



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	<i>Trusting Jesus</i>	Page
Lighting of the Candles		Cierstyn Lowder & Noah Walker
*Call to Worship	<i>Nobody</i> PraiseMakers	Hall/West/Herms
	feat. Noah Walker, William Herbst, Ranger Haaland, Toby Caskey	
*Hymn of Praise No. 833	<i>There is a Redeemer</i>	<i>ASCAP</i>

***Prayer of Adoration and the 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, we are Your redeemed people, yet at times we refuse to live in the freedom that is ours in Christ. We are Your loved people, yet we spurn You by our desires for other loves. We are Your holy people, yet we confess that the stain of sin persists in our thoughts, words, deeds, and attitudes. You call us to obedience, yet we prefer to question You and Your ways. Therefore, we repent and ask Your forgiveness for our rebellion against You. Show us how to build our lives on the Lamb who was slain, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Prayers of Confession**Assurance of the Gospel**

Colossians 1:13-14

For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*Hymn of Faith No. 468	<i>I Will Rise</i>	Tomlin
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~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

Word with our Children		Michelle Walker
Offering & Special Music	<i>Heaven Can Wait</i> Dallas Boovy, piano	Boovy
*Scripture Reading	Exodus 12	Page 65
Sermon	“Story of the Lamb”	Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Song of Adoration	<i>Lamb of God</i> Kay Yates, piano and soloist	Paris
*Prayer and Benediction		
Postlude	<i>I Will Sing of My Redeemer</i>	Bliss

*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!



The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God and in honor of Pastor Eddie and Roxanne for National Clergy Appreciation Month. Today especially, we praise God for their ministry to us and to our community. We are so blessed to have them here! Please extend your own word of thanks to Pastor Eddie and Roxanne.

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



Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief: 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 next Sunday, Oct. 27. A group from First Pres will travel to Boone on Saturday, October 26th for Hurricane Helene relief work with Samaritan's Purse. We will leave the church at 5:45am, and be ready to work by 8am. Work should be complete between 3:30-4:30pm. Volunteers must bring: sturdy work boots, work pants, work gloves, a bagged lunch, water, and hand sanitizer. Tools will be provided. **If you are interested in participating, please meet at the front of the Sanctuary following worship TODAY.**



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/.

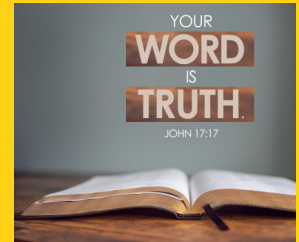
MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE IMPORTANT OCC DATES:
Wednesday, November 6th - Craft Night; Wednesday, November 13th - Pray for and pack 400 shoeboxes! Dinner will be provided (on a donation basis) on both nights beginning at 5:30. There's a job for everyone, come join us!!



On Sunday, November 3, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday during our Worship Service. Together, we will remember those members within our congregation and wider church family who have passed away since November 2023 and are now members of the Church Eternal. If you are aware of someone who should be included in that list, please see Michelle today, or send an email to michellewalker@firstpresb.org.

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

MYSTERY



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

We will dine at the Spencer home (1008 Sprucewood St.) THIS 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 **TODAY**, Sunday, October 20th. See Tracy Caskey for more information!

UnityFest is coming to Kannapolis THIS SATURDAY, 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 **TODAY**, Sunday, October 20 or see Michelle.



Linda's Closet has taken time to clean out and organize for fall!

The Closet will resume its regular schedule on November 5th and continue to be open on Tuesdays from 11am-2pm. In the past weeks, volunteers have assembled approximately 30 bags of donations for Hurricane victims in Western NC, and 40-50 bags for Florida. **As of right now, only fall, winter, and baby clothes donations are being accepted.** We do not have room to store spring and summer items. Please see Trish Nixon for information. Thank you to all the volunteers who have worked so diligently!



Dear Church Family,

Jane & I would like to extend our thanks to our Church family. The cards, texts, phone calls have been uplifting. Thank you Care Team. The healing process contains peaks and valleys. It is within the valleys that our Church family has helped us through. I have weeks of healing ahead of me and we are blessed to have such a caring Church family! **Thanks Dave & Jane Argabrite**

Dear Church Family: Many thanks for the visits, messages, cards, calls, and floral arrangements sent to our family during Mom's illness and passing. We are blessed to know and love you all. May God bless each of you.

Jill McLain & Family

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

- Kay McAllister - recovery from shoulder surgery
- Michelle Walker - surgery October 24th
- Jill McLain and family - loss of mother and grandmother
- Bob Faust and family - loss of Shirley
- Dave Argabrite - recovery from knee surgery
- Larry Cantrell - cornea surgery this week
- Fred Caskey - will have knee surgery
- John Hammond - growing stronger
- Judy Goodnight - health concerns
- Barbara Boucher - health concerns
- Debra Dandro - continuing treatments



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
- Jennifer Watson (Frank Gibson's daughter) - treatment for 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, October 20

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

Monday, October 21

2:00pm - Dorcas Circle

Tuesday, October 22

12:00pm - NA

Wednesday, October 23

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 24

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

Friday, October 25

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist
Church Stream Fellowship
6:00pm - Youth "Mystery Dinner"

Saturday, October 26

12pm-9pm - UnityFest in Village Park

Next Sunday, October 27

10 Cents A Meal

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Sue Maiocchi

Children's Message: Michelle Walker

Children's Message Next Week: Roxanne
Spencer

Children's Church: Michelle Walker &
Carol Lowder

Children's Church Next Week: Chris &
Chariti Lowder

Acolytes: Cierstyn Lowder & Noah Walker

Acolytes next week: Caylin & Camryn
Lowder

Nursery: Sharon Stricker

Nursery next week: Sue Maiocchi

Ushers: Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt, Eric
Cowan, Mark Goodnight

Ushers next week: Tony Hunter, Amy
Hurst, Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder

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: 1013/2024

Worship AM - 110

Sunday School - 60

SERMON NOTES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION - ACTIVE ELDERS

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



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