



**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**

*Prelude in E Flat*

Harris

**Lighting of the Candles**

Evie Sechler & Camryn Lowder

**\*Call to Worship**

Exodus 15

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 483** *Come, We that Love the Lord*

MARCHING TO ZION

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**Praying God's Attributes**

Leader: God is the Great "I AM".

**Prayer: You are the Great I AM and I can find all I need in You.**

Leader: God is all-powerful, Omnipotent.

**Prayer: You are the all-powerful God. Give me the faith and confidence to trust in Your limitless strength, knowing nothing is impossible with You.**

Leader: God is Holy, Holy, Holy.

**Prayer: Lord, Your holiness is beyond full comprehension and yet, we marvel at Your awesome perfection, beauty and purity.**

Leader: God is love.

**Prayer: Lord, Your love is limitless and sacrificial. Help us to trust Your unfailing love and how to love others as You have loved us.**

Leader: God is the God of Shalom.

**Prayer: God of Peace, You are the antidote for the stress and anxiety we feel. Give us Your presence and teach us how to focus our minds on You and Your peace.**

**\*Hymn of Faith No. 322** *I Need Thee Every Hour*

NEED

~ **Proclaiming the Word of God** ~

**Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family**

**Word with our Children**

Alpha Barger

**\*Doxology No. 965**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Offering & Special Music**      *Thank You, Jesus*      Gayle, Mccleery, Gentiles,  
Abigail Malinovsky, treble      Kennedy, Musso

**\*Scripture Reading**      Exodus 5      Page 58

**Sermon**      “What the Plagues Teach Us”      Eddie Spencer

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

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 175**      *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*      HAMBURG

**\*Prayer and Benediction**

**Postlude**      *Festival Voluntary*      Peeters

\*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 Christopher Brayne as our guest musician.**  
We are glad to have him to help lead our worship!



**Thank you, dear church family,** for all the cards, calls, texts, food and prayers during my recent surgery and treatments. You are the best! To God be the glory, for what you are doing in the name of Jesus. Much love, Judy Goodnight and Family

## *Please Welcome our Newest Covenant Partners!*



Janet Harte is a physical therapist and mother of three. She was baptized as an infant in Milwaukee, WI. Janet was raised in the Catholic tradition, but was involved in the Presbyterian church as an adult. She recently moved to Kannapolis, and enjoys spending time with horses. Janet finds the people of First Pres to be warm and friendly and she appreciates the messages brought by Pastor Eddie. She looks forward to finding her community here.



Patricia Nixon recently moved to Kannapolis from Florida. She was baptized at the age of 13 in Buffalo, NY, having been raised in a Christian home. Trish has held many roles in the church, having attended Elim Bible College and participated in international missions. She has three children and three grandchildren, and enjoys travel, gardening, woodworking, and writing. She is also our new leader for Linda's Closet. Trish appreciates the Biblical teaching and warmth of fellowship she found at First Pres. She hopes to be an active participant in the church body, sharing her gifts and joining with its members in prayer.



**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, Oct. 27. Volunteers are also needed, including day trips for churches near Boone. **If you are interested in assisting the clean-up effort, please see Sue Maiocchi or Michelle Walker ASAP.** Continue to uphold all the victims, first responders, and relief workers in your prayers.

## **Our Operation Christmas Child collection continues in October with toys and essentials!**

Our goal is to pack 400 shoeboxes - 200 for girls aged 2-4, and 200 for girls aged 10-14. **We would like to have:** 200 watercolor sets; 200 handheld balls; 196 jump ropes; 200 packs of underwear (size 2-4); & 200 pairs of sunglasses. If funds allow, we would also love to include a small LED flashlight for all, and maybe even tshirts or drawstring bags that we will paint.



You may contribute towards the cost of these items or the cost of shipping (\$10/box) 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 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/).

*The congregation is invited to the wedding ceremony uniting*

*Elizabeth Grace Sechler,  
daughter of Lynn and Shannon Sechler, and*

*Quenten Thomas Jordan,  
son of Michael and Carrie Jordan*

*Saturday, November 2 at 4:00pm; First Presbyterian Church, Kannapolis*



### **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. Chancel Choir rehearsals resume this week at 6:30pm.

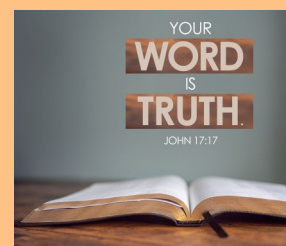
**The schedule for Wednesday nights will be as follows:**

5:30pm - Dinner for Youth and their families

6:00pm - PraiseMakers Rehearsal

6:30pm - Adult and Youth classes; Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm - GraceFull Movements rehearsal



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.



### **Women of the church are invited to "Dr. Nana Talks Faith:**

Helping Your Grandkids and Clankids Know Christ." The event will be held at Second Presbyterian Church in Kannapolis on Saturday, October 19, from 9am-12pm, featuring Dr. Tricia Scribner. Your \$25 ticket includes continental breakfast and a catered bbq lunch. Please let Michelle know if you are interested in attending!



**Linda's Closet will be temporarily closed for the coming weeks.** The Closet is taking time to re-organize, prepare for fall/winter, and transition leaders. Please hold any donations at this time. If you can offer help, see Eddie or Michelle!

**Thank you to all who have donated to the First Pres Blessing Fence! See Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help with these needs:**

- Travel size sealable plastic containers (for shampoo/conditioner)
- Plastic storage bags (1 & 2 gallon)
- First aid items: band aids, wipes, vaseline
- Clean/gently used socks, hats, gloves, scarves, handwarmers
- Handwarmers and small bottles of water



### **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**

- Jill McLain and family - loss of mother and grandmother
- Bob Faust and family - loss of Shirley
- Dave Argabrite - recovery from knee surgery
- Alice Jeanes - recovery from infection
- Fred Caskey - knee injury
- John Hammond - growing stronger
- Judy Goodnight - recovery from eye surgery
- Barbara Boucher - health concerns
- Debra Dandro - continuing treatments
- Diane Belotti - loss of 17 year-old niece

### **FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY**

- 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
- 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) - finished treatments
- Jennifer Watson (Frank Gibson's daughter) - battling cancer
- Buddy Troutman (friend of Hammonds) - under hospice care
- Noriko Haraguchi (Trish Nixon's friend) - lost all in Helene flood (Florida)
- All those affected by hurricanes and the ongoing relief efforts

### **HOMEBOUND**

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



# This Week @ FIRST PRES

## Sunday, October 13

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

## Tuesday, October 15

12:00pm - NA

## Wednesday, October 16

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

## Thursday, October 17

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

## Friday, October 18

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist  
Church Stream Fellowship

## Saturday, October 19

9am-12pm - *Dr. Nana Talks Faith* at  
Second Presbyterian  
in Kannapolis

## Next Sunday, October 20

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

## SERVANTS

**Elder Lock-Up:** Sue Maiocchi

**Children's Message:** Alpha Barger

**Children's Message Next Week:** Roxanne  
Spencer

**Children's Church:** Sharon Cranford & Sue  
Maiocchi

**Children's Church Next Week:** Michelle  
Walker & Carol Lowder

**Acolytes:** Evie Sechler & Camryn Lowder

**Acolytes next week:** Cierstyn Lowder &  
Noah Walker

**Nursery:** Lynn Efird

**Nursery next week:** Sharon Stricker

**Ushers:** Lynn Sechler, Phil Smith, Pam  
Hooks, Todd Pless

**Ushers next week:** Ryan Walker, Jeff  
Barnhardt, Eric Cowan, Mark Goodnight

**Greeters:** Lynn Sechler, Renee Goodnight

## FINANCIALS

### FOR SEPTEMBER

**YTD Income** \$225,299.67

**YTD Expenses** \$206,948.84

**YTD Budget** \$237,570.03

**Last week's attendance: 10/6/2024**

**Worship AM - 107**

**Sunday School - 62**

# 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> |
- Pastor Eddie Spencer, Moderator**

