



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering Before the Word ~**Welcome**

Eddie Spencer

Prelude

James Golson

Lighting of the Candles

Michael Herbst & Caylin Lowder

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 145:9-13

Leader: The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made.

All Your works praise You, Lord; Your faithful people extol You. They tell of the glory of Your kingdom and speak of Your might, so that all people may know of Your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

All: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures through all generations.

Hymn of Praise No. 2O Worship the King*

LYONS

***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.

Profession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Question #1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong, body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Song of Praise*You Are My All in All*

See insert

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

Word With Our Children

Michelle Walker

Offering & Special Music

Enough

Dummer

Sarah Bailey Wooten, vocalist; Amy Hicks, vocalist, guitar

***Scripture Reading**

Galatians 3:26-29

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Sermon

“Adoption”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Sending Song**

Go Out With Joy

Maranatha Singers

Sarah Bailey Wooten, vocalist; Amy Hicks, vocalist, guitar

***Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude

He Hideth My Soul

Kirkpatrick

*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

“If we have got the true love of God shed abroad in our hearts, we will show it in our lives. We will not have to go up and down the earth proclaiming it. We will show it in everything we say or do.”

Dwight L. Moody



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.

You are invited to the 27th Annual Crossover

Kannapolis Worship night TONIGHT, Sunday, February 23 at 6:00pm being held at Centerview Baptist Church, 415 Walter St, Kannapolis.



Thank you for your generosity to The Mission and Southern California ECO Presbyteries to support those in need following the CA wildfires. Your Missions Team committed \$1,000.00 towards this effort along with your donations of \$475 which will be sent this week. Please continue to uphold those affected in prayer.

Men's Fellowship will meet this 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 TODAY, February 23!**



Join us for our next JOY GROUP Luncheon THIS Friday, February 28th, at noon in the Fellowship Hall!

We'll enjoy a warm and delicious meal together. Following lunch, Dave will present Stephen Davey's teaching on 1 Corinthians 13, a powerful message on love and its impact in our lives. Sign up in the foyer or contact Dave Argabrite for more details. (Dargabrite@hotmail.com or phone/text 304-588-0156)

We look forward to seeing you there!



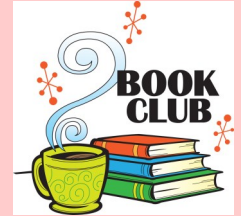
You are invited to “Forever Fifties,” an Agape Bistro presented by First Pres PraiseMakers and friends!

Invite guests and join us NEXT 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!**

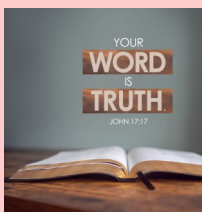
Do you like to read? A BOOK CLUB will meet on Monday, March 3 from 10:00-11:30am in the parlor.

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 group will be going to the Billy Graham Library on Thursday, March 6 at 9am. There is currently a special exhibit featuring Corrie Ten Boom and celebrating the 50th anniversary of *The Hiding Place*, a film about her family's experience during the Holocaust. We will enjoy lunch on the Library grounds, and carpooling is available. See Trish Nixon for more information.

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.



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 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

- Catherine Cox (Alice Jeanes' sister) - recovery from surgery
- Amy Morgan (Sharon Stricker's son's mother-in-law) - awaiting surgery for cancer at Duke
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - chemo treatments
- Zelda West (Trish Nixon's granddaughter) - recovery from two surgeries
- Justin Wallace (Melba Funderburk's grandson) - recovery from heart and kidney transplants
- Darrell Black (Linda Hathaway family) - chemo treatment for 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
- Timmy Troutman (Buddy Troutman's son) - recovery from heart bypass

HOMEBOUND

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



This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, February 23

10 Cents A Meal

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

Monday, February 24

1:00pm - NexGen Ribbon Cutting
2:00pm - Dorcas Circle

Tuesday, February 25

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

Wednesday, February 26

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

Thursday, February 27

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study
12:00pm - NA
6:00pm - Men's Fellowship Dinner

Friday, February 28

12:00noon - JOY Group Luncheon

Saturday, March 1

10:00am - Agape Bistro Rehearsal
5:30pm - Agape Bistro "Forever 50s"

Next Sunday, March 2

9:30am - Morning Coffee
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service with Holy Communion
12:00pm - Children's Ministry Team in Parlor

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Dave Ellington

Children's Message This Week: Michelle Walker

NO Children's Message Next Week

Children's Church: Vickie Ellington

Children's Church Next Week: Sue Maiocchi

Acolytes: Michael Herbst & Caylin Lowder

Acolytes next week: Landon & Noah Walker

Nursery: Sharon Cranford

Nursery next week: Debbie McDaniel

Ushers: Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel

Ushers next week: Jill & Phil McLain, Todd Pless, Tony Rary

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: 2/16/2025

Worship AM - 97

Sunday School - 57

