



**FIRST**  

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**PRESBYTERIAN**  

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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

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

**~ Gathering Before the Word ~**

**Welcome** Eddie Spencer

**Prelude** *Old Rugged Cross* Bernard  
Kay Yates, piano

**Lighting of the Candles** Michael Herbst & Mary Gray Petersen

**\*Call to Worship** Isaiah 25:6-9

Leader: On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine, the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain He will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; He will swallow up death forever.

**All: The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; He will remove His people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken.**

Leader: In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in Him, and He saved us.

**All: This is the Lord, we trusted in Him; let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation."**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 365** *I Serve a Risen Savior* ACKLEY

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**Gideon Presentation** Steve Monaghan

**\*Hymn of Resurrection No. 227** *He is Lord* Frey

**~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~**

**Celebration of Kay Yates**

**Offering & Special Music** *Once Upon a Tree* Choplin  
Chancel Choir

**Scripture Reading** Acts 1:1-11 Page 1077

**Sermon** "The Ascension" Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

\*Sending Song

*O How He Loves You and Me*  
Chancel Choir

Kaiser

\*Benediction

Postlude

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Runyan

\*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!



GIDEONS  
INTERNATIONAL

**Today we welcome Steve Monaghan from Gideons International to share a Moment of Missions during the Worship Service.** A love offering will also be accepted for their ministry. Gideon representatives will be in the Narthex following Worship to collect your donations.

**The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God and in honor of Kay Yates by her husband, Dennis.**



THANK  
you.

**Thank you for letting me stop by your Session Meeting to bring greetings from the Ministry Partnership Team.** Know also that our prayer team prayed that the Lord would bless you and the ministry of FPC Kannapolis.  
**In Christ, Scott, ECO Presbytery**



Today, we celebrate Kay Yates on her last Sunday as our Director of Music. Kay has served First Presbyterian in various "musical" capacities for over 10 years. She has graciously shared her time and talents with choirs, ensembles, and our church family as pianist, organist, vocalist, and director. Kay is stepping down from her leadership role, but we look forward to her continuing to participate in our music ministry. Please take a moment to extend your own thanks and well wishes to Kay.

**Dear Church Family, What a blessing it was to work alongside so many of you in presenting *The Last Supper* for our community.**

Many thanks go to each committee chair, volunteers for the hard work behind the scenes, and the leadership and guidance of Michelle, Cookie and Judy. From lights, costumes, music, dancers, props, set, hair and makeup, decorations and publicity, all worked together to create an Easter service of love and outreach to the glory of God. Thank you all for helping with this year's presentation. Also, it was such a joy to honor Bill Jolley Sunday morning with a plaque for his dedication and service through the years for *The Last Supper* pageants. So very grateful, Jane Jacobs

***The Last Supper* video is available to view on the First Pres YouTube Channel through the end of April.**

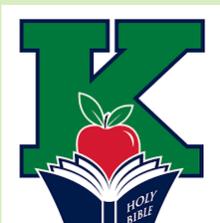


**The Billy Graham Library's annual Ladies' Tea will be Friday, June 13.** Guests will enjoy an "elegant tea party" and hear from Grammy award winner, actress, and best-selling author Rebecca St. James. A group from First Pres is attending the 2pm seating. Tickets are \$35 per person. **See Michelle ASAP if you would like to go!**

**Cooperative Christian Ministry has asked churches in Cabarrus County to respond to an urgent need for added resources.** Thank you First Pres family for 86 lbs. of food collected so far! We are still collecting food donations until next Sunday, May 4th.



Please pick up a reusable First Pres bag in the Narthex. **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 TODAY or see Pastor Eddie.

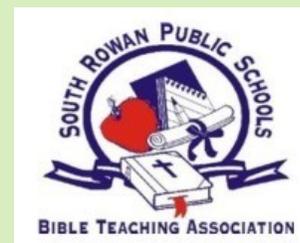
## Northwest Cabarrus Bible Teaching Association's 14th Annual Car & Truck Show and Craft Fair benefiting NCHS Bible Courses

is THIS Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 9:00am – 3:00pm at the NC Research Campus, 150 N. Research Campus Drive in Kannapolis. For more information, please pick up a flyer in the Narthex.



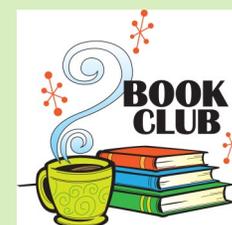
**Join us at Lifeline Christian Mission to pack meals for CCM!** On Wednesday, May 7, we will meet at Lifeline (325 McGill Ave NW, Concord, NC - Gibson Mill) to pack 15 boxes or 3,240 meals. The Missions Team will provide pizza at 6pm, and we will start packing at 6:30pm. This is a fun outing for all ages, so join us for some friendly church family competition! **Please sign up in the Narthex by NEXT Sunday, May 4.** See Michelle Walker or Sue Maiocchi if you need a ride.

**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 **TODAY**, Sunday, April 27th to buy a ticket.



**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 NEXT Sunday, May 4th, if you would like a ticket!**

**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.



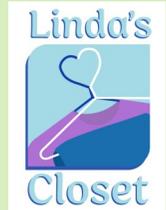
**Mark your calendars for Graduation Sunday, May 18!** We will honor our 2025 graduating high school seniors, Devin Bell and Ella Sechler, during the Worship Service. A reception will be held in their honor immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please extend to them your well wishes!



**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.

**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.



### **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 - health concerns
- Amy Morgan (Adam Stricker's mother-in-law) - recovery from infection after 1st chemo treatment
- Karen Miller (friend of Cresses) - non-small-cell carcinoma in lung; determining treatments options.
- Diane Crawford Odland (former pastor's wife) - diagnosis of cancer
- 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
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - great report and surgery on April 30
- 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) - tolerating chemo treatment for Hodgkins
- Barbara Coffey (friend of Judy Hunter) - cancer
- Thomas Dishman (friend of Judy Hunter) - recovery from kidney transplant
- Timmy Troutman (Buddy Troutman's son) - recovery from heart surgery

### **HOMEBOUND**

- Barbara Hancock - Home
- Loretta Young - Five Oaks
- Linda Bost - Best of Care - recovery from a UTI



# This Week @ FIRST PRES

## Sunday, April 27

9:30am - Morning Coffee  
- GraceFull Movements  
Rehearsal  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service

## Monday, April 28

10:00am - Dorcas Circle in Fellowship  
Hall

## Tuesday, April 29

11am - 1:00pm - Linda's Closet  
12:00pm - NA  
3:30-6:00pm - Peek NexGen

## Wednesday, April 30

3:30-6:00pm - Peek NexGen

## Thursday, May 1

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

## Next Sunday, May 4

9:30am - Morning Coffee  
- GraceFull Movements  
Rehearsal  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service

## SERVANTS

**Elder Lock-Up:** Ken Sparks

**No Children's Message This Week**

**No Children's Message Next Week**

**Children's Church:** Jenny Sparks

**Children's Church Next Week:** Debbie  
McDaniel

**Acolytes This Week:** Michael Herbst &  
Mary Gray Petersen

**Acolytes Next Week:** Landon & Noah  
Walker

**Nursery:** Roxanne Spencer

**Nursery Next Week:** Megan Quigg

**Ushers:** Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel, Jill  
& Phil McLain

**Ushers Next week:** Todd Pless, Tony Rary,  
Lynn Sechler, Ryan Walker

**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: 4/20/2025**

**Worship AM - 196**

**Sunday School - 69**

