



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

Adams

Where the Spirit of the Lord Is
Ensemble

Lighting of the Candles

Caylin Lowder & Camryn Lowder

***Call to Worship**

Based on 1 Peter 2

Leader: Come to Him, the living Stone - rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to Him.

All: As His holy priesthood, we gather to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Leader: Come to Him as His chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession.

All: Let us declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

***Hymn of Praise No. 776**

A Mighty Fortress is our God

EIN FESTE BURG

***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.

Profession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 21

Leader: What is true faith?

All: True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in His Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit, through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

***Hymn of Faith No. 689**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

CIVILITY

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

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| Word with our Children | | Roxanne Spencer |
| Offering & Special Music | <i>Moses' Song</i> | |
| *Scripture Reading | Exodus 14 | Page 67 |
| Sermon | “The Real Battle” | Eddie Spencer |

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

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| *Sending Song | <i>Here I Am, Lord</i> | Schutte |
| *Prayer and Benediction | | |
| Postlude | <i>Neumeister</i> | McGranahan |

*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.

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 TODAY. **We have postponed our trip to Western North Carolina for another Saturday.** If you are interested

in serving on a one-day Mission Trip with Samaritan's Purse, please contact Sue Maiocchi. We will attempt to find another Saturday that more individuals can travel. Thank you for your continued support of those affected by Hurricane Helene!

Thank you for your donations and all the volunteers who packed up clothes being sent to Florida Hurricane victims. They are on their way to Clearwater, Florida!!



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; 200 packs of underwear (sz 2-4); & 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.

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!!



Next 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 email Lisa Salisbury at firstpresb@firstpresb.org by Tuesday, October 29th.

Join us for Wednesdays in the Word!

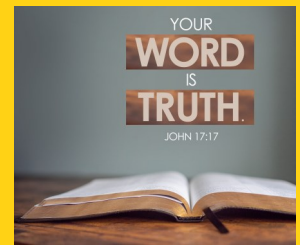
Pastor Eddie leads an adult class expounding on our Sunday morning "Moses" series. Children will also consider the life of Moses, while youth will focus on the example of Daniel. Chancel Choir rehearsals have resumed at 6:30pm.

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



Join us for a Churchwide Game Night hosted by the Friendship Sunday School Class on Saturday, November 9th, 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack food and your own drink. Contact Trish Nixon or Vickie Ellington for questions or if you need a ride.



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!

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
- ◆ 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

- Faust Family - loss of Bob & Shirley
- Michelle Walker - recovery from surgery
- Kay McAllister - recovery from shoulder surgery
- Jill McLain and family - loss of mother and grandmother
- Dave Argabrite - recovery from knee surgery
- Larry Cantrell - recovery from cornea surgery
- Fred Caskey - serious knee injury
- 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

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



This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, October 27

10 Cents A Meal

9:30am - Morning Coffee
- GraceFull Movements
Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

Tuesday, October 29

12:00pm - NA

Wednesday, October 30

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 31

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study

12:00pm - NA

Friday, November 1

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist

Church Stream Fellowship

Next Sunday, November 3

All Saints Sunday

9:30am - Morning Coffee
- GraceFull Movements
Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service with Holy
Communion

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Sue Maiocchi

Children's Message: Roxanne Spencer

NO Children's Message Next Week:

Children's Church: Chris & Chariti Lowder

Children's Church Next Week: Vickie
Ellington & Debbie McDaniel

Acolytes: Caylin & Camryn Lowder

Acolytes next week: Cierstyn Lowder &
Landon Walker

Nursery: Sue Maiocchi

Nursery next week: Vickie Ellington

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

Ushers next week: Sam McAllister, Mal
McDaniel Jill & Phil McLain

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: 10/20/2024

Worship AM - 113

Sunday School - 53

