



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering Before the Word ~

Welcome Eddie Spencer

Prelude Dallas Boovy

Lighting of the Candles Caylin Lowder & Ingrid Townsend

***Call to Worship No. 559** *Ten Thousand Reasons* Myrin/Redman
Chancel Choir

***Hymn of Praise No. 223** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

***Prayer of Confession**

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wandering, and deeper than all our sin. Forgive our rebellious attitude toward Your purpose, our drifting from Your ways, and our refusal to love and serve others. Grant to us a new zeal to trust and follow You, to worship You and to advance Your kingdom, and grant us holy joy in so doing, in the blessed name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

***Hymn of Grace No. 956** *To God Be the Glory* MY TRIBUTE

Reception of New Covenant Partner**~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~****Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family**

Word with Our Children Roxanne Spencer

Offering & Special Music *For the Beauty of the Earth* Kocher
Abigail Malinovsky, clarinet; Kay Yates, piano

***Scripture Reading** Galatians 2:11-16 Page 1152

Sermon “Living the Gospel” Eddie Spencer

~ **Responding to the Word of God** ~

***Sending Song** *You are My All in All* Jernigan
Chancel Choir & PraiseMakers

***Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude *Am I a Soldier of the Cross?* Arne

*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 marks our monthly 10 Cents-A-Meal collection!

Our youth will be in the Narthex immediately following worship to collect your donations. These offerings are divided between Compassion International (we sponsor 3 children through this organization) and Cabarrus Meals on Wheels.

Welcome to Our Newest Covenant Partner!



Linda Johnston joins First Presbyterian by reaffirmation of faith. She is a retired LPN (licensed practical nurse) and has two children and one grandchild. Linda enjoys reading, watching sports, and traveling. She found First Presbyterian after Dave and Jane Argabrite agreed to give her a ride on Sunday mornings. She was impressed with the kindness shown to her, and she looks forward to joining in church services and programs. Please extend your own welcome to Linda following the service today!

Anyone passionate about the children and youth ministry in our church is invited to a Children's Ministry Team meeting **THIS Sunday, January 26** immediately following worship. Bring your calendar and your ideas to the parlor as we discuss upcoming plans. See Raegan Swaringen for more information!



Pastor Eddie and Roxanne will represent First Presbyterian at the ECO National Gathering this week in Dallas, TX. Please pray for their safe travel and for the gathering to be a time of spiritual rest and renewal. They will share their experience with us next Sunday!

The Mission Presbytery and the Southern California Presbytery are fellow ECO Presbyteries which cover the LA region. They are setting up a fund to offer support to those in need following the disastrous wildfires that have marred the area. Your Missions Team has committed \$1,000.00 towards this effort. If you would like to give to the fund, make your check to First Presbyterian Church, but designate "LA Fires" in the memo or on your offering envelope. The deadline to donate is Sunday, February 16. Please uphold in prayer all those affected by the fires, including those who are displaced, those who have lost property or possessions, and the first responders working around the clock to serve their communities.





New Year Prayer Gathering! We have rescheduled our time of corporate prayer for Wednesday, February 5th. Join us from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Children and youth are invited to meet with Michelle in the sanctuary for music rehearsal!



The Missions Team is sponsoring a “Souper Bowl of Caring” to “tackle hunger” in our community! On Sunday, February 9, immediately following the worship service, join us for a soup luncheon. Homemade soups, condiments, crackers, and drinks will be provided on a donation basis. The congregation is asked to bring desserts. All monetary

donations will go to Cooperative Christian Ministries. We will also receive donations of dry goods and canned food to benefit CCM. From Sunday, February 2 – Sunday, February 9, receptacles will be available in the Narthex and outside the Fellowship Hall.



First Presbyterian will present a Living Dramatization of Leonardo DaVinci's *The Last Supper* on Sunday, April 13. Anyone who would like to assist with the production (set, costumes, publicity, meals) are invited to join the cast, director, and assistants for an informational meeting on Sunday, February 2, at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary. This year's production of The Last Supper will be the church's 21st production since the play was first introduced in 1961.



Linda's Closet is open weekly on Tuesdays, 11am-2:00pm. Currently, there is a great need for men, young boys', and young girls' (sizes 3-5) winter clothes at this time!

NEW HOURS, effective February 4, will be 11am - 1:00pm. If you are interested in volunteering, see Trish Nixon.



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

- Ronald Barger - recovery from a fall
- Phil Smith - recovery from ankle surgery
- Angel Dixon - recovery from infection
- Dave Argabrite - heart procedure on January 28

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Patrick Goode (Devin's brother) - Hospice care
- Steve Smith (Becky Seaford's brother) - recovery from surgery
- Krystle (Chariti Lowder's friend) - family is going through illness and uncertainty
- McKenzie Hampton (Sandy Boucher-Bessent's daughter) - recovery from Covid and pneumonia
- Catherine Cox (Alice Jeanes' sister) - awaiting surgery
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - chemo treatments
- Zelda West (Trish Nixon's granddaughter) - Spina Bifida
- Justin Wallace (Melba Funderburk'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
- Neveah (friend of Mary-Gray Petersen) - in California - pray for California residents affected by wildfires
- OCC Shoebox Recipients in Colombia (S. America), Guinea (W. Africa), and Ukraine (E. Europe)

HOMEBOUND

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



This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, January 26

10 Cents A Meal

- 9:30am - Morning Coffee
 - GraceFull Movements Rehearsal
- 10:00am - Sunday School
- 11:00am - Worship Service
- 12:00pm - Children's Ministry Team in Parlor

Monday, January 27

- 2:00pm - Dorcas Circle of Hope

Tuesday, January 28

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

Wednesday, January 29

- 6:00pm - PraiseMakers Rehearsal
 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 30

Pastor Eddie's Birthday!

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

Next Sunday, February 2

- 9:30am - Morning Coffee
- 10:00am - Sunday School
- 11:00am - Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 4:00pm - The Last Supper Information Meeting

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Phil McLain

Children's Message Today: Roxanne Spencer

NO Children's Message Next Week

Children's Church: Sharon Cranford

Children's Church Next Week: Michelle Walker

Acolytes: Caylin Lowder & Ingrid Townsend

Acolytes next week: Cierstyn & Camryn Lowder

Nursery: Sue Maiocchi & Lynn Efird

Nursery next week: Jenny Sparks

Ushers: Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister, Jill & Phil McLain

Ushers next week: Mal McDaniel, Todd Pless, Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler

Greeters: Lynn Sechler, Donnie Swaringen

FINANCIALS

FOR DECEMBER

YTD Income \$310,652.52

YTD Expenses \$286,821.59

YTD Budget \$316,760.00

Last week's attendance: 1/19/2025

Worship AM - 113

Sunday School - 64

