Acolytes:** Cierstyn Lowder & Landon Walker

**Acolytes next week:** Noah Walker & Abby Vriesema

**Nursery:** Jenny Sparks

**Nursery next week:** Chariti Lowder

**Ushers:** Phil Smith, Pam Hooks, Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt

**Ushers next week:** Eric Cowan, Mark Goodnight, Amy Hurst, Tony Hunter

**Greeters:** Phil McLain & Roxanne Spencer

## FINANCIALS

### FOR AUGUST

**YTD Income** \$194,040.27

**YTD Expenses** \$192,650.34

**YTD Budget** \$211,173.36

**Last week's attendance: 9/8/2024**

**Worship AM - 97**

**Sunday School - 70**

# SERMON NOTES


**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION - ACTIVE ELDERS**

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|--|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Raegan Swaringen</b>                | <b>Dave Ellington</b> | <b>Lynn Sechler</b>          |
| <b>Cookie Hamilton</b>                 | <b>Chris Lowder</b>   | <b>Ken Sparks</b>            |
| <b>Sue Maiocchi</b>                    | <b>Phil McLain</b>    | <b>Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk</b> |
| <b>Pastor Eddie Spencer, Moderator</b> |                       |                              |



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