



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*Poor Wayfaring Stranger*
Ensemble, Cello and Piano

arr. Courtney

Lighting of the Candles

Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend

Call to WorshipThe Morning Trumpet*
Ensemble, Trumpet, Piano; Chris Lowder, tambourine

arr. Ware

Hymn of Praise No. 604To God Be the Glory*

Crosby

***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

Faithful God, we confess that we have been a faithless people. Your will is for us to follow Jesus, who is The Way, The Truth, and The Life. Yet we often follow our own will, choosing our own paths to walk. You summon us to gaze upon the beauty and glory of Jesus, yet we settle for lesser things that will fade with time. Forgive us for cherishing the prizes of this world more than we do the promises of the Gospel. Change us by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may desire what is good, love what You love, and do what You command through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Prayers of Confession**Assurance of the Gospel**

Col. 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Hymn of Assurance No. 451When Peace Like a River*
(stanza 3 only)

BLISS

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Special Music	<i>Have a Little Talk With Jesus</i> Ensemble, Piano	Derricks
Offering & Special Music	<i>Ain't No Rock Gonna Shout For Me</i> Ensemble, Trumpet, Piano	Larson
*Scripture Reading	John 17:1-5	Page 1070
Sermon	“Eternal Life”	Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Sending Hymn	<i>Written in Red</i> Ensemble, Cello, Piano	Jensen
*Prayer and Benediction		
Postlude	<i>O Love Divine</i>	Wesley

*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!

Today we welcome members of the Piedmont Choral Society who have graciously accepted Kay's invitation to help lead our worship. PCS is a 60+ voice, all volunteer, auditioned choir made up of folks from all walks of life. The common thread is they all love music and singing! Please show your appreciation to these talented folks for joining us, as well as Melanie Freeman, cellist and Derek Smith, trumpeter.

~ Piedmont Choral Society Guests ~

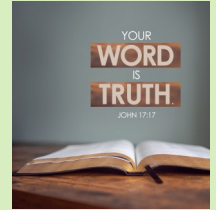
Tenor

Nicholas Bronson
Perry Gladin
Sandy Gordon
Joe Morris
Gail Williams

Bass

Matthew Bradford
Bob Boynton
David Godown
Will Emerson
Kevin Hinson
Bill Murray

Our Wednesdays in the Word Lenten study will conclude this week! Join us this Wednesday, 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 at 6:30pm. **Children and Youth will meet at Southeast Cinemas at 4:45pm to watch Part 2 of The Chosen - Last Supper.** Parents should plan to pick up their youth at 8:00pm at the theater.



HOLY WEEK



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 Holy Communion in Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 18

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

Saturday, April 19

10am – 12:30pm – Youth and Families Easter Celebration

Easter Sunday, April 20

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



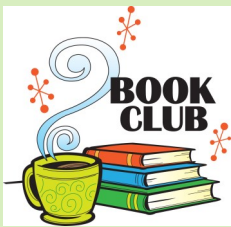
Families and friends are invited to a Children and Youth Easter Celebration, Saturday, April 19, 10am - 12:30pm. Join us for games, crafts, a cookout, and special treats as we contemplate Jesus' love for us. Please sign up in the Narthex!



The Last Supper - a Display of God's Faithfulness Part 3!

At His final Passover, Jesus startled His disciples when He told them, "One of you will betray Me." Their reaction was disbelief that anyone so close to the Master could do such a thing. They immediately searched their hearts, one by one, asking, "Is it I, Lord?" Writer Ernest Emurian spent several months studying Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting before giving words to the disciples' thoughts in his stirring drama, *The Last Supper*. Cast members include: Leonardo da Vinci (David Ellington, 2nd year), Leonardo's Assistant (Landon Walker), Narrator (Randy Whitley, 7th year), Jesus (Lynn Sechler, Jr., 6th year), Nathaniel (Mark Goodnight, 9th year), James the Lesser (Caleb Goodnight), Andrew (Fred Caskey, 2nd year), Simon Peter (Jim Lewis, 6th year), Judas Iscariot (Sam McAllister, 7th year), John (Phil McLain, 14th year), James (Toby Caskey), Thomas (William Cranford, 2nd year), Phillip (Phil Smith), Matthew (Donnie Swaringen, 3rd year), Thaddeus (Bill Stricker, 11th year), and Simon, the Zealot (Lee Efird, 15th year).

While the Women of the Church initiated the idea of presenting *The Last Supper* to the congregation, and the men volunteered to serve as the cast, the drama quickly became a church-wide project involving many members willing to serve with their time and talents. Volunteers working behind the scenes help with the construction of the set; make and alter costumes; provide music; set the stage; apply make-up and add wigs and beards; usher and greet guests; act as lighting technicians; organize publicity; staff the nursery; provide meals; and direct the production. With much prayer and collaboration, *The Last Supper* has proved to be a work of love and a blessing to everyone who sees it. **First Presbyterian presents its 21st showing of**



A BOOK CLUB will meet Monday, April 14 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. On Thursday, May 15 the Book club plans to visit The Mitford Museum in Hudson, NC. The museum is the former school of the author, Jan Karon. We will meet at church at 9:00am and enjoy lunch at the museum.

If you would like to join them, see Trish Nixon.

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

No more winter clothes are needed at this time. Lightweight spring jackets would be appreciated until May. Also, men's and children's clothes are still needed. Devotionals are often requested by closet visitors. If you have any to share, they would be appreciated.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Trish Nixon.





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

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Catherine Cox (Alice Jeanes' sister) - recovery from surgery
- Sam McAllister's daughter, Lori - has MS and now has pneumonia
- Sam McAllister's granddaughter, Rachel - exploratory surgery for brain cancer
- Kathy (Charlene Booth's friend) - recovery from two brain surgeries due to accident
- 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, April 6

9:30am - Morning Coffee
- Gracefull Movements &
Acting out Rehearsal
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service

Monday, April 7

10:30am - Women's Council

Tuesday, April 8

11am - 1:00pm - Linda's Closet
12:00pm - NA
3-6:00pm - Peek NexGen
6:45pm - Missions Team

Wednesday, April 9

3-6:00-pm - Peek NexGen
4:45pm - Children/Youth meet at
Southeast Cinemas
6:30pm - Wednesdays in the Word

Thursday, April 10

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

Saturday, April 12

6:00pm - *The Last Supper* Dress
Rehearsal

Next Sunday, April 13

9:30am - Morning Coffee
- GraceFull Movements &
Acting Out Rehearsal
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service
3:00pm - Last Supper Cast Assembles
7:30pm - *The Last Supper* Dramatic
Presentation; Reception
Following

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Ken Sparks

NO Children's Message this week

Children's Message Next Week: Acting
Out Drama Ministry

Children's Church: Jenny Sparks

Children's Church next week: Michelle
Walker

Acolytes: Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend

Acolytes next week: Caylin & Cierstyn
Lowder

Nursery: Vickie Ellington

Nursery next week: Lynn Efird

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

Ushers next week: Ryan Walker, Jeff
Barnhardt, Eric Cowan, Mark Goodnight

Greeters: Sue Maiocchi and Renee
Goodnight

FINANCIALS

FOR MARCH

YTD Income \$72,663.78

YTD Expenses \$76,510.59

YTD Budget \$79,904.76

Last week's attendance: 3/30/2025

Worship AM - 138

Sunday School - 72

