



THE WEEKLY FIRST



*When they
saw the star,
they rejoiced
exceedingly
with great joy.*

Matthew 2:10, ESV

Roxanne and I are deeply grateful for your prayers and support over the past weeks. My mom entered the presence of our Lord on Wednesday afternoon around 1:00. She was a great person, and we will miss her deeply. God graciously allowed her to live for over 100 years and now for eternity.

I look forward to worshipping with you on the fourth and last Sunday of Advent. We will light the candle of love. "This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." (1 John 4:9-10) My text for teaching is Matthew 2. While we most often focus on the Magi or Wisemen on the Sunday or two following Christmas Day, I am making an exception this year. They have much to teach us.

Click on the link below to access the Advent devotional.

[The Language of Advent Devotional](#)

[Sunday Bulletin is Online!](#)



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



There will be no Sunday School on December 29. Join us for worship in the Sanctuary at 11am!



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



Congratulations to all who helped build and ride on our float for the Kannapolis Christmas Parade! We won 2nd place in the church category. Special thanks to Andrew Townsend, Chris Lowder, Lynn Sechler, Cecil Cress, and Irene Davis.



Invite friends and family to our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on December 24!

This year, we will gather at 5:30pm for a time of worship and **reflection**. Special music, as well as lessons and carols, will draw us to pause and remember the Reason we celebrate.





Thank you to all who participated in Christmas caroling this past Wednesday. We enjoyed spreading Christmas cheer to our homebound members and Best of Care Assisted Living.



TWO 2025 Bible Reading Plans are now available!

One is our traditional plan, prepared by Pastor Eddie. It takes us through the entire New Testament in addition to the books of Psalms, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes from the Old Testament.

The other plan takes the reader through the entirety of the Bible in a year. The plan is not in chronological order, but incorporates readings from both Old and New Testament throughout the year, divided by the genre of the writing. Each week will include portions of the Epistles, The Law, History, Psalms, Poetry, Prophecy, and the Gospels. It is taken from www.bible-reading.com/bible-plan.html.

Each plan is available on a large bookmark, which you may pick up in the Narthex. We will also post the bookmarks on our website.



Refuge of Hope Soup Kitchen at Operation Homeless, Inc, 511 Old Centergrove Road, Kannapolis is hosting a Christmas Day Brunch and festivities at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a meal, fun and fellowship with others for the holidays.



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:

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

Please see Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help!



Linda's Closet will close for the Christmas holidays on Tuesday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 31. The closet will resume its normal hours on Tuesday,

January 7.

Currently, there is a great need for men and young boys' and young girls' (sizes 3-5) winter clothes.

Please no spring or summer clothes at this time.

In the last weeks, an average of 800 articles of clothing have been distributed.

Please see Trish Nixon for information and to volunteer.

Thank you for your support of this ministry!

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

- Pastor Eddie, Roxanne and the Spencer family - death of Eddie's mom, Rachel
- Alexis Howell - recovery from surgery

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Patrick Goode (Devin's brother) - recovery from stroke
- Catherine Cox (Alice Jeanes' sister) - cancer
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - chemo treatments
- Zelda West (Trish Nixon's granddaughter) - Spina Bifida
- Anna Hinson (Becky Seaford's daughter-in-laws' mother) - in cardiac rehab
- 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
- Irina (online message) - health concerns and for her son's current work situation.

HOMEBOUND

- Linda Bost - Best of Care
 - Barbara Hancock - Home
 - Loretta Young - Five Oaks
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This Week@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, December 22

10 Cents A Meal

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
(Disciples Class)

10:00am - Combined Adult Sunday
School in Fellowship Hall

11:00am - Worship Service

Tuesday, December 24

12:00pm - NA

5 :30pm - Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 25 Merry Christmas!

10:30am - Refuge of Hope Christmas
Brunch

Thursday, December 26

12:00pm - NA

Friday, December 27

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist
Church Stream Fellowship

Next Sunday, December 29

No Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Raegan Swaringen

Children's Message Today: Chrismons

Children's Message Next Week: Chrismons

Children's Church: Risa Little

Children's Church Next Week: Tracy Caskey

Acolytes: Caylin & Camryn Lowder

Acolytes next week: Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend

Nursery: Alpha Barger & Amelia Caskey

Nursery next week: Roxanne Spencer

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

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

Greeters: Cookie Hamilton & Dave Argabrite

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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