



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering Before the Word ~**Welcome**

Eddie Spencer

Prelude*The Old Rugged Cross*

Bernard

Lighting of the Candles

Cierstyn & Camryn Lowder

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 136:1-3

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods.

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

All: His love endures forever.***Hymn of Praise No. 351***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

***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.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Hymn of Preparation No. 837Let Us Break Bread Together***~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~****Report from ECO National Gathering**

Eddie & Roxanne Spencer

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

Offering & Special Music	<i>Come, Share the Lord</i> Chancel Choir	Leech
*Scripture Reading	Galatians 3:1-5	Page 1152
Sermon	“Gospel Growth”	Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

*Sending Song	<i>Fill My Cup Lord</i> Chancel Choir	Blanchard
*Prayer and Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Power in the Blood</i>	Jones

*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!



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’.

Love Quote of the Week

“What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the signs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.”

Augustine

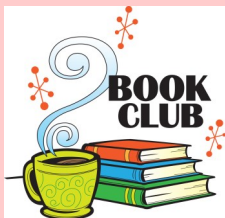


New Year Prayer Gathering! We have rescheduled our time of corporate prayer for THIS Wednesday, February 5th. Join us from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Children and youth are invited to meet with Michelle in the sanctuary for music rehearsal! The Chancel Choir will rehearse at 5:45pm.



The Missions Team is sponsoring a “Souper Bowl of Caring” to “tackle hunger” in our community! NEXT 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.



Do you like to read? A new BOOK CLUB will begin Monday, February 10 from 10:00-11:30am in the parlor.

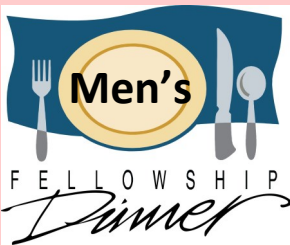
Our first book is *At Home in Mitford* by Jan Karon. The club is open to men and women. We will meet once or twice month, depending on what is convenient for everyone. See Trish Nixon if you would like more information.

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.





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 **TODAY**, 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.



Men's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, February 27 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall! Menu will consist of steak or chicken, baked potato, salad, drinks and dessert. Suggested donation is \$12. Speakers will be men of our congregation sharing the ways God is working in their lives. Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, February 23!

Mark your calendar for "Forever Fifties," an Agape Bistro presented by First Pres PraiseMakers and friends! Join us on Saturday, March 1 in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm. You will enjoy dinner, served by our Journey Youth, followed by a variety show themed around the 1950s. Our PraiseMakers and the Northwest High Honors Band will delight you with the sounds of the decade, and comedic acts will tickle your funny bone! Stay tuned for more information, coming soon!



Linda's Closet is open with NEW HOURS weekly on Tuesdays, 11am-1:00pm. Currently, there is still a need for men, young boys', and young girls' (sizes 3-5) winter clothes at this time! 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



Jane and I want to thank our Church family for their prayer support & love during and recovery from my heart ablation. I'm doing well and will return next Sunday.
Dave & Jane Argabrite

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

- Peggy Gibson - recovery from a broken arm and hip surgery
- Ronald Barger - recovery from a fall
- Phil Smith - recovery from ankle surgery
- Dave Argabrite - recovery from heart procedure

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Patrick Goode (Devin's brother) - Hospice care
- Catherine Cox (Alice Jeanes' sister) - surgery February 10th
- 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)
- Family and friends affected by plane crash in Washington DC

HOMEBOUND

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



This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, February 2

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

Monday, February 3

10:30am - Women's Council

Tuesday, February 4

11am - 1pm - Linda's Closet (NEW HOURS)
12:00pm - NA
6:30pm - Session

Wednesday, February 5

5:45pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm - New Year Prayer Gathering
- PraiseMakers Rehearsal

Thursday, February 6

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

Next Sunday, February 9

9:30am - Morning Coffee
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service
12:00pm - Souper Bowl of Caring Missions Lunch

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Dave Ellington

NO Children's Message This Week

Children's Message Next Week: Acting Out

Children's Church: Michelle Walker

Children's Church Next Week: Chris Lowder

Acolytes: Cierstyn Lowder & Camryn Lowder

Acolytes next week: Landon & Noah Walker

Nursery: Jenny Sparks

Nursery next week: Chariti Lowder

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

Ushers next week: Phil Smith, Pam Hooks, Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt

Greeters: Jeff Barnhardt, Debbie McDaniel

FINANCIALS

FOR DECEMBER

YTD Income \$310,652.52

YTD Expenses \$286,821.59

YTD Budget \$316,760.00

Last week's attendance: 1/26/2025

Worship AM - 114

Sunday School - 62

SERMON NOTES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION - ACTIVE ELDERS

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| Raegan Swaringen | Dave Ellington | Lynn Sechler |
| Cookie Hamilton | Chris Lowder | Ken Sparks |
| Sue Maiocchi | Phil McLain | Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk |
| Pastor Eddie Spencer, Moderator | | |

