



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering Before the Word ~**Welcome**

Eddie Spencer

Prelude**Lighting of the Candles**

Landon & Noah Walker

***Call to Worship**

Joel 2:28-30, 32

Leader: I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on My servants, both men and women, I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

All: I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance.

Hymn of Praise No. 186Low in the Grave He Lay*

Lowry

***Prayer of Adoration & 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.

Confession of Faith

New City Catechism Questions 36-37

Leader: What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

All: That He is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants Him irrevocably to all who believe.

Leader: How does the Holy Spirit help us?

All: The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and He enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.

Hymn of Prayer No. 322I Need Thee Every Hour*

Lowry

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~**Offering & Special Music**

Steve Thweatt, piano

Sermon

“Pentecost”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Sending Song

Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Men's Ensemble

Akers

*Benediction

Postlude

*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!

We welcome Steve Thweatt, our guest pianist, this morning. Thank you Steve for leading us in worship. Please extend your personal thanks to Steve.



Dear Church Family - There are no words to convey the overflowing shower of love I experienced last Sunday with all your cards, hugs, words of encouragement and thanks. Nothing could have pleased me more. I'm still opening cards, and will keep them forever! My years here have been filled with your blessings and support, and I have especially enjoyed being your Music Director. It is my hope that my "retirement" will be short lived. Thank You.

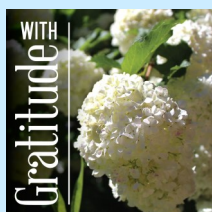
I love you all. Kay Yates

As our church family celebrates the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we also traditionally collect for our Good Samaritan Fund. This fund allows the church pastor and staff to assist those in need - both in our church and in our community. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in the 'Good Samaritan Fund' envelope, or mark your offering envelope 'Good Samaritan Fund'.



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 TODAY 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 339 lbs. of food collected so far! We are still collecting canned and dry goods through TODAY, Sunday, May 4th. Please return your shopping bag to the Narthex for delivery to CCM. Thanks to Sam & Kay McAllister for transporting our donations.



First Pres Church and Pastor Eddie,

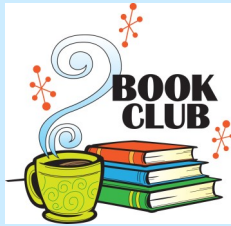
Thank you very much for your recent generous gift in support of the work of CCM in our community. Your gift is especially encouraging to all of us during this challenging time in ministry. May God bless you in return. Ed Hosack, CEO, CCM

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 THIS Sunday, May 4.** See Michelle Walker or Sue Maiocchi if you need a ride.



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

Beginning on Mother's Day, May 11, First Pres will partner with the Cabarrus Women's Center for their "Baby Bottle Boomerang!" Simply pick up a baby bottle from the baskets in the Narthex. Fill it with loose change or a donation, or set it out for others to donate. Return the filled bottle by Father's Day, June 15. The Cabarrus Women's Center is a life-affirming pregnancy support center. See a Missions Team member for more information.



Our book club will meet on Monday, May 12 in the parlor. They are transitioning into the 2nd book in the Mitford Series - *A Light in the Window*. On Thursday, May 15, the Book Club will travel to 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. The book club is open to anyone, and they enjoy incorporating scripture and everyday life in their discussions.

If you would like to go to the museum, please see Trish Nixon.

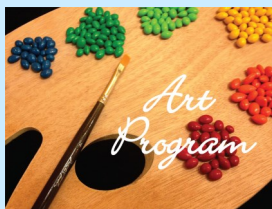
Mark your calendars for Graduation Sunday, May 18!

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!



This summer, from June through August, Pastor Eddie will lead a combined adult Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall. We will also incorporate Missions Speakers throughout the summer. Stay tuned for more information!

The Missions Team is collecting "pull tabs" for the Charlotte area Ronald McDonald House. These tabs can be found on soda cans, soup/vegetable cans, pet food containers, or other canned goods. Please rinse the tabs and place them in a plastic bag. Return the bag to the container in the Narthex.



All youth are invited to the NexGen afterschool program on Tuesday, May 6 for an Art Program. Pizza will be provided. Please RSVP to Michelle TODAY if you are interested!

Mark your calendars for Youth Sunday, June 8! Rehearsals will be held on the following Wednesdays: May 14, May 21, and June 4 at 6pm (dinner provided at 5:30pm). The final rehearsal will be Saturday, June 7 at 10am followed by lunch and an outing to Jocko's mini golf!





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 and there is a desperate need for men's clothes, especially pants. 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

- John Hammond - recovery from quadruple by-pass surgery
- Barbara Boucher - in hospital recovering from a fall

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 treatment options.
- Diane Crawford Odland (former pastor's wife) - diagnosis of cancer
- Henry (Diane Belotti's great nephew) - 2 year old with brain cancer
- Lori (Sam McAllister's daughter)- has MS and now has pneumonia
- Rachel Duval (Sam McAllister's granddaughter) - recovery from brain surgery
- Kathy (Charlene Booth's friend) - recovery from brain surgeries due to accident
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - recovery from surgery
- 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, May 4

9:30am - Morning Coffee
- GraceFull Movements
Rehearsal
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service with Holy
Communion
12:00pm - Children's Ministry Team in
Parlor

Monday, May 5

10:00am - Women's Council
5:00pm - Kannapolis Bible Teaching
Banquet

Tuesday, May 6

11am - 1:00pm - Linda's Closet
12:00pm - NA
3:30-6:00pm - Peek NexGen Art Event
(All Youth Invited!)

Wednesday, May 7

3:30-6:00pm - Peek NexGen
6:00pm - Pizza and Meal Packing at
Lifeline Christian Mission

Thursday, May 8

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study
12:00pm - NA
3:30-6:00pm - Peek NexGen
6:00pm - Pilot Club in Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 9

6:00pm - Faith Night at Cannon Ballers

Next Sunday, May 11

Happy Mother's Day

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Jeff Barnhardt

No Children's Message This Week

Children's Message Next Week: Honor
Mothers

Children's Church: Debbie McDaniel

Children's Church Next Week: Chris
Lowder

Acolytes This Week: Landon & Noah
Walker

Acolytes Next Week: Camryn & Cierstyn
Lowder

Nursery: Megan Quigg

Nursery Next Week: Chariti Lowder

Ushers: Todd Pless, Tony Rary, Lynn
Sechler, Ryan Walker

Ushers Next week: Phil Smith, Pam Hooks,
Jeff Barnhardt, Eric Cowan

Greeters: Ken Sparks & Tony Rary

FINANCIALS FOR MARCH

YTD Income \$72,663.78

YTD Expenses \$76,510.59

YTD Budget \$79,904.76

Last week's attendance: 4/27/2025

Worship AM - 121

Sunday School - 63

SERMON NOTES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION - ACTIVE ELDERS

Raegan Swaringen

Dave Ellington

Lynn Sechler

Cookie Hamilton

Chris Lowder

Ken Sparks

Sue Maiocchi

Phil McLain

Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk

Pastor Eddie Spencer, Moderator



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