



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 *Here I am to Worship*
Dallas Boovy, piano

Hughes

Lighting of the Candles

Cierstyn Lowder & Landon Walker

***Call to Worship**

Hebrews 12:1-2, 28-29

Leader: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin which clings so closely,

**All: Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to
Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith**

Leader: Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising
the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

**All: Therefore, let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be
shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence
and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.**

Hymn of Praise No. 254For All the Saints*

SIN NOMINE

Prayer of Adoration*Remembering the Saints*****Song of Remembrance***How are Things at Home*
Kay Yates, piano

Paschal

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~***Doxology No. 965**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***Offering & Special Music***In Remembrance of Me*
Ensemble

McCormick

***Scripture Reading**

Exodus 14

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Sermon

“Learning to Live Free”

Eddie Spencer

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Communion Song No. 840**

Behold the Lamb

COMMUNION HYMN

***Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude

When We All Get to Heaven

Wilson

****During the service of Communion, you are asked to pray for the Persecuted Church around the world.**

*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!

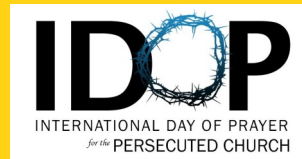


As our church family celebrates the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we also traditionally collect for our Good Samaritan Fund. This fund allows the church pastor and staff to assist those in need - both in our church and in our community. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in the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



The flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and given by the family of Elizabeth (Sechler) to celebrate her marriage to Quenten Jordan on November 2nd.

Prayer for The Persecuted Church: Today we join Christians around the world in observing the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. When sisters and brothers who face all manner of suffering because of their belief in Christ are asked how we who worship freely can help them, their first response is, "Pray for us!" Pray for courage, strength, and protection for those imprisoned for their faith and for gracious witness to their persecutors. Pray also for assurance of God's presence and provision for those who have lost homes, livelihoods, and family members. Pray that Christians in free nations will begin to understand "the fellowship of suffering" (Philippians 3:10) and choose to stand with and support our persecuted brothers and sisters.



Thank you to our First Pres family for your donation of \$4,040 for Samaritan's Purse hurricane disaster relief. A check was mailed to Samaritan's Purse this past week.

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!



Our Operation Christmas Child collection continues until next Sunday, November 10th. You may contribute towards the cost of items still needed 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 **NEXT Sunday November 10**. If you would like to Build a Shoebox online, go to www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/.

Join us THIS Wednesday, November 6th - for an Operation Christmas Child Craft Night - many hands are needed. Dinner will be provided (on a donation basis) at 6:00pm and crafting will begin at 6:30pm. The Chancel Choir will be rehearsing at 6:30pm.

Wednesday, November 13th - We will pray for and pack 400 shoeboxes! Dinner will be provided (on a donation basis) beginning at 6:00pm and packing will begin at 6:30pm. There's a job for everyone, come join us!!



**Shoebox
Drop-Off
Center**



First Presbyterian will once again serve as an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drop-Off Center in 2024! During National Collection week, November 18-25th, volunteers will be needed to staff our center and receive shoeboxes from neighboring churches and community members. We must then transport those

boxes to Pitts Baptist on Monday, November 25th. A sign up board is in the Narthex with the hours for which help is needed. See Sue Maiocchi if you have questions or would like more information!

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 a Thanksgiving Day lunch on Thursday, November 28! The meal starts at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Turkey, gravy, tea and lemonade will be provided. Guests are asked to bring sides and desserts to share. If you would like to decorate the tables, please see Vickie Ellington. **Please sign up the Narthex by Sunday, November 24th.**

Sweet Potato Fundraiser to support Bible History Classes at Central Cabarrus High & West Rowan Schools. Orders are due by Sunday, November 17th. If you are interested, you may pick up a flyer in the Narthex.



Linda's 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!

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





**To Everyone,
A million times over...thank you for all your cards and prayers.
Larry Cantrell**

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

- Michelle Walker - recovery from surgery
- Dave Argabrite - recovery from 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

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



This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, November 3

All Saints Sunday

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

Tuesday, November 5

11:00am - 2:00pm - Linda's Closet
12:00pm - NA

Wednesday, November 6

6:00pm - Dinner
6:30pm - OCC Craft Night
6:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 7

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

Friday, November 8

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist
Church Stream Fellowship

Saturday, November 9

6:30pm - Game Night in Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, November 10

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Phil McLain

No Children's Message Today

Children's Message Next Week: Alpha Barger

Children's Church: Vickie Ellington & Debbie McDaniel

Children's Church Next Week: Adam & Tracy Caskey

Acolytes: Cierstyn Lowder & Landon Walker

Acolytes next week: Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend

Nursery: Vickie Ellington

Nursery next week: Amelia Caskey

Ushers: Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel Jill & Phil McLain

Ushers next week: Tony Rary, Ryan Walker, Phil Smith, Pam Hooks

Greeters: Ken Sparks & Tony Rary

FINANCIALS

FOR SEPTEMBER

YTD Income \$225,299.67

YTD Expenses \$206,948.84

YTD Budget \$237,570.03

Last week's attendance: 10/27/2024

Worship AM - 109

Sunday School - 62

SERMON NOTES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION - ACTIVE ELDERS

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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