



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering Before the Word ~**Welcome**

Eddie Spencer

Prelude*Oceans - Where Feet May Fail*

Hillsong

Lighting of the Candles

Camryn & Cierstyn Lowder

***Call to Worship**

1 Chronicles 16:23-27

Leader: Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of His salvation from day to day.

All: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leader: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and He is to be feared above all gods.

All: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and joy are in His place.***Hymn of Praise No. 264***Lift High the Cross*
(stanzas 1-4)

CRUCIFER

***Prayer of Adoration and the 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

Almighty God, 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 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**

II Corinthians 5:21

For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that In Him we might become the righteousness of God.

***Song of Assurance No. 503**

As the Deer

Nystrom

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

Word With Our Children

Dave Argabrite

Offering & Special Music

Middle of a Miracle

Emerson Day

GraceFull Movements Dance Ministry

***Scripture Reading**

Mark 14:22-31

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Sermon

“Amen, Amen”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Sending Hymn**

If That Isn't Love

Rambo

Joe Morris, tenor

***Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude

In the Cross of Christ/Glory

Rathbun/Bowring

*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!

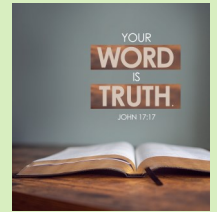


The Church Property Improvement Team (formerly Project 24) has arranged for work to be done in the restroom near the sanctuary.

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.

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.



Operation Christmas Child's local volunteer teams will have a Celebration Event on Saturday, March 15 from 10:30am – 12pm in our Fellowship Hall.

They will praise God for the shoeboxes collected last year, and prayerfully consider their plans for this year. If you are interested in learning more about Operation Christmas Child or becoming a year-round volunteer, you are welcome to attend! Please RSVP to Sue Maiocchi or Michelle Walker TODAY if possible.

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.



The Navigators Sunday School Class, along with any Middle/Senior High Schoolers, are invited to a Downtown Picture Scavenger Hunt! Adam and Tracy Caskey will meet you at the church on Friday, March 21st at 6:00pm. After the scavenger hunt, you'll enjoy ice cream downtown. Pick up will be back at the church at 8:00pm. Friends are welcome – let Tracy know if you can come!

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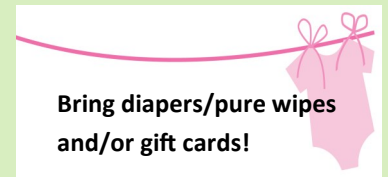
First Presbyterian will present its 21st depiction of “The Last Supper” living drama on Palm Sunday, April 13, at 7:30pm. We will construct the altar “extension” on Sunday, March 23 at 3:00pm, and complete the set on Saturday, April 5. Anyone who is willing to help would be much appreciated. Bring a drill if you have one!



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.



Please check your information in the Instant Church Directory. If any corrections are needed, please call the church office 704-938-4623 or email them to firstpresb@firstpresb.org so updates can be made. Thank you.

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
- 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 10th at Duke
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - chemo treatments
- Zelda West (Trish Nixon's granddaughter) - recovery from two surgeries
- Richard Hough (Eddie's friend) - recovery from brain surgery
- 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 surgery

HOMEBOUND

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



This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, March 9

Daylight Savings Begins

9:30am - Morning Coffee
- Gracefull Movements
Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

Tuesday, March 11

11am - 1pm - Linda's Closet

12:00pm - NA

3-6:30pm - Peek NexGen

Wednesday, March 12

3-6:30pm - Peek NexGen

Thursday, March 13

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study

12:00pm - NA

3-6:30pm - Peek NexGen

6:00pm - Pilot Club in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 15

9:30am - OCC Celebration in
Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, March 16

9:30am - Morning Coffee
- GraceFull Movements
Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

4:00pm - Last Supper Rehearsal

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Ken Sparks

Children's Message This Week: Dave
Argabrite

Children's Message Next Week: Roxanne
Spencer

Children's Church: Sue Maiocchi

Children's Church Next Week: Lynn Efird

Acolytes: Camryn & Cierstyn Lowder

Acolytes next week: Evie Sechler & Ingrid
Townsend

Nursery: Debbie McDaniel

Nursery next week: Amelia Caskey

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

Ushers next week: Jeff Barnhardt, Eric
Cowan, Mark Goodnight, Tony Hunter

Greeters: Phil McLain, Roxanne Spencer

FINANCIALS

FOR FEBRUARY

YTD Income \$45,839.93

YTD Expenses \$52,418.45

YTD Budget \$53,269.84

Last week's attendance: 3/2/2025

Worship AM - 144

Sunday School - 74

