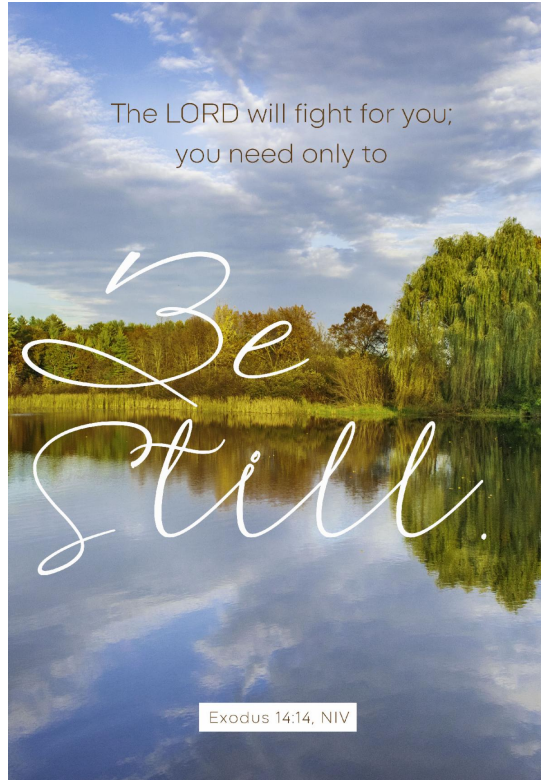




THE WEEKLY FIRST



Sunday, we will end our series on the “Moses Story”. In the future I will come back to the book of Exodus and teach the “Moses Story”, Part 2. Last week, both on Wednesday and Sunday I taught on the plagues with a focus on the meaning of the Passover. Two of the three world’s monotheistic religions, Judaism and Christianity, commemorate the Passover with Christians celebrating Jesus' revised version as He is the Once-and-For-All Passover Lamb.

This Sunday, we will follow the “Moses Story” into Exodus 14 as he leads God’s people out of Egypt. Early on the journey out of Egypt toward the Promised Land, Moses and the Israelites learned “The Real Battle” they faced as they transitioned from an oppressed people to a free people and newly formed nation under God. It is the “Real Battle” we face in living life that is truly life in our days.

October 27 is also a Sunday many Protestant churches celebrate Reformation Day. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 Thesis/Protests on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany. These protests were surreptitiously printed into the German language and became a catalyst for a movement which eventually became widely known as the Protestant Reformation.

Luther, Calvin, Zwingli and the other Reformers believed the church of their day was drifting away from the essential and foundational truths of the Christian Faith. Guided by biblical convictions, the reformers sought to reorient Christianity on the foundations of the Apostles and Prophets with Jesus Christ as the Chief Cornerstone (Ephesians 2:19). The five “Solos” (Latin phrases) summarizing the core theological convictions of the Protestant Reformation are as follows:

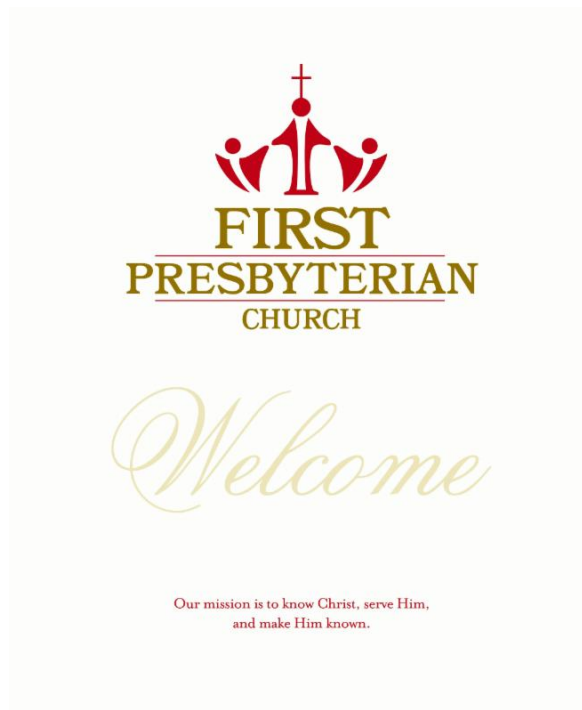
- Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone): The Bible alone is our highest authority.
- Sola Fide (Faith Alone): We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.
- Sola Gratia (Grace Alone): We are saved by the grace of God alone.
- Solus Christus (Christ Alone): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.
- Soli Deo Gloria (To the Glory of God alone): We live for the

glory of God alone.

Attached is a brief biographical sketch of Martin Luther and his spiritual struggle that led to his conversion and was a catalyst to what we call the Protestant Reformation.

[Link to Martin Luther bio](#)

[Sunday Bulletin](#) is Online!



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!

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.

Continue to uphold all the victims, first responders, and relief workers in your prayers.



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!!



We are continuing our Operation Christmas Child collection in September, 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!

Toddler Girls

200 small balls (handheld)

200 packs of underwear (sz 2-4)

Older Girls

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, shoeboxes are now available in the Narthex, also instruction guides. Return your packaged box with the \$10 shipping cost inside, by Sunday, November 10.

If you would like to Build a Shoebox online, go to www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/.



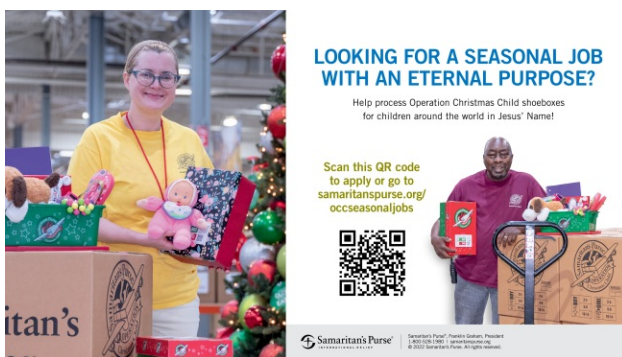
MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE IMPORTANT OCC DATES:

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!!



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



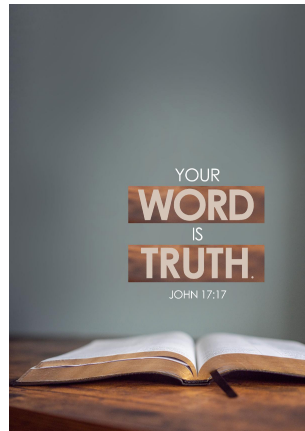
All Saints' Day

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



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.



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. 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
- 6:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal



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. You can get a pass at www.unityfestusa.com.



Thank you to all who have donated to the First Pres Blessing Fence!

So many items have been gifted to our community through this ministry.

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 and scarves
- Handwarmers
- Small bottles of water

Please see Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help!



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.

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!

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 & 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 PRESB

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION - ACTIVE ELDERS

Raegan Swaringen Dave Ellington Lynn Sechler

Cookie Hamilton Chris Lowder Ken Sparks

Sue Maiocchi Phil McLain

Pastor Eddie Spencer, Moderator

Jeff Barnhardt, Session Clerk



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