



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering Before the Word ~

Welcome Eddie Spencer

Prelude *Arise My Love* Dallas Boovy

Lighting of the Candles Landon & Noah Walker

***Call to Worship** Psalm 29:1-2

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.

***Hymn of Praise No. 538** *Holy, Holy, Holy* NICAEA

***Prayer of Adoration .**

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, Crucified Savior, Friend of sinners, we confess anew our need of Your forgiveness: we have thought ourselves great when we were small; we have thought ourselves right when we were wrong; our devotion for You has been divided; our love for our neighbors has been half-hearted. Forgive us, Lamb of God, for these and all our sins, and purify us that we may praise You and live for You, now and forever.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***Hymn of Assurance No. 825** *Beneath the Cross* Getty

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

Offering & Special Music *I Am Light, I am Life, I Am Love* McDonald
Chancel Choir

***Scripture Reading** John 13:1-5

Sermon “Power” Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Sending Hymn No. 739** *I Surrender All* Weeden

***Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude *Are You Washed in the Blood?* Hoffman

*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!

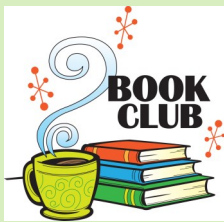


As our church family celebrates the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we also traditionally collect for our Good Samaritan Fund. This fund allows the church pastor and staff to assist those in need - both in our church and in our community. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in the 'Good Samaritan Fund' envelope, or mark your offering envelope 'Good Samaritan Fund'.

The Church Property Improvement Team (formerly Project 24) has arranged for work to be done in the restroom near the sanctuary.

This restroom will be painted and will get new floor covering, fixtures, and mirrors. The work will be done in March and will be finished before Palm Sunday. It is anticipated that the room will be unavailable for no more than one Sunday while the work is in progress.

The team is studying other potential improvements (both indoors and outdoors) and will communicate more soon.

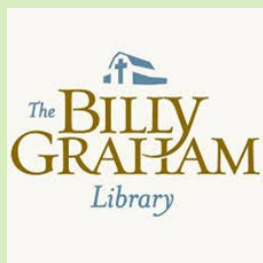
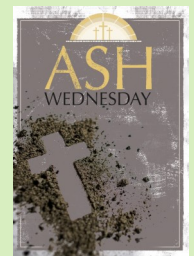


Do you like to read? A BOOK CLUB will meet tomorrow, Monday, March 3 from 10:00-11:30am in the parlor.

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.

St. John's Reformed Church has invited us to participate in their Ash Wednesday Service on March 5 at 6:30pm.

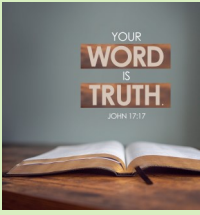
The address is 901 N. Main Street, Kannapolis.



A group will be going to the Billy Graham Library this 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.



First Presbyterian and Feeding Kannapolis Hunger will host a Health Market on Saturday, March 22 at 9:30am. We will feature information and samples on healthy eating, along with an egg and produce giveaway. Linda's closet will also be open for the community. Set up will be Friday, March 21 at 5:30pm (pizza provided), and volunteers are needed by 9am on Saturday, March 22.

Please sign up in the Narthex if you can help on either or both occasions!



Linda's Closet will be open on Saturday, March 22 during the Health Market.

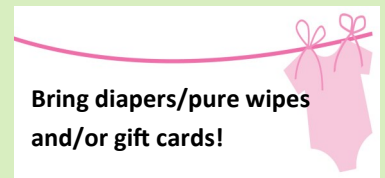
Volunteers will be needed. Please see Trish Nixon if you can help during the market. The closet is open weekly on Tuesdays, 11am-1:00pm.



Women Without Reservations will meet for dinner on Sunday, March 30 at 6:00pm.

Join us at the Cheesecake Factory in Birkdale Village. We will also be "showering" Lauren Goodnight with diapers, pure wipes, and gift cards for her baby girl due May 27! All women of the church are invited.

Please let Michelle Walker know if you can make it, so we can secure enough space at the restaurant.



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



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
- Susan Thomas - recovery from colon and gallbladder issues
- John Hammond - heart surgery March 24th

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Catherine Cox (Alice Jeanes' sister) - recovery from surgery
- Richard Smith (Becky Seaford's brother) - pain and ongoing tests
- Amy Morgan (Sharon Stricker's son's mother-in-law) - surgery for cancer on March 20th 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
- Scott Maiocchi and family (Sue's son) - loss of mother-in-law
- Darrell Blalack (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, March 2

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

Monday, March 3

10:00am - Book Club in Parlor
10:30am - Women's Council

Tuesday, March 4

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

Wednesday, March 5

6:00pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 6

9:00am - Trip to Billy Graham Library
10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study
12:00pm - NA

Friday, March 7

1:00pm - Ladies' Tea Set up

Saturday, March 8

2:00pm - Ladies' Afternoon Tea

Next Sunday, March 9

Daylight Savings

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Ken Sparks

NO Children's Message This Week

Children's Message Next Week: Dave
Argabrite

Children's Church: Risa Little

Children's Church Next Week: Sue
Maiocchi

Acolytes: Landon & Noah Walker

Acolytes next week: Camryn & Cierstyn
Lowder

Nursery: Sharon Stricker

Nursery next week: Debbie McDaniel

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

Ushers next week: Lynn Sechler, Phil
Smith, Pam Hooks, Ryan Walker

Greeters: Phil McLain, Roxanne Spencer

FINANCIALS

FOR JANUARY

YTD Income \$22,289.43

YTD Expenses \$24,643.36

YTD Budget \$26,634.92

Last week's attendance: 2/23/2025

Worship AM - 125

Sunday School - 65

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**

