



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**

Camryn & Cierstyn Lowder

***Call to Worship**

Acts 1: 4,5,8

Leader: On one occasion, while He was eating with them, He gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift My Father promised, which you have heard Me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

All: You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Hymn of Praise No. 351Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

Prayer of Adoration*Confession of Sins**

Lord Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, who has ascended to the right hand of God to make intercession for us, have mercy upon us, for we have sinned against You and have done that which is evil in Your sight. Forgive our foolishness and our hard-heartedness. Cleanse us from our sin and renew a right spirit within us, that we might worship and serve You aright as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, now and forevermore.

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

Isaiah 57:15

For this is what the high and exalted One says - He who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite."

Hymn of Prayer No. 772My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

SOLID ROCK

Celebration of New Members**Mother's Day Celebration**

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Offering & Special Music

He Touched Me

Gaither

Vocal Ensemble; Steve Thweatt, piano

***Scripture Reading**

Acts 2:1-13

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Sermon

“Pentecost”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Sending Song**

Sometimes Alleluia

Girard

Vocal Ensemble; Steve Thweatt, piano

***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 again welcome Steve Thweatt, our guest pianist, this morning.
Thank you Steve for leading us in worship!



Happy Mother's Day to all the women of our church, whether biological or spiritual mothers! To express our appreciation for the many ways you share God's love, our youth will be in the Narthex immediately following the worship service with flowers for you.

Welcome to our Newest Covenant Partners!



Terri Pruett has been on the First Pres staff since August, 2014. She has served as our Administrative Assistant, Bookkeeper, and Videographer, but now works remotely as Bookkeeper for First Pres and three other non-profit organizations. Terri is married to Bruce, mother of two daughters, and grandmother to two. She is involved in the Dorcas Circle, continues to help with livestreaming, and enjoys our Book Club. Her hobbies include technology, chess, photography, reading, and crafting. Terri has grown to love the people of First Pres, and is enjoying learning more and growing deeper in her faith.



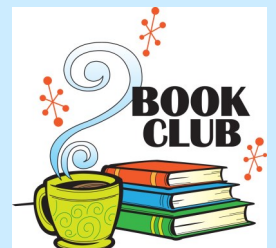
“Buster” and Paula Petty are returning to active status at First Pres after some time away. Originally from Kannapolis, they have been married 53 years. Buster and Paula have two children and three grandchildren. Buster works as a home improvement contractor. He enjoys restoring vintage cars and watching NASCAR races. Paula is a retired Accounting Manager. Her hobbies include flower gardening, reading, and taking walks. Together, they are avid cruisers and enjoy watching their grandchildren in sports, dance, or school activities. Buster and Paula feel blessed to be back at their “home” church.

Thank you to all who donated canned and dry goods or packed meals for CCM over the last few weeks. We collected a total of 496 pounds of food. We were also able to pack 3240 meals at Lifeline Christian Mission last week to benefit our neighbors in need!



Beginning TODAY, 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 tomorrow, Monday, May 12 in the parlor. They are transitioning into the 2nd book in the Mitford Series - *A Light in the Window*. **THIS** 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 every day 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. On Sunday June 1st, plan to join us for a Fellowship Breakfast at 9:30am. At 10am, Jane Daniel from Cabarrus Women's Center will speak during Sunday School.

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.



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.

Donations Needed: new boy & girl underwear; children's clothes, and men's clothes, especially pants.

Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays during closet hours and during the week for prep. If you can help, 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
- Debra Dandro - recovery from surgery
- Barbara Boucher - recovery from a fall

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Bryan (Becky Seaford's son) - hip replacement surgery on May 13th
- Troutman family (Judy Hammond's family) - death of Buddy
- 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
- Diane Crawford Odland (former pastor's wife) - diagnosis of cancer
- Henry (Diane Belotti's great nephew) - 2 year old with brain cancer
- Rachel Duval (Sam McAllister's granddaughter) - recovery from brain surgery
- 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



This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, May 11

Happy Mother's Day!

9:30am - Morning Coffee
- GraceFull Movements
Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

Monday, May 12

10:00am - Book Club in Parlor

Tuesday, May 13

11am - 1:00pm - Linda's Closet

12:00pm - NA

3:30-6:00pm - Peek NexGen

6:45pm - Missions Team

Wednesday, May 14

3:30-6:00pm - Peek NexGen

5:30pm - Youth Meal

6:00pm - Youth Sunday Rehearsal

Thursday, May 15

9:00am - Book Club trip to Hudson, NC

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study

12:00pm - NA

3:30-6:00pm - Peek NexGen

Next Sunday, May 18

Graduate Sunday

9:30am - Morning Coffee

- GraceFull Movements
Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

12:00pm - Graduates' Reception in
Fellowship Hall

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Jeff Barnhardt

Children's Message This Week: Honoring
Moms

Children's Message Next Week: Michelle
Walker

Children's Church: Chris Lowder

Children's Church Next Week: Sharon
Cranford

Acolytes This Week: Camryn & Cierstyn
Lowder

Acolytes Next Week: Caylin Lowder &
Mary Gray Petersen

Nursery: Chariti Lowder

Nursery Next Week: Sharon Stricker

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

Ushers Next week: Mark Goodnight, Tony
Hunter, Amy Hurst, Chris Lowder

Greeters: Ken Sparks & Tony Rary

FINANCIALS FOR APRIL

YTD Income \$98,369.69

YTD Expenses \$101,571.15

YTD Budget \$106,539.68

Last week's attendance: 5/4/2025

Worship AM - 106

Sunday School - 64

SERMON NOTES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION - ACTIVE ELDERS

Raegan Swaringen

Cookie Hamilton

Sue Maiocchi

Dave Ellington

Chris Lowder

Phil McLain

Lynn Sechler

Ken Sparks

Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk

Pastor Eddie Spencer, Moderator



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