



**FIRST**  

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**PRESBYTERIAN**  

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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

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

**~ Gathering Before the Word ~****Welcome**

Eddie Spencer

**Prelude***At the Cross (Love Ran Red)*  
Amelia Caskey, piano

Tornquist

**Lighting of the Candles**

Evie Sechler &amp; Ingrid Townsend

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 145:3-8

Leader: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends Your works to another; they tell of Your mighty acts.

**All: They speak of the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and I will meditate on Your wonderful works.**

Leader: They tell of the power of Your awesome works, and I will proclaim Your great deeds. They celebrate Your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of Your righteousness.

**All: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.**

**\*Hymn of Praise***Wonderful Words of Life*

See Insert

**\*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.

**Prayer of Confession**

Heavenly Father, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse our impure thinking and living so that we might take captive every thought to obey Jesus. Forgive our idolatry and our failure to love You and others. Transform us by Your Holy Spirit so that we might be and live as the faithful bride of Christ. We pray in His matchless name.

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Assurance of the Gospel**

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**\*Hymn of Assurance No. 164**     *What Wondrous Love*

**~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~**

**Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family**

**Word With Our Children**

Alpha Barger

**Offering & Special Music**

*Any More*  
PraiseMakers

West/Pardo/Cain

**\*Scripture Reading**

Galatians 3:6-9

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**Sermon**

“Believing the Word”

Eddie Spencer

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

**\*Sending Song**

*Perfectly Loved*  
*Abigail Malinovsky, alto; Kay Yates, piano*

Lampa/Ripp/Hulse

**\*Prayer and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Faith is the Victory*

Sankey

\*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!

## Love Quote of the Week

"God loves you just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you that way. He wants you to be just like Jesus." **Max Lucado**

## Welcome to our Newest Covenant Partners!



**Chris & Susan Hathaway** come to us by letter of transfer. They were previously members of Mt. Olivet United Methodist. They share two children.

**Chris** is self-employed as an audio/video contractor. He enjoys cooking, bird watching, and boating. Chris grew up in church, and his mother, Linda, invited him here. He enjoys the worship services and the fellowship. Chris hopes to strengthen his faith through the Bible-based teaching at First Pres.

**Susan** retired as a dental lab technician and now works part-time at Merle Norman. Her hobbies include crafts, shopping for antiques and thrift buys, and water activities. Susan was raised in the Presbyterian Church, and hopes to learn more at First Pres about the Bible and its teachings. She enjoys the worship services and the church family she has found.



**Thank you to all who participated in our Souper Bowl of caring last Sunday.** Monetary donations of \$674 were collected for Cooperative Christian Ministry and 111 pounds of food were also donated. Your generosity will bless many in our community.

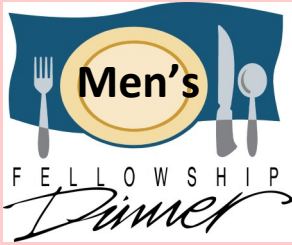


**A new "Heart Sisters" women's Sunday School class** meets on Sundays at 10am in the Parlor (right beside the Sanctuary). Leaders are Sharon Cranford, Sandy Boucher -Bessent, and Cookie Hamilton. Their desire is to foster authentic biblical relationships with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and one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

**The Mission and Southern California ECO Presbyteries** have set up a fund to offer support to those in need following the CA wildfires. Your Missions Team has committed \$1,000.00 towards this effort. If you would like to give, make your check to First Presbyterian Church, but designate "LA Fires" in the memo or on your offering envelope. The deadline to donate is TODAY, Sunday, February 16.



**You are invited to the 27th Annual Crossover Kannapolis Worship night** on Sunday, February 23 at 6:00pm being held at Centerview Baptist Church, 415 Walter St, Kannapolis.



**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 our very own Eric Cowan and Devin Goode, sharing their testimonies of God's work 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!**

Invite guests and 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!

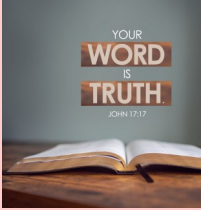
**Women of the Church are invited to an Afternoon Tea on Saturday, March 8 at 2:00pm.**

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 interviews are being 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!



**Wednesdays in the Word will soon embark on a 4-week Lenten study.** Meetings will take place on Wednesdays, March 19 through April 9, at 6:30pm. Adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Eddie, while children/youth will meet on the third floor. PraiseMakers will continue to rehearse at 6pm. Join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Week and Easter.

**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 & gloves.



**Linda's Closet is open 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
- Devin Goode & family - loss of his brother, Patrick
- Susan Thomas - recovery from colon and gallbladder issues
- William Thomas - recovery from broken clavicle

### FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Pete Towery (Keri Petersen's father) - recovery from a pulmonary embolism
- Catherine Cox (Alice Jeanes' sister) - recovery from surgery
- 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) - recovery from heart and kidney transplants
- 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 16

9:30am - Morning Coffee  
- Gracefull Movements/  
PraiseMakers Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service

## Tuesday, February 18

11am - 1pm - Linda's Closet  
12:00pm - NA  
6:45pm - Missions Team

## Wednesday, February 19

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

## Thursday, February 20

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

## Saturday, February 22

1pm-3pm - NexGen Open House

## Next Sunday, February 23

### 10 Cents A Meal

9:30am - Morning Coffee  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service  
4:00pm - Last Supper Rehearsal

## SERVANTS

**Elder Lock-Up:** Dave Ellington

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

**Children's Message Next Week:** Michelle Walker

**Children's Church:** Adam Caskey

**Children's Church Next Week:** Vickie Ellington

**Acolytes:** Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend

**Acolytes next week:** Michael Herbst & Caylin Lowder

**Nursery:** Amelia Caskey

**Nursery next week:** Sharon Cranford

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

**Ushers next week:** Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel

**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: 2/9/2025**

**Worship AM - 121**

**Sunday School - 65**

