



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 *God is So Good*
Ingrid Townsend, piano

Traditional

Lighting of the Candles

Michael Herbst & Landon Walker

***Call to Worship**

John 1:1-3,14,18

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

All: Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.

Leader: The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

All: No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made Him known.

***Hymn of Praise No. 926** *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Holy and gracious Father, the highest court in the universe has declared us completely forgiven, totally accepted, and forever loved. Yet today we ask Your forgiveness for not living in the security of Your love. We confess that too often fear and pride drive many of our decisions; that disappointments and difficulties have caused us to doubt Your love and care. Grant us renewed faith to trust Your loving heart, for we pray in Jesus' name.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

Ephesians 2:4-5

But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive

with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved.

***Hymn of Praise No. 604** *To God be the Glory* (stanza 2) Crosby

~ **Proclaiming the Word of God** ~

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

Word with our Children Amelia Caskey

Offering & Special Music *How Beautiful* Paris
Angela Dixon, soloist; Lee Dixon, piano

***Scripture Reading** Exodus 4 Page 57

Sermon “The Moses Story” Eddie Spencer

~ **Responding to the Word of God** ~

***Hymn of Praise No. 604** *To God be the Glory* (stanza 3) Crosby

***Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*

*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. Thank you also to his wife, Angela, for providing special music. We are glad to have them to help lead our worship!

As our church family celebrates the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we also traditionally collect for our Good Samaritan Fund. This fund allows the church pastor and staff to assist those in need - both in our church and in our community. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in the "Good Samaritan Fund" envelope, or mark your offering envelope "Good Samaritan Fund".



Upcoming Events



HURRICANE RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES - Samaritan's Purse has deployed Disaster Relief to assist Hurricane Helene victims in Boone, NC; Asheville, NC; Valdosta, GA and Tampa, FL. If you would like to give towards their efforts, you may write a check to First Pres and note "hurricane" in the memo line. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, October 27.

Volunteers are also needed, and day trips are an option for churches near Boone. **If you are interested in serving on a one-day mission trip to assist the clean-up effort, please meet on Wednesday, October 9 at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, following the Adult Bible Study.** Continue to uphold all the victims, first responders, and relief workers in your prayers.

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 October, our focus will be toys and other essentials!**

Our goal is to collect:

Toddler Girls

168 3 oz modeling clay jars
200 small balls (handheld)
200 packs of underwear (size 2-4)

Older Girls

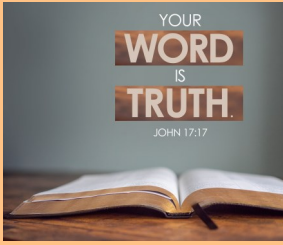
200 watercolor sets
196 jump ropes
200 pairs of sunglasses



If funds allow, we would also love to include a small LED flashlight for all, and maybe even t-shirts or drawstring bags that we will paint.

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/.



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 the ECO NC Presbytery Fall Gathering this 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!



MYSTERY



Journey Youth 5th Grade and up are invited to a Mystery Dinner Theatre!

We will dine at the Spencer home (1008 Sprucewood St.) on Friday, October 25 at 6:00pm. Participants will be assigned a "character," which they will dress like and act like at the party. During the meal, a mystery will unfold, and guests must use their reasoning skills to deduce the guilty party. Sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, October 20th. See Tracy Caskey for more information!

UnityFest is coming to Kannapolis on October 26!

This Christian music festival will take place from 12pm-9pm in Village Park, and features musicians like Jason Crabb, Unspoken, and Sidewalk Prophets. Attendance is free, but a pass is required. If you would like to go, please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, October 20 or see Michelle.



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



Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none.

Luke 3:11

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. Please hold any donations at this time. If you can help greet, sort, organize, or assist shoppers, let Eddie or Michelle know!

Dear Church Family, I want to express my deepest gratitude for the beautiful Christmas-themed bridal shower you all gave me. Your love, thoughtfulness, and generosity have truly touched my heart. The time, effort, and creativity that went into making the day so special will be something I treasure forever. Thank you for surrounding me with your kindness and for celebrating this exciting season of my life in such a meaningful way. I feel incredibly blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family.

With heartfelt thanks, Elizabeth Sechler

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 and small bottles of water

Please see Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help!



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

- Bob Faust and family - loss of Shirley
- John Hammond - heart concerns
- Judy Goodnight - recovery from eye surgery
- Barbara Boucher - health concerns
- Debra Dandro - continuing treatments
- Dave Argabrite - recovery from knee surgery
- Diane Belotti - loss of 17 year-old niece

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Colleen Upright (Jill McLain's mom) - under hospice care
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - chemo treatments
- Zelda West (Trish Nixon's granddaughter) - Spina Bifida
- 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

HOMEBOUND

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



This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, October 6

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

Monday, October 7

10:30am - Women's Council

Tuesday, October 8

12:00pm - NA
6:00pm - Session & Missions Meal
6:30pm - Missions Guest from Global
Engagement Team
7:00pm - Missions Meeting

Wednesday, October 9

5:30pm - Journey Youth Dinner
6:00pm - PraiseMakers Rehearsal
6:30pm - Wednesday in the Word for all
ages!
7:30pm - Hurricane Mission Trip Interest
Meeting

Thursday, October 10

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

Friday, October 11

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist
Church Stream Fellowship

Saturday, October 12

8:30am-1pm - ECO NC Presbytery Gathering at
First Pres

Next Sunday, October 13

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Sue Maiocchi

Children's Message: Amelia Caskey

Children's Message Next Week: Alpha Barger

Children's Church: Jenny Sparks & Megan
Quigg

Children's Church Next Week: Sharon
Cranford & Sue Maiocchi

Acolytes: Michael Herbst & Landon Walker

Acolytes next week: Evie Sechler & Ingrid
Townsend

Nursery: Roxanne Spencer

Nursery next week: Lynn Efirid

Ushers: Mal McDaniel, Jill & Phil McLain, Tony
Rary

Ushers next week: Lynn Sechler, Phil Smith,
Pam Hooks, Todd Pless

Greeters: Lynn Sechler, Renee Goodnight

FINANCIALS

FOR AUGUST

YTD Income \$194,040.27

YTD Expenses \$192,650.34

YTD Budget \$211,173.36

Last week's attendance: 9/29/2024

Worship AM - 105

Sunday School - 61

