



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,
and make Him known.

~ Gathering Before the Word ~

Welcome

Michelle Walker

Prelude & Preparation for Worship

Thanksgiving Medley
Handbell Ensemble

Anderson

Lighting of the Candles

Michael Herbst & Noah Walker

***Call to Worship**

Colossians 1:15-17

Leader: The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

All: For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Leader: He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

All: And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy.

***Hymn of Praise No. 372**

When Morning Gilds the Sky

LAUDES DOMINI

***Prayer of Adoration**

Prayer of Confession

Our heavenly Father, You are our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Every good and perfect gift comes from You. Yet we confess that we have doubted Your generous heart which delights to give what is good to Your children. We have murmured and complained against You. We have failed to give thanks to You in all circumstances. Empower us to cast off these and all other sins of our heart knowing that they are an affront and insult to You. Fill us anew with Your spirit and deepen our gratitude so that we might serve and obey You with undivided and joyful hearts. It's in the name of Jesus our Lord, we pray.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

***Song of Response No. 352**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Concerns and Celebrations of our Church Family

Word with Our Children

Blessing of the Shoeboxes

Offering & Special Music

Give Thanks
Chancel Choir

Smith

*Scripture Reading

John 5:16-23

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Sermon

“Keeping the Main Thing, the Main Thing”

Jeremy Churchill

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Sending Song

More Than Anything

Wilson

Sarah Bailey Wooten, Amy Hicks

*Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

In Christ There is No East or West

Reingald

*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!

Jeremy Churchill is our guest speaker today. Jeremy currently serves as Director of Communications for The Outreach Foundation - an ECO ministry partner. He is also an ordination candidate with ECO. Jeremy and his wife Anne live in Cornelius with their two children, Anderson and Finley. Please make them welcome!



First Pres has secured a spot to process OCC shoeboxes in Charlotte! Our assigned time at the Samaritan's Purse warehouse is Friday, November 29th, from 3pm-7pm. We will stop for dinner on the way back, and the van will be available for transportation. Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, November 24th if you would like to go. See Michelle Walker for more information.



Thank you to all who donated and volunteered to pack our 400 shoeboxes!!!



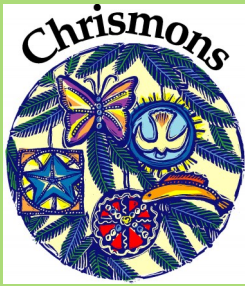
First Presbyterian will once again serve as an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drop-Off Center in 2024! During National Collection week, November 18-25th, volunteers will be needed to staff our center and receive shoeboxes from neighboring churches and community members. We must then transport those

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!

HELP IS NEEDED ON SATURDAY/SUNDAY/MONDAY - Please sign up TODAY!

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	Fri, 11/22	10am - Noon
Tue, 11/19	4pm - 6pm	Sat, 11/23	10am - Noon
Wed, 11/20	1pm - 3pm	Sun, 11/24	1pm - 3:30pm
Thu, 11/21	5pm - 7pm	Mon, 11/25	10am - Noon



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.



Our Giving Tree will be in the Narthex next Sunday, November 24! This year, the Missions Team has decided to adopt three families, with 6 children total, referred to us by Cooperative Christian Ministry. Tags on the tree list items for both the children and the families. If the item is for a child, information about the child is

on the reverse side of the tag. Simply take a tag from the tree, and return the item - unwrapped, with the tag attached - to the base of the tree. All gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 15. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

Help is needed to decorate our church for Advent and Christmas! Strong arms are especially needed on Friday, November 29th at 10am to set up our altar "stage", bring down items from storage on the third floor, and erect the large Christmas tree in the Sanctuary. Finishing touches, including decorating the tree, hanging wreaths, putting out candles, etc. will happen on Saturday, November 30th at 10am. See Cookie Hamilton for more information.



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.

The closet is all set with hangers, so no more needed at this time.

Please see Trish Nixon for information.

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:

- ♦ Feminine Products
- ♦ Men & Women's toboggans and gloves



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

- Jeff Barnhardt - recovery from broken arm
- Fred Caskey - knee surgery November 22
- 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 - two more surgeries needed
- 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 17

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

Monday, November 18

2:00pm - Dorcas Circle

Tuesday, November 19

11:00am - 2:00pm - Linda's Closet
12:00pm - NA
6:45pm - Missions Team

Wednesday, November 20

5:30pm - PraiseMakers/Christmas Play
Practice
6:00pm - Dinner
6:00pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm - Chrismon Craft Night

Thursday, November 21

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

Friday, November 22

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist
Church Stream Fellowship

Next Sunday, November 24

10 Cents A Meal

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

Monday, Nov 18 - Monday Nov. 25
OCC Nat'l Shoebox Collection Week
(See hours in bulletin - Help especially
needed on Saturday, Sunday, Monday,
November 23-25)

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Phil McLain

Children's Message Today: Blessing of
the Shoeboxes

Children's Message Next Week:

Children's Church: Lynn Efird & Megan
Quigg

Children's Church Next Week: Roxanne
Spencer & Sharon Cranford

Acolytes: Michael Herbst & Noah Walker

Acolytes next week: Caylin & Camryn
Lowder

Nursery: Megan Quigg

Nursery next week: Sharon Cranford

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

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

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 - 86

Sunday School - 57

SERMON NOTES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION - ACTIVE ELDERS

Raegan Swaringen

Cookie Hamilton

Sue Maiocchi

Dave Ellington

Chris Lowder

Phil McLain

Lynn Sechler

Ken Sparks

Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk

Pastor Eddie Spencer, Moderator



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