



# THE WEEKLY FIRST



This Sunday, we enter with Jesus into Jerusalem, beginning the celebration of what Christians have come to know as Holy Week. We will wave palm branches and add our own "Hosanna" to the King who came lowly and riding on a donkey. Sunday night during The Last Supper presentation, we will contemplate Jesus' betrayal by one of His own disciples, acknowledging that we "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

On Maundy Thursday, we will commemorate the New Covenant made in Jesus' body and His blood, ourselves partaking of the bread and the cup during the Lord's Supper. Good Friday worship is at Kimball Memorial Lutheran with the congregations of St. John's Reformed and Second Presbyterian. We will mourn Jesus' death on the cruel cross of Golgotha and acknowledge our own sin before a Holy and Righteous God. Saturday, while we wait for the promise of the resurrection, our youth, their families, and friends are all invited to an Easter Celebration. We will play games, enjoy crafts, and contemplate Jesus' love for us, complete with a cookout and special treats. Next Sunday, we will rejoice in Jesus' triumphant resurrection as we worship the God who conquered sin and death so that we might have eternal and everlasting "life that is truly life!" All the while, we remember that "it was for this very reason" Jesus "came to this hour." (John 12:27) Please join us for these meaningful times of corporate worship. In the week to come, may we focus our hearts on God's love, Jesus' sacrificial and atoning death, His finished work on the cross, His glorious resurrection and ascension, and His promise to come again. "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15)

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**[Lenten Devotional 2025](#)**

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Welcome

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



**Nominations for the office of Elder are now being accepted!** Nomination forms may be found in this Sunday's bulletin or in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider nominees, complete a form, and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by Sunday, May 11th. See Pastor Eddie or Jeff Barnhardt for more information.



**This year, there will be multiple opportunities to pause during Holy Week** 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 – 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***

Palm Sunday, April 13 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 saltshaker 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)



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

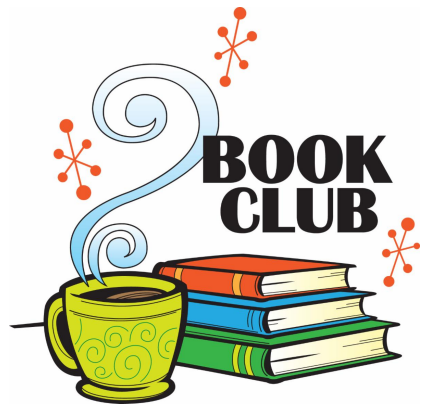
Demand for assistance has continued to increase and outpace their ability to provide assistance. Therefore, the Missions Team will collect bags of non-perishable food items to help!

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!

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**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, please see Trish Nixon.

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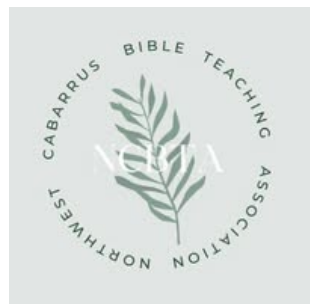
**Families and friends are invited to a Children and Youth Easter Celebration, Saturday, April 19, 10am -12:30pm.** Join us for games, crafts, a cookout, and special treats as we contemplate Jesus' love for us. **Please sign up in the Narthex.**

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**The JOY Group will be having a lunch on Friday, April 25 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to join them.**

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**Northwest Cabarrus Bible Teaching Association 14th Annual Car & Truck Show and Craft Fair benefiting NCHS Bible Courses** is Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 9:00am – 3:00-pm at the NC Research Campus, 150 N. Research Campus Drive in Kannapolis.

If you are interested in more information, please pick up a flyer in the Narthex.

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**Kannapolis Bible Teaching Association (KBTA)  
Fundraising Banquet  
Monday, May 5, 2025**

6:00pm to 7:30pm

At Shoe Show, Inc. 2201 Trinity Church Road, Concord

If you would like to attend, please sign up in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Eddie.

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**South Rowan Bible Teaching Association is holding a drive-thru banquet on Thursday, May 8th, at First Reformed Church in Landis.** They are offering both lunch and dinner meals: bbq half chicken, baked beans, slaw, roll and dessert.

Lunch pick-up is 11:30-1:30pm. Dinner pick up is 4:00-7:00pm.

You can purchase tickets for this fundraiser for \$14 per meal. **Please see Michelle Walker no later than Sunday, April 27th to purchase a ticket.**

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**Thank you to all who have donated to the First Pres Blessing Fence!**

So many items have been gifted to our community through this ministry.

**Current needs:**

- Feminine Products
- New or gently used bath towels

**Please see Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help!**

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

We have a need for NEW boy and girl underwear. Also, children's and men's clothes are always needed.

Lightweight spring jackets would be appreciated until May.

Devotionals are often requested by closet visitors. If you have any to share, they would be appreciated.

Please see Trish Nixon for information and to volunteer.

Thank you for your support of this ministry!

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### **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.**

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### **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
- Henry (Diane Belotti's great nephew) - 2 year old with brain cancer
- Carter Family (after-school program) - loss of grandmother
- 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 an 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) - Spina Bifida - recovery from two surgeries
- Justin Wallace (Melba's grandson) - recovery from transplants kidney and amputated foot
- Darrell Blalack (Linda Hathaway family) - diagnosed with 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

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## **This Week@FIRST PRESB**

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#### **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

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## 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 Efir

**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

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### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION - ACTIVE ELDERS

Raegan Swaringen   Dave Ellington   Lynn Sechler

Cookie Hamilton   Chris Lowder   Ken Sparks

Sue Maiocchi   Phil McLain

Pastor Eddie Spencer, Moderator

Jeff Barnhardt, Session Clerk



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