



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*The Palms*

Faure

Derek Smith, trumpet; Kay Yates, piano

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 24:7,10

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

All: And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in.

Leader: Who is this King of Glory?

All: The LORD of hosts, He is the King of Glory!***Hymn of Praise No. 145***Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

Prayer of Adoration*Prayer of Confession**

Holy Father, long ago the crowds with incessant hallelujahs greeted Your dearly loved Son, but how quickly they mocked as He went lonely to the cross. Forgive us for the ways that we, too, have welcomed Him only in words and resisted His Kingship. Subdue our restless and rebellious hearts so that we might serve You faithfully through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the gentle King of Glory.

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

Selected verses from Zechariah 9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He...On that day the Lord their God will save them, as the flock of His people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on His land.

Song of PraiseLet There Be Glory, Honor and Praises* J & E Greenelsh

Let there be glory and honor and praises; Glory and honor to Jesus;
Glory and honor, Glory and honor to Him (Repeat)
Glory and honor to Him; Glory and honor to Him

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word With Our Children

Acting Out Drama Ministry

Offering & Special Music *In the Name of the Lord* Gaither/McHugh/Patty
Kay Yates, alto; Chancel Choir

***Scripture Reading** Mark 11:1-11 Page 1065

Sermon "True King" Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Sending Hymn** *An Easter Hallelujah* Cohen/Mooney
Joe Morris, tenor; Chancel Choir; PraiseMakers

***Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude *Lift High Ye Gates* Scottish Psalter, 1650

*All who are able, please stand.
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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.

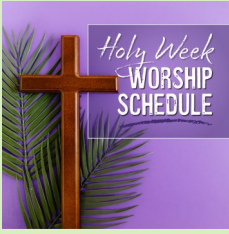
A Nursery is available for newborns through age 4. It is located in the Educational Building. If you need assistance or directions, an usher would be happy to help you!



Today, we commemorate Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Please take a palm branch as you enter the Sanctuary. Feel free to use it throughout the service as we worship our eternal King!

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!

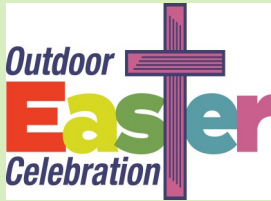
Palm Sunday, April 13 - 7:30pm – *The Last Supper* presentation

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 - 1:00am – Resurrection Worship Service



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!

Cooperative Christian Ministry has asked churches in Cabarrus County to respond to an urgent need for added resources.

Demand for assistance has continued to increase and outpace their ability to provide assistance. Therefore, the Missions Team will collect bags of non-perishable food items to help! Please pick up a reusable First Pres bag in the Narthex. Fill it with canned or dry goods, and return it no later than Sunday, May 4 to the bin provided. **Items currently in high demand are: canned food (especially carrots & corn); beans; breakfast items; mac & cheese; whole grain foods; low sodium foods; & no sugar added foods.**

Thank you for responding to our neighbors in need!



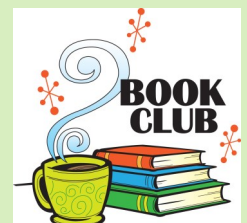
Kannapolis Bible Teaching Association (KBTA)

Fundraising Banquet is Monday, May 5, 2025, 6:00pm to 7:30pm at Shoe Show, Inc., 2201 Trinity Church Road, Concord.

If you would like to attend the KBTA Fundraising Banquet, please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, April 27th or see Pastor Eddie.

A BOOK CLUB will meet tomorrow, 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.



The Last Supper - Tonight at 7:30pm!

The Story of the Hands In Leonardo da Vinci's Masterpiece

During the service, notice how skillfully the artist expresses the emotions of the men by their hands. Their hands alone tell the story. Leonardo searched for hands to use as models for painting the hands of Christ, and he records in his notebook about finding them. Christ's right hand, palm downward, seems to say, "If it be possible, let this cup pass from Me." His left hand, upturned, seems to suggest, "Nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou will." Christ's hands alone tell the story of the human and divine natures that meet in Him.

John has his hands folded upon the table in submissive innocence. Judas clutches the money bag with his right hand. In the original painting, Judas overturns the salt-shaker with his elbow. Peter impulsively reaches for John with his left hand and holds in the other hand his knife with its handle against Judas' back.

James, the Greater, flings his hands out in a double gesture of surprise. Thomas thrusts an inquiring finger into the face of Jesus, demanding, "Lord, where are You going?" Philips' hands, pointing to himself, seem to emphasize his burning questions: "Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied."

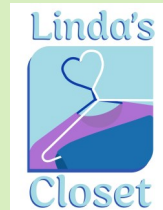
Andrew's hands, said to be among the most handsome in all art, are outstretched before him in an expression of disdain. James, the Lesser, is stretching out his hand behind Andrew to Peter. Nathaniel is clutching the table to steady himself with his hands. Matthew points with both hands to the Savior in an effort to emphasize what he is saying. Thaddeus is pointing his thumb toward Jesus. Simon, the Zealot, who has reason to be puzzled by this strange turn of events, lifts his hands in a helpless gesture of resignation. (*THE LAST SUPPER, The Story of the Leonardo da Vinci Masterpiece*: Howard W. Ellis, 1963)



Join us for Faith Night at the Kannapolis Cannon Ballers on Friday, May 9! The game begins at 7pm, with pre-game events and special music at 6pm. Fireworks will follow the game. Group tickets are \$12.70 each, and include \$2 of Baller Bucks to spend at the stadium. Please see Michelle Walker by Sunday, May 4th, if you would like a ticket!

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

New boy & girl underwear are needed. Lightweight spring jackets would be appreciated until May. 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

- Juanita Summers - health concerns
- John Hammond - recovery from quadruple by-pass surgery

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Solomon Hall - friend of Church family - recovery from illness
- Carter Family (after-school program) - loss of grandmother
- Henry (Diane Belotti's great nephew) - 2 year old with brain cancer
- 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) - beginning chemo treatments
- 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 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 13

9:30am - Morning Coffee
- Gracefull Movements &
Acting Out Rehearsal
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service
3:00pm - *The Last Supper* Cast
Assembles
7:30pm - *The Last Supper*
Presentation; Reception
following in Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 14

10:00am - Book Club

Tuesday, April 15

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

Wednesday, April 16

3-6:00pm - Peek NexGen

Thursday, April 17

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study
12:00pm - NA
3-6:00pm - Peek NexGen
6:30pm - Maundy Thursday Worship
Service with Holy Communion

Friday, April 18

6:30pm - Good Friday Worship Service
with area churches at Kimball
Memorial

Saturday, April 19

10:00am - Youth & Families Easter
Celebration and Cookout

Next Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday

9:30am - Morning Coffee
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Resurrection Worship Service

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Ken Sparks

Children's Message This Week: Acting
Out Drama Ministry

Children's Message Next Week: Michelle
Walker

Children's Church: Michelle Walker

Children's Church Next Week: Tracy
Caskey

NO Acolytes This Week

Acolytes Next Week: Landon & Noah
Walker

Nursery: Lynn Efirid

Nursery Next Week: Amelia Caskey

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

Ushers Next week: Tony Hunter, Amy
Hurst, Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder

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: 4/6/2025

Worship AM - 125

Sunday School - 77

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**

