



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering Before the Word ~**Welcome**

Eddie Spencer

Prelude*Lift High the Cross*

Lowe

Lighting of the Candles

Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend

***Call to Worship**

Matthew 28:18-20

Leader: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

All: teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Hymn of Praise No. 264Lift High the Cross*
(Stanzas 1-4)

CRUCIFER

***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.

Confession of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Hymn of Assurance No. 833There is a Redeemer*

ASCAP

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family***Doxology No. 965**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Offering & Special Music *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* White
Chancel Choir

***Scripture Reading** Titus 2:11-14 Page 1182

Sermon “Blessed Hope” Eddie Spencer

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Sending Song** *Where the Spirit of the Lord Is* Green

***Benediction**

Postlude *All Creatures of Our God and King* Page

*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!



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'.

A special thank you and welcome to Don Simmons, our guest musician, this morning!

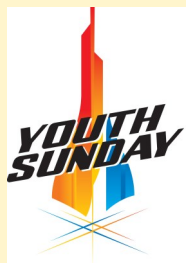


The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Kelly Semcho's birthday from CJ Semcho.



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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. Thank you to Jane Daniel for telling us more about their ministry today during Sunday School!



Youth Sunday is next Sunday, June 8! The next rehearsal will be held THIS 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!

The Piedmont Choral Society "Celebrate America" with concerts on Thursday, June 26th, 7pm to benefit Cooperative Christian Ministry; Friday, June 17th, 7pm and Sunday, June 29th, 3pm to benefit the Piedmont Choral Society.

The concerts will be at Calvary Lutheran Church, 950 Bradley Street NE, Concord.





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 will be 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.

JUNE EVENTS

Saturday, June 21: Summer Youth Kickoff! Families and friends are invited to a hamburger/hotdog cookout beginning at 5pm. Then we'll 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.

Wednesday, June 25: Gift of Painting Class! Pizza will be provided at 5:30pm, then Alison Hammett will lead a youth painting class at 6pm. Siblings will be able to paint coordinating pictures for their families to enjoy.
Sign up in the Narthex or on our website by Sunday, June 22.

Saturday, June 28: Gift of Freedom Celebration! Meet us at the North Carolina Research Campus lawn at 6pm for a picnic and fireworks watching. We'll play some games, enjoy good food and fellowship, and celebrate America's birthday.
Stay tuned for July's schedule, coming soon!

ONGOING OUTREACH

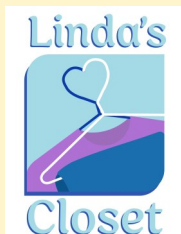


The Missions Team is collecting “pull tabs” for the Charlotte area Ronald McDonald House. These tabs can be found on soda cans, soup/vegetable cans, pet food containers, or other canned goods. Please rinse the tabs and place them in a plastic bag. Return the bag to the container in the Narthex.

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

- Tom Cavin - loss of father
- Lauren Goodnight - upcoming birth of baby
- Fred Caskey - recovery from shoulder surgery
- Jenny Linebarrier - recovery from fall
- Debra Dandro - recovery from surgery
- Angel Dixon - recovery from heart attack
- Chad Eudy - health concerns

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Bethany (Sandy' Boucher Bessent's daughter) - recovery from parathyroid 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, 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

Tuesday, June 3

11am - 1:00pm - Linda's Closet
12:00pm - NA

Wednesday, June 4

5:30pm - Youth Dinner
6:00pm - Youth Sunday Rehearsal

Thursday, June 5

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study
12:00pm - NA

Saturday, June 7

10:00am - Youth Sunday Rehearsal
12:00pm - Lunch/Jocko's mini golf

Next Sunday, June 8

Youth Sunday!

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Jeff Barnhardt

NO Children's Message This Week

Children's Message Next Week: Acting
Out Drama Ministry

Children's Church: Amelia Caskey

Youth Sunday is next week.

Acolytes This Week: Evie Sechler & Ingrid
Townsend

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Ingrid Townsend

Nursery: Amelia Caskey

Nursery Next Week: Vickie Ellington

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

Ushers Next week: Phil Smith, Pam Hooks,
Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt

Greeters: Cookie Hamilton & Dave
Argabrite

FINANCIALS FOR APRIL

YTD Income \$98,369.69

YTD Expenses \$101,571.15

YTD Budget \$106,539.68

Last week's attendance: 5/25/2025

Worship AM - 97

Sunday School - 54

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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