



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 *Highland Cathedral*
Dave McKenzie, bagpipe

Roever/Korb

Lighting of the Candles

Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 117

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol Him, all you peoples,

All: For great is His love towards us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord.

***Hymn of Praise No. 353**

Rejoice, O Pure in Heart

MARION

***Prayer of Adoration and 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

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be. Guide us, by your Spirit, so that we may trust You, follow You, and praise You to the glory of Your Holy Name. It's in the name of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, we pray.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

II Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

***Song of Prayer No. 896**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Medema

Prayer for our Nation

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with Our Children

Alpha Barger

Offering & Special Music

Come Thou Fount
Dave McKenzie, bagpipe

Robinson

***Scripture Reading**

Luke 5: 27-32

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Sermon

“Dinners With Jesus”

Eddie Spencer

Celebration of Veterans Day

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude

Amazing Grace
Dave McKenzie, bagpipe

Newton

*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!



This Sunday, to commemorate Veterans Day, we honor members of our church family who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Veterans and current members of the military are invited to take a lapel pin from our ushers to wear. You will also be invited forward at the end of the service for a special moment of recognition. First Presbyterian thanks all who have put service to their country and their fellow man above themselves.



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 TODAY, Sunday, November 10th. You may contribute towards the cost of items still needed or the cost of shipping (\$10/box) online; mark your donation "Shoeboxes" and place it in the offering plate.

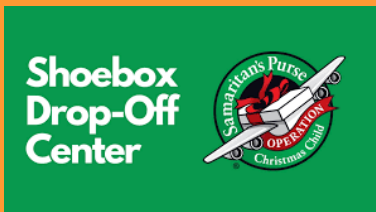
If you packed your own shoebox, they are due TODAY! Please place your packed shoebox, with age and gender label attached, and \$10 shipping cost included, on the OCC table in the Narthex. You can still pack a shoebox online at www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/.



Join us THIS Wednesday, November 13th.

for our Shoebox Packing Party! We will pack and pray over 400 OCC Shoeboxes - 200 for girls aged 2-4, and 200 for girls aged 10-14. Dinner (pizza, caesar salad, drinks) will be served at 6pm, and the packing begins right

after! We'll end our celebration with dessert and warm drinks. There's a job for everyone, so come join us!!!



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

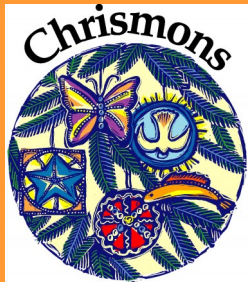
boxes to Pitts Baptist on Monday, November 25th. A sign up board is in the Narthex with the hours for which help is needed. See Sue Maiocchi if you have questions or would like more information!

Volunteers are needed to greet, unload boxes from the parking lot, fill out paperwork, count, pack in cartons and most important PRAY over shoeboxes. Our Drop-Off Center hours are as follows:

Mon, 11/18 11am - 1pm
Tue, 11/19 4pm - 6pm
Wed, 11/20 1pm - 3pm
Thu, 11/21 5pm - 7pm

Fri, 11/22 10am - Noon
Sat, 11/23 10am - Noon
Sun, 11/24 1pm - 3:30pm
Mon, 11/25 10am - Noon

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



Journey Youth are invited to a Chrismon Craft Night on Wednesday, November 20! We will meet for play practice at 5:30, dinner at 6, and crafting at 6:30. We will learn what chrismons mean and make our own. Some ornaments will even go on our sanctuary Christmas Tree. Thanks to the Women's Council for providing the materials! **Sign up in the Narthex by Sun., Nov. 17.**

Craft Night

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.**



Linda's Closet will resume its regular schedule 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.



Michelle Walker and her family would like to express their deepest appreciation for all the calls, texts, cards, food, and other acts of support during and following her recent surgery. The prayers you sent on their behalf were felt and such a comfort. Your expressions of love have been wonderful, and they are so grateful for everything you have done for them!

Thank you for thinking of our kids with your wonderful donations of school supplies, shoes, and socks. It makes a positive difference in their lives. I am grateful for your kindness!

Michelle Gonzales, Social Worker, A.L. Brown High School

Dear Friends of CCM, It is with grateful hearts that we say THANK YOU for your contribution of \$1000. Your support of our ministry is greatly appreciated, especially as the need for transitional housing continues to grow.

Jeremy Burleson, Chief Relationship Officer, Cooperative Christian Ministry

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

- Michelle Walker - recovery from surgery
- Noah Walker - recovery from pneumonia
- Jeff Barnhardt - recovery from broken arm
- 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
- James Faber (Terri Pruett's son-in-law) - recovery from heart attack
- Lori Bradshaw (Hallman's neighbor) - loss of her mother
- 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 10

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

Monday, November 11 Happy Veterans Day!

Tuesday, November 12

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

Wednesday, November 13

5:30pm - PraiseMakers/Christmas Play
Practice
6:00pm - Dinner
6:00pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm - OCC Packing Party

Thursday, November 14

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

Friday, November 15

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist
Church Stream Fellowship

Next Sunday, November 17

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Phil McLain

Children's Message Today: Alpha Barger

Children's Message Next Week: Blessing
of the Shoeboxes

Children's Church: Adam & Tracy Caskey

Children's Church Next Week: Lynn Efid
& Megan Quigg

Acolytes: Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend

Acolytes next week: Michael Herbst &
Noah Walker

Nursery: Amelia Caskey

Nursery next week: Megan Quigg

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

Ushers next week: Lynn Sechler, Amy
Hurst, Eric Cowan, Mark Goodnight

Greeters: Ken Sparks & Tony Rary

FINANCIALS

FOR OCTOBER

YTD Income \$247,328.82

YTD Expenses \$233,207.28

YTD Budget \$263,966.70

Last week's attendance: 11/3/2024

Worship AM - 116

Sunday School - 58

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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