



**FIRST**  

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**PRESBYTERIAN**  

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**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** *Lord of the Dance* Carter

**Lighting of the Candles** Caylin & Camryn Lowder

**\*Call to Worship** Exodus 15:1-2

Leader: I will sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted. Both horse and driver  
He has hurled into the sea.

**All: The Lord is my strength and my defense; He has become my  
salvation. He is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I  
will exalt Him.**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 599** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**Confession of Sin**

Gracious Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, we confess that we have often received Your blessings of grace with thankless hearts. We have been slow to cast all our cares on You who cares for us. Forgive us for allowing faithless fears and worldly anxieties to drive our decisions. Work in our hearts so that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of Your love, which You have revealed to us in Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. It is in His matchless name, we pray.

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Assurance of the Gospel** 1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**\*Song of Praise No. 516** *Bless the Lord, O My Soul* Crouch

## ~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

### Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

<b>Word with our Children</b>		Acting Out Drama Ministry
<b>Offering &amp; Special Music</b>	<i>Who You Say I Am</i>	Morgan/Fielding (Hillsong) GraceFull Movements Dance Ministry
<b>*Scripture Reading</b>	Exodus 3	Page 56
<b>Sermon</b>	“Moses’ Calling”	Eddie Spencer

## ~ Responding to the Word of God ~

<b>*Sending Song No. 946</b>	<i>Go, My Children, with My Blessing</i>	AR HYD Y NOS
<b>*Prayer and Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	Fosdick

\*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!

**Today we welcome back, Lee Dixon, as our guest musician.** We are glad to have him to help lead our worship!

# 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.

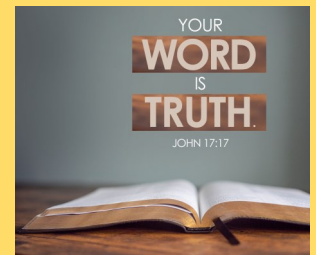
**For September, our collection will be personal care items!**

Our goal is to collect 400 hairbrushes, 16 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/).

**Join us this fall for Wednesdays in the Word!** Pastor Eddie will lead an adult class expounding on our Sunday morning "Moses" series. Children will also consider the life of Moses, while youth will focus on the example of Daniel. Beginning Wednesday, October 16, Chancel Choir rehearsals resume 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  
7:30pm - GraceFull Movements rehearsal



**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! **If you would like to help staff the booth, please see Michelle as soon as possible!**

**The Afternoon Tea on Saturday, October 5th has been cancelled.** We apologize for any inconvenience.





**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!



**First Presbyterian Church extends a heartfelt "thank you" to Cindy DeVoe, founder, organizer and leader of our Linda's Closet clothing ministry.** Linda's Closet has grown in its outreach and touched so many in our community under her leadership.



Cindy has chosen to step down as leader of the Closet ministry, but we will continue to be grateful for her service to the Lord through the closet ministry and our church.



**Linda's Closet will be temporarily closed for the coming weeks.** The Closet is taking this opportunity to re-organize, prepare for fall and winter, and transition its leadership. Therefore, the Fall Coat Giveaway will not be offered. At

this time, we also request that you hold any donations until an inventory can be taken of the items we have on hand.

We remain grateful for all who have contributed to this ministry, and would love to have additional volunteers. There is a need for people to greet, sort, organize, and assist shoppers. If you would like to volunteer, please let Eddie or Michelle know!

**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
- 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
- Dave Argabrite - knee surgery October 2

### FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - chemo treatments
- Zelda West (Trish Nixon's granddaughter) - recovery from surgery
- Robert Little (Richard's brother) - new treatment for cancer
- 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) - recovery from surgery
- 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) - health concerns

### HOMEBOUND

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





# This Week @ FIRST PRES

## Sunday, September 29

9:30am - Morning Coffee  
- GraceFull Movements  
Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service

## Tuesday, October 1

11:00am - 2:00pm - Linda's Closet  
12:00pm - NA  
5:00pm-7pm - Kannapolis Nat'l Night Out  
(Veterans' Park)  
6:30pm - Session

## Wednesday, October 2

5:30pm - Journey Youth Dinner  
6:00pm - PraiseMakers Rehearsal  
6:30pm - Wednesday in the Word for all  
ages!

## Thursday, October 3

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

## Friday, October 4

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist  
Church Stream Fellowship

## Next Sunday, October 6

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

## SERVANTS

**Elder Lock-Up:** Cookie Hamilton

**Children's Message:** Acting Out Drama  
Ministry

**Children's Message Next Week:** Amelia  
Caskey

**Children's Church:** Michelle & Ryan Walker

**Children's Church Next Week:** Jenny  
Sparks & Megan Quigg

**Acolytes:** Caylin & Camryn Lowder

**Acolytes next week:** Michael Herbst &  
Landon Walker

**Nursery:** Megan Quigg

**Nursery next week:** Roxanne Spencer

**Ushers:** Amy Hurst, Chris Lowder, Mike  
Lowder, Sam McAllister

**Ushers next week:** Mal McDaniel, Jill & Phil  
McLain, Tony Rary

**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: 9/22/2024**

**Worship AM - 103**

**Sunday School - 60**

