



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

Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend

*Call to Worship

Psalm 33:6-11

Leader: By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of His mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; He puts the deep into storehouses.

All: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere Him.

Leader: For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm. The Lord foils the plans of the nations; He thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

All: But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations.

*Hymn of Praise

Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory

See insert

*Prayer of Adoration and 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.

Litany of Hope

Selected Verses

Leader: But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.

All: We wait for the Lord; He is our help and shield. May Your faithful love rest on us, Lord, for we put our hope in You.

Leader: For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

All: To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Leader: We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;

perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

All: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Isaiah 40:31; Psalms 33:20,22; Jeremiah 29:11; Colossians 1:27; Romans 5:2-5; Romans 15:13)

***Hymn of Assurance No. 363**

Blessed Assurance

Crosby

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

Word with our Children

Roxanne Spencer

Offering & Special Music

The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power
Vocal Ensemble

Crouch

***Scripture Reading**

1 Peter 1:3-9

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Sermon

“Living Hope”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Sending Song**

Go Now in Peace
Vocal Ensemble

Besig

***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!

A special thank you and welcome to Wanda Kurfees, our guest pianist, this morning! Please welcome her to our service today.



This Sunday marks our monthly 10 Cents-A-Meal collection!

Our youth will be in the Narthex immediately following worship to collect your donations. These offerings are divided between Compassion International (we sponsor 3 children through this organization) and Cabarrus Meals on Wheels.

First Pres is partnering 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.



This summer, from June through August, Pastor Eddie will lead a combined adult Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall. All adult summer classes have chosen to join in this group. Please join us as we continue to study God's Word together! We will also incorporate Missions Speakers throughout the summer.

Next Sunday June 1st, we welcome Jane Daniel of the Cabarrus Women's Center as our Missions Speaker for Sunday School. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast, beginning at 9:30am. Jane's presentation will follow at 10:00am.

Mark your calendars for Youth Sunday, June 8! The next rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, 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!





Youth and friends are invited to a “Share Your Gifts Summer”! We will meet throughout the summer to fellowship, have fun, and learn a little too! Our theme verse is Colossians 3:23: “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord...” Events will help us get to know each other, meet some new friends, and remember that we all have gifts to share.

The fun kicks off with a “Color Wars” party on Saturday, June 21. We’ll start with a friends and family cookout at 5pm, then enjoy water games with a “color” twist. Wear clothes that can get wet and messy, and bring a towel! **Sign up in the Narthex or on our website by Sunday, June 15.**

Other Events Scheduled for June:

Wednesday, June 25 5:30pm – Pizza and Painting Class with Allison Hammett

Saturday, June 28 - Picnic and Fireworks Watching at NC Research Campus

Stay tuned as more events are added!

The Women’s Council will be electing new officers and representatives this fall. The Women’s Council exists to serve all the Women of the Church and unite them in our mission to “know Christ, serve Him, and make Him known”. If you are interested in serving on the Women’s Council, which meets monthly to plan events and times of fellowship, please let Sharon Stricker or Judy Goodnight know.



ONGOING OUTREACH

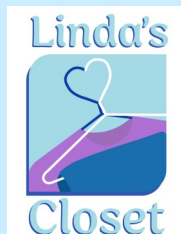


The Missions Team is collecting “pull tabs” for the Charlotte area Ronald McDonald House. These tabs can be found on soda cans, soup/vegetable cans, pet food containers, or other canned goods. Please rinse the tabs and place them in a plastic bag. Return the bag to the container in the Narthex.

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.

In June, July, August & September the Closet will be open to guests only on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays.

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

- Lauren Goodnight - birth of baby is soon
- Macray Goodnight - recovery from pneumonia
- Farra Peek - trip to Hawaii for the birth of a granddaughter
- Jenny Linebarrier - recovery from fall
- Debra Dandro - recovery from surgery
- Angel Dixon - recovery from heart attack

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Bryan (Becky Seaford's son) - recovery from hip replacement surgery
- Amy Morgan (Adam Stricker's mother-in-law) - continuing with treatments
- 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
- Darrell Blalack (Linda Hathaway family) - one more chemo treatment for Hodgkins
- Barbara Coffey (friend of Judy Hunter) - cancer
- Thomas Dishman (friend of Judy Hunter) - recovery from kidney transplant

HOMEBOUND

- Barbara Hancock - Home
- Loretta Young - Five Oaks
- Linda Bost - Best of Care



This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, May 25

10 Cents-A-Meal

9:30am - Morning Coffee

- GraceFull Movements
Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

Monday, May 26

Happy Memorial Day!

Tuesday, May 27

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

12:00pm - NA

Thursday, May 29

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study

12:00pm - NA

Next Sunday, June 1

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast

- GraceFull Movements
Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School with
Jane Daniel, Cabarrus
Women's Center

11:00am - Worship Service with Holy
Communion

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Jeff Barnhardt

Children's Message This Week: Roxanne
Spencer

NO Children's Message Next Week

Children's Church: Sharon Cranford

Children's Church Next Week: Amelia
Caskey

Acolytes This Week: Evie Sechler & Ingrid
Townsend

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Nursery: Lynn Efird & Amelia Caskey

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Ushers: Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister, Jill &
Phil McLain

Ushers Next week: Mal McDaniel, Todd
Pless, Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler

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: 5/18/2025

Worship AM - 136

Sunday School - 61

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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