



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering Before the Word ~

Welcome

Eddie Spencer

Preparation for Worship

We Have Come Into His House

Ballinger

Lighting of the Candles

Landon Walker & Noah Walker

***Call to Worship**

Colossians 1:15-18

Leader: The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

All: For in Him all things were created; things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Leader: He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy.

All: For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.

***Hymn of Praise No. 601**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

***Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer**

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Questions 21, 26

Leader: What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth"?

All: That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by His eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ the Son. I trust God so much that I do not doubt He will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity He sends upon me in this sad world. God is able to do this because He is Almighty God and desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

Leader: What is true faith?

All: True Faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

***Hymn of Faith No. 755**

Speak, O Lord

Getty/Townend

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

Word with our Children

Michelle Walker

Doxology No. 965

OLD HUNDREDTH

Offering & Special Music *Down to the River to Pray* American Folk Song
Vocal Ensemble

*As I went down to the river to pray,
Studyin' about that good ol' way,
and who shall wear the robe and crown,
Good Lord, show me the way.*

***Scripture Reading**

Exodus 3

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Sermon

“Moses’ Calling”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Sending Song No. 869**

Here I Am, Lord

Schutte

***Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude

When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

Black, 1893

*All who are able, please stand.

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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!



This Sunday marks our monthly 10 Cents-A-Meal collection! Our youth will be in the Narthex immediately following worship to collect your donations. These offerings are divided between Compassion international (we sponsor 3 children through this organization) and Cabarrus Meals-on-Wheels.

Upcoming Events

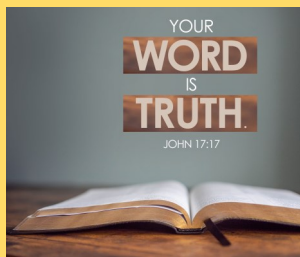


We are continuing our Operation Christmas Child collection this month, having set our goal to once again pack 400 shoeboxes - 200 for girls aged 2-4, and 200 for girls aged 10-14. **For September, our collection will be personal care items!** Our goal is to collect 400 hairbrushes, 232 washcloths, 382 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/.

First Presbyterian's Women of the Church are hosting a "Christmas" themed Bridal Shower honoring Elizabeth Sechler! All women of the church are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall **THIS AFTERNOON** between 3:00pm and 5:00pm to bless Elizabeth. Elizabeth and her fiancé, Quenten Jordan, are registered at Target and Amazon.



Wednesdays in the Word resume THIS WEDNESDAY, 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 TODAY in the Narthex!**

First Presbyterian will host a booth at Kannapolis' National Night Out! We will set up in Veterans' Park on Tuesday, October 1 from 5pm-7pm to provide information on our church, pass out First Pres coffee mugs, and give away cotton candy and water! **If you would like to help staff the booth, please see Michelle as soon as possible!**



Women of the Church are invited to an Afternoon Tea on Saturday, October 5th at 2:00pm. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a beautifully decorated tea party, complete with refreshments from local vendors. Guest speaker, Josephine Haynes will lead us in a time of devotion. **Please sign up in the Narthex or on our website (www.firstpres.org) by NEXT Sunday, September 29!**

First Presbyterian will host the ECO NC Presbytery Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 12! Elders and ECO representatives will be on our campus from 8:30am -1pm to enjoy a time of worship, fellowship, and inspiration. The meeting will build on the theme of *Metanoia* introduced at the National Gathering this year. If you are interested in greeting, serving lunch, or being part of the clean-up crew, please see Cookie Hamilton!



Linda's Closet is holding a coat giveaway and soup luncheon on Saturday, October 26. Volunteers are needed to help staff the giveaway, prepare and serve the soup lunch, and bring desserts. Please sign up in the Narthex if you can help!

We also need new or gently-used winter coats, hats, scarves, and gloves! Grocery bags are also needed. Please drop them in the Linda's Closet receptacle across from the church office. At this time, due to the enormity of donations, we are not accepting other clothing items. Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry!



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/conditioner
- ziplock bags (1 & 2 gallon)
- first aid items: band aids, wipes, vaseline
- clean/gently used socks, hats, gloves, scarves
- handwarmers
- 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.



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 and recovery from surgery
- 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
(in ICU with pneumonia)
- 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) - radiation treatments
- Jennifer Watson (Frank Gibson's daughter) - battling cancer
- Buddy Troutman (friend of Hammonds) - under hospice care
- Jim Mike Ward (friend of Argabrites) - has ALS
- Gloria Covington (Thomas' friend) - battling cancer

HOMEBOUND

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



This Week @ FIRST PRES

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 - Bridal Shower honoring
Elizabeth Sechler

Tuesday, September 24

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

12:00pm - NA

Wednesday, September 25

5:30pm - Journey Youth Dinner

6:00pm - PraiseMakers Rehearsal

6:30pm - Wednesday in the Word for all
ages!

Thursday, September 26

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study

12:00pm - NA

Friday, September 27

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist

Church Stream Fellowship

Saturday, September 28

7:00pm - A Night to Remember -

Cannon Baller's Stadium

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SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Cookie Hamilton

Children's Message: Michelle Walker

Children's Message Next Week: Acting Out
Drama Ministry

Children's Church: Roxanne Spencer &
Michelle Walker

Children's Church Next Week: Andrew &
Jenna Baker

Acolytes: Noah Walker & Landon Walker

Acolytes next week: Caylin & Camryn
Lowder

Nursery: Chariti Lowder

Nursery next week: Megan Quigg

Ushers: Eric Cowan, Mark Goodnight, Amy
Hurst, Tony Hunter

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Lowder, Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister

FINANCIALS

FOR AUGUST

YTD Income \$194,040.27

YTD Expenses \$192,650.34

YTD Budget \$211,173.36

Last week's attendance: 9/15/2024

Worship AM - 121

Sunday School - 75

