



Truly, Surely, Verily
Amen
I Promise
I Can Guarantee
With Certainty

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, piano

Lighting of the Candles

Camryn Lowder & Mary Gray Peterson

***Call to Worship**

Isaiah 40:28-41

Leader: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

All: Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

***Hymn of Praise**

I Will Sing of My Redeemer
See insert

Bliss/McGranahan

***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.

***Scripture Reading (Unison)**

Isaiah 53:1-6

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him. He was despised and rejected by mankind, a Man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces He was despised, and we held Him in low esteem. Surely, He took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered Him punished by God, stricken by Him, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

***Song of Assurance No. 174**

I Stand Amazed

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

~ **Proclaiming the Word of God** ~

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

Word With Our Children

Roxanne Spencer

Offering & Special Music

Only Trust Him

Stockton

Abigail Malinovsky, clarinet; Kay Yates, piano

***Scripture Reading**

Mark 10:35-45

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Sermon

“Big Cup, Little Cup”

Eddie Spencer

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

***Sending Hymn**

Thou Art Worthy

Mills

See insert

***Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude

All That Thrills My Soul

Harris

*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!



Project updates: Work on the sanctuary restroom is complete except for a few finishing touches.

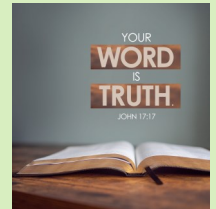
The room is now open.

Arrangements are being made for a contractor to replace the burned-out light bulbs high up on the ceiling and in the chandeliers in the sanctuary. This will be done in early April.

The session has approved purchasing new equipment for the playground to add to what we already have. A climber and two bouncers will be purchased. The team is studying other potential improvements (both indoors and outdoors) and will communicate as more is known.

Wednesdays in the Word Lenten study will continue this week!

Join us each Wednesday through April 9, as we contemplate Christ's Journey to the cross and the events of Holy Week. Adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Eddie. Children and Youth will meet on the third floor. The schedule is as follows: 5:30pm - Dinner for Youth; 6:00pm - PraiseMakers Rehearsal; 6:30pm - Adult and Youth Classes.

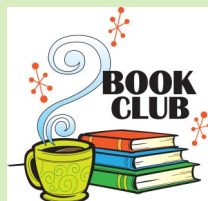


Women Without Reservations

Women Without Reservations will meet for dinner

TODAY 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. **Meet at**

Church at 5:00pm to carpool. See Michelle Walker know if you plan to attend.



A BOOK CLUB will meet tomorrow, Monday, March 31

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. See Trish Nixon if you would like more information.

Middle and Senior High Youth are invited to the premiere of The Chosen, Season 5, at Southeast Cinemas – Carolina Mall!

The new Season of The Chosen begins with the events of Palm Sunday, and we will use these episodes as the basis for our Wednesday night discussions during Lent. Below is our schedule for viewing.

Please sign up in the Narthex for each date you plan to attend! See Michelle if you need more information.



Friday, April 4 – 5:30pm (Part 2); Meet at church at 5pm and go to dinner after the movie.

Saturday, April 12 – 1:00 pm (Part 3); Meet for lunch before the movie

Make plans to attend these special Holy Week Services and contemplate more deeply Jesus' journey to the cross, His sacrificial death, and His triumphant resurrection. Please invite others to these special services and events!

Palm Sunday, April 13

11:00am – Worship Service in Sanctuary

7:30pm – *The Last Supper* presentation

Maundy Thursday, April 17

6:30pm – Worship Service with Communion in Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 18

6:30pm – Worship Service with area churches at Kimball Memorial Lutheran

Saturday, April 19

10am – 12pm – Children and Youth Easter Celebration

Easter Sunday, April 20

11:00am – Resurrection Worship Service with Special Music and Flowering of the Cross



The Last Supper - a Display of God's Faithfulness Part 2!

The Last Supper tradition began in 1961 when the Women of the Church (WOC) were hosting monthly programs of inspiration and topics related to the church. Betty Jean Rodgers, Director of Christian Education at that time, suggested a script given to her by a friend - *The Last Supper*, written by Ernest K. Emurian. Myrtle Cashion (WOC President), Dot Williams (WOC Vice President) and Iris Efird (past WOC President) reviewed the script and discussed its possibilities. Dot's husband, August Williams, proposed letting the Men of the Church work with the women to make the presentation even more effective and meaningful. According to Myrtle's notebook, those laying the groundwork for this endeavor were: Dot Williams, Effie Eudy, Bobbie Karriker, Phyllis White, Lela Bishop, Betty Jean Rodgers, Iris Efird, F. J. Daves, and Clyde Scarborough. **Don't miss First Presbyterian's 21st presentation this Palm Sunday, April 13 at 7:30pm. Be sure to invite family and friends to this moving worship service, as together we reflect on God's gift of salvation to all.**



Families and friends are invited to a Children and Youth Easter Celebration, Saturday, April 19, 10am -12pm. Join us for games, crafts, a cookout, and special treats as we contemplate Jesus' love for us. Please sign up in the Narthex!

Linda's Closet is open on Tuesdays from 11:00am -1:00pm.

If you would like to volunteer, please see Trish Nixon. Thank you to all our volunteers during the Health Market.



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 & new or gently used towels.

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 - recovery from quadruple by-pass surgery
- Mark Intravia - recovery from shoulder surgery

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Catherine Cox (Alice Jeanes' sister) - recovery from surgery
- Amy Morgan (Sharon Stricker's son's mother-in-law) -starting chemo in three weeks
- 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 transplants and amputated foot
- 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 30

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

Monday, March 31

10:00-11:30am - Book Club

Tuesday, April 1

12:00pm - NA
3-6:30pm - Peek NexGen

Wednesday, April 2

3-6:30pm - Peek NexGen
5:30pm - Youth Families' Dinner
6:00pm - PraiseMakers Rehearsal
6:30pm - Wednesdays in the Word

Thursday, April 3

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study
12:00pm - NA
3-6:30pm - Peek NexGen

Friday, April 4

5:30pm - *The Chosen* at Southeast
Cinema; Dinner following

Saturday, April 5

Time tbd - *The Last Supper* set
completion

Next Sunday, April 6

9:30am - Morning Coffee
- GraceFull Movements &
Acting Out Rehearsal
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service with Holy
Communion

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Ken Sparks

Children's Message this week: Roxanne
Spencer

NO Children's Message next week

Children's Church: Roxanne Spencer

Children's Church next week: Michelle
Walker

Acolytes: Camryn Lowder & Mary Gray
Peterson

Acolytes next week: Evie Sechler & Ingrid
Townsend

Nursery: Megan Quigg

Nursery next week: Vickie Ellington

Ushers: Mal McDaniel, Jill & Phil McLain,
Todd Pless

Ushers next week: Tony Rary, Lynn
Sechler, Phil Smith, Pam Hooks

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: 3/23/2025

Worship AM - 122

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**

