



**FIRST**  

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**PRESBYTERIAN**  

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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

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

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~ **Gathering Before the Word** ~

**Welcome**

Eddie Spencer

**Prelude**

Dallas Boovy

**Lighting of the Candles**

Landon & Noah Walker

**\*Call to Worship**

Romans 8:31,32,34,37-39

Leader: What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

**All: He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?**

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

**All: For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Standing on the Promises*

See insert

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change, deliver us from our present bondage, lead us into the newness of life, and grant us grace to grow more and more in the likeness of Christ our Lord. It's in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we pray.

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Assurance of the Gospel**

John 10:26-30

My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and the Father are one.

**\*Hymn No. 690**

*I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace*

EL NATHAN

**~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~**

**Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family**

**Word With Our Children**

Acting Out Drama Ministry

**Offering & Special Music**

*The Gift of Love*  
Chancel Choir

English Melody/Hopson

**\*Scripture Reading**

Galatians 3:1-9

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**Sermon**

“Gospel Growth”

Eddie Spencer

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

**\*Sending Song**

*Thy Word*

Grant/Smith

**\*Prayer and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Tell Me the Story of Jesus*

Crosby

\*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!

## Love Quote of the Week

“And so I discovered that it is not on our forgiveness any more than on our goodness that the world's healing hinges, but on His. When He tells us to love our enemies, He gives along with the command, the love itself.”

— **Corrie Ten Boom, The Hiding Place**

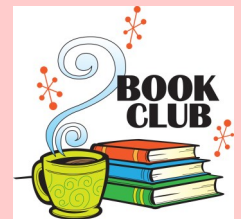


**The Missions Team is sponsoring a “Souper Bowl of Caring” to “tackle hunger” in our community! TODAY**, immediately following the worship service, join us for a soup luncheon. Homemade soups, condiments, crackers, and drinks will be provided on a donation basis. The congregation is asked to bring desserts.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

Christian Ministries. We will also receive donations of dry goods and canned food to benefit CCM through today, Sunday, February 9. Receptacles are available in the Narthex and outside the Fellowship Hall.

**Do you like to read? A new BOOK CLUB will begin tomorrow, Monday, February 10 from 10:00-11:30am in the parlor.** Our first book is *At Home in Mitford* by Jan Karon.

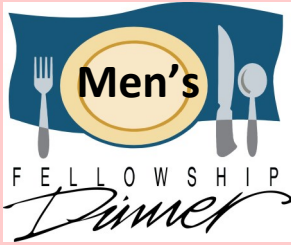
The book club is open to men and women. We will meet once or twice a month, depending on what is convenient for everyone. See Trish Nixon if you would like more information.



**A new women's Sunday School class will begin this week!** "Heart Sisters" will meet on Sundays at 10am in the Parlor (right beside the Sanctuary). Leaders are Sharon Cranford, Sandy Boucher-Bessent, and Cookie Hamilton. Their desire is to foster authentic biblical relationships with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and one another. All ages are welcome. Please see Sharon, Sandy or Cookie for 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.





**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!

**Join us for our next JOY GROUP Luncheon on Friday, February 28th, at noon in the Fellowship Hall!** We'll enjoy a warm and delicious meal together, with sign-ups available for three people to bring soup and others to contribute finger sandwiches or dessert. Following lunch, Dave will present Stephen Davey's teaching on 1 Corinthians 13, a powerful message on love and its impact in our lives. Don't miss this time of fellowship, food, and encouragement! Sign up in the foyer or contact Dave Argabrite (Dargabrite@hotmail.com or phone/text 304-588-0156) for more details. We look forward to seeing you there!



**You are invited to "Forever Fifties," an Agape Bistro presented by First Pres PraiseMakers and friends!**

Join us on Saturday, March 1 at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. You will enjoy dinner, served by our Journey Youth, followed by a variety show themed around the 1950s. Acts will delight you with the sounds of the decade, tickle your funny bone and show off the many talents of our youth! The event is free to JOY Group members; all others are on a donation basis. Profits will go towards new equipment in our playground area. Please see Michelle Walker or a youth member to get your ticket!

**Women of the Church are invited to an Afternoon Tea on Saturday, March 8 at 2:00pm.** We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a beautifully decorated tea party, complete with refreshments and a fashion show. Our guest speaker, Josephine Haynes, will lead us in a time of devotion. Please sign up in the Narthex or on our website ([www.firstpres.org](http://www.firstpres.org)).



**Staff Update:** At the end of April, Kay Yates will be transitioning out of her role as Director of Music, giving her more flexibility to travel and spend time with her husband, Dennis. Kay is not just our music person, she is part of our church family. We hope she will remain active in our music program.

Session has already approved a job description, and two interviews have been conducted. Eddie, Michelle, and elder Cookie Hamilton are participating in the search. We hope to find a person who excels in playing a variety of traditional hymns and songs, can lead small choral groups and a choir, and help plan our worship services. If you know of someone, please refer them to us!

**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



**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.

### **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
- Susan Thomas - recovery from colon and gallbladder issues
- William Thomas - recovery from broken clavicle
- Phil Smith - recovery from ankle surgery
- Dave Argabrite - thanksgiving for a successful 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) - two surgeries on February 20
- Justin Wallace (Melba Funderburk's grandson) - PRAISE - recovery from heart and kidney transplant
- Jay Carter Ellison (grandson of Sparks) - intestinal issues
- Darrell Black (Linda Hathaway family) - diagnosed with Hodgkins
- Barbara Coffey (friend of Judy Hunter - cancer
- Thomas Dishman (friend of Judy Hunter) - on dialysis and waiting for a kidney
- 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, February 9

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

## Monday, February 10

10-11:30am - Book Club in the Parlor

## Tuesday, February 11

11am - 1pm - Linda's Closet  
12:00pm - NA

## Wednesday, February 12

5:30pm - Youth Families' Dinner  
6:00pm - PraiseMakers Rehearsal  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, February 13

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study  
12:00pm - NA  
6:00pm - Pilot Club in Fellowship Hall

## Next Sunday, February 16

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

## SERVANTS

**Elder Lock-Up:** Dave Ellington

**Children's Message This Week:** Acting Out

**Children's Message Next Week:** Alpha Barger

**Children's Church:** Chris Lowder

**Children's Church Next Week:** Adam Caskey

**Acolytes:** Landon & Noah Walker

**Acolytes next week:** Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend

**Nursery:** Chariti Lowder

**Nursery next week:** Amelia Caskey

**Ushers:** Phil Smith, Pam Hooks, Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt

**Ushers next week:** Eric Cowan, Mark Goodnight, Tony Hunter, Amy Hurst

**Greeters:** Jeff Barnhardt, Debbie McDaniel

## FINANCIALS

### FOR JANUARY

YTD Income \$22,289.43

YTD Expenses \$24,643.36

YTD Budget \$26,634.92

**Last week's attendance: 2/2/2025**

**Worship AM - 127**

**Sunday School - 59**

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## 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**

