



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering Before the Word ~**Welcome**

Eddie Spencer

Prelude

Angela Miller, pianist & soloist

Lighting of the Candles

Camryn Lowder & Mary-Gray Petersen

***Call to Worship**

Philippians 3:7-10

Leader: But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ.

All: And be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

Hymn of Praise No. 696Marvelous Grace*

MOODY

***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.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy and majestic God, You have loved us with a love beyond our understanding. Yet we confess we have doubted the promises of the Gospel and ignored the obligations of the Gospel. You call, but we do not follow. You command, but we do not obey. You bless, but we do not bless others. Please forgive and help us, O Lord. Help us to know You, believe You, and follow You as Your representatives to a broken world. It's in the matchless name of Jesus we pray.

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

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Song of Faith No. 327 *When We Walk with the Lord* Towner

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

Celebration of Father's Day

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Offering and Special Music *His Name Medley* Chancel Choir

***Scripture Reading** Proverbs 1:1-9 page 625

Sermon "Wisdom" Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Sending Song** Angela Miller, pianist & soloist

***Benediction**

Postlude

*All who are able, please stand.
CCLI# 222113

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.

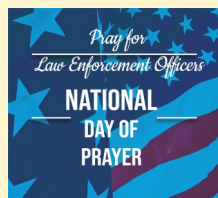
Children's Church is available for children 4 years through 2nd grade. After the "Word with our Children", they will be escorted to their classroom in the Nursery.

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!



Happy Father's Day to all the biological or spiritual fathers in our church! To express our appreciation for the many ways you share God's love, the youth will be in the Narthex after the worship service with a gift for you.

TODAY is the last day to return your filled baby bottles to benefit the Cabarrus Women's Center. The Cabarrus Women's Center is a life-affirming pregnancy support center.



The congregation is invited to participate in a National Day of Prayer for Law Enforcement Officers.

The meeting will be held inside Kannapolis City Hall - 401 Laureate Way - this Friday, June 20th at 9:30am. Pastors, ministry leaders, and others will lead about a 30-minute time of prayer.

Everyone is welcome to show our police officers that we are praying for them!



Youth and friends, are invited to a "Share Your Gifts Summer"!

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 gift to share.

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. SnoBiz will also be on hand with sno cones for everyone. Wear clothes that can get wet and messy, and bring a towel! **Sign up in the Narthex or on our website ASAP!**

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. Participants should be rising 2nd graders and above. **Sign up in the Narthex or on our website by NEXT 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. Mr. C's fried chicken and drinks will be provided - bring a side or dessert. We'll play some games, enjoy good food and fellowship, and celebrate America's birthday and the gift of true freedom we find in Christ. **Sign up in the Narthex or on our website by Wednesday, June 25.**

Wednesday, July 9: Gift of Creating! We'll enjoy dinner at 5:30pm, then get a jump start on our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Our time will be spent crafting or decorating items for the 500 boxes we will pack this year!

Wednesday, July 23: Gift of Serving! Dinner is served at 5:30pm, then we will join with the rest of our congregation in serving others. Youth will focus on packing food bags for Shady Brook Elementary School and the Charlotte-area Ronald McDonald House.



Thank you to Pastor Eddie and to the First Presbyterian family for all you have done for our family while we awaited the arrival of Lillian Etta. We felt the Holy Spirit and your prayers on the day Lillian arrived. Thank you for every prayer.

Sincerely, Caleb, Lauren and Macray Goodnight

Angel and I want to thank First Pres for the very generous gift and beautiful cards following Angel's heart attack and surgery. We are most thankful for God's mercy for her life and daily healing, a certain testament of your strength in prayer. We look forward to worshipping with you to thank you face to face. **Blessings and peace, Lee, Angel & George Dixon.**



Dear Church Family, Wow, Pastor had a great sermon last Sunday about community and how God calls upon us to serve others. In that vein, you are invited to join the First Pres Care Team. We are a ministry of card senders. We provide Care Team return labels & stamps and send out a list of people weekly who could use a card to be uplifted and remembered.

Everyone could use one more card to say you are important to First Presbyterian; we would love to have you join us! Hebrews 10:24: And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. **Please contact Renee Goodnight if you are interested in joining the Care Team.**

The Missions Team has adopted Mission Trip Funding Guidelines for individuals or groups within the church to request funding for Mission Trips. If you are interested in knowing more, please see Sue Maiocchi or a Missions Team member. Applications for funding may be made through the church office.



A congregational meeting will be held Sunday, June 29th, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing Elders. The nominating committee has nominated, and Session has approved the following candidates for a 3-year term: Sharon Cranford, Cookie Hamilton (2nd term), and Tony Rary. Nominations may also be made at the meeting by members of the congregation. Thank you to our outgoing Elders - David Ellington and Lynn Sechler - for their years of service to our church and our Lord!

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 the container in the Narthex.





Linda's Closet is open the 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays for guests from 11:00am -1:00pm for the months of June, July, August & September. Other Tuesdays will be "work days".

Boys clothes sizes 2-16 and men's clothes are especially needed. See Trish Nixon if you are interested in volunteering.

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



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
- Angel Dixon - recovery from heart attack
- Chad Eudy - health concerns
- Jenny Linebarrier - recovery from fall
- Debra Dandro - recovery from surgery

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Tommy Walker (Ryan's dad) - upcoming surgery to remove cancer
- 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



join us in
PRAYER

This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, June 15

Happy Father's Day!

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

Tuesday, June 17

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

Thursday, June 19

12:00pm - NA

Saturday, June 21

5:00pm - Youth & Families' Summer
Kick-Off

Next Sunday, June 22

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Jeff Barnhardt

Children's Message This Week: Honor
Fathers

Children's Message Next Week: Amelia
Caskey

Children's Church This Week: Sue
Maiocchi

Children's Church next week: Michelle
Walker

Acolytes This Week: Camryn Lowder &
Mary-Gray Petersen

Acolytes Next Week: Landon & Noah
Walker

Nursery: Sue Maoicchi

Nursery Next Week: Michelle Walker

Ushers: Eric Cowan, Mark Goodnight, Tony
Hunter, Amy Hurst

Ushers Next week: Chris Lowder, Mike
Lowder, Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel

Greeters: Cookie Hamilton & Dave
Argabrite

FINANCIALS FOR MAY

YTD Income \$122,849.34

YTD Expenses \$122,525.84

YTD Budget \$133,174.60

Last week's attendance: 6/8/2025

Worship AM - 122

Sunday School - 70

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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