



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ **Gathering Before the Word** ~

Welcome

Eddie Spencer

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Young

Lighting of the Candles

Landon & Noah Walker

***Call to Worship**

Great is the Lord
Chancel Choir, Joe Morris, soloist

Smith

***Hymn of Praise No. 599**

Come, Christians Join to Sing

MADRID

***Prayer of Adoration**

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 60

Leader: How are you righteous before God?

All: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.

Song of Faith No. 627

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

Woodworth

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

Word with Our Children

Amelia Caskey

~ **Proclaiming the Word of God** ~

***Doxology No. 965**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Offering and Special Music

Jesus is Lord of All
Chancel Choir; Joe Morris, tenor

Gaither

***Scripture Reading**

Proverbs 3:1-8

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Sermon

“Wisdom”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Sending Song No. 770**

In Christ Alone

Getty/Townsend

***Benediction**

Postlude

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

Behnke

*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 Angela Swicegood, our guest musician, this morning!



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.



A congregational meeting will be held next Sunday, June 29, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing Elders. While nominations may be made during the meeting, Session has recommended the following individuals for a 3-year term.



Sharon Cranford joined First Presbyterian in 1988 after she and her husband, Hank, moved to Concord.

Originally from Brunswick County, Sharon was baptized at age 11. Sharon is mom to three children and one granddaughter. Hank passed away in 2024. Sharon is a retired Speech Pathologist and Administrator for Cabarrus County Schools. She enjoys traveling and says the joy in her life “is derived by loving others well, witnessing to all I come into contact with, and serving as called.”

At First Pres, Sharon has served in the Chancel Choir, Sunday School, VBS, Worship Team, Women of the Church Council, Children’s Church, Dorcas Circle, and KBTA Board. She has also spent 28 years with Bible Study Fellowship, many years as a leader.



Cookie Hamilton was raised at Center Grove Lutheran Church. She became a member of Bethpage Presbyterian after marriage, and her family joined First Pres in 1990. Mom of 2,

Cookie’s favorite hobby is being Grandma to her 3 grandsons. She also loves music – singing, listening, and attending concerts. Cookie is the retired bookkeeper for “The John Boy & Billy” radio show. She is a current Elder, serves on our Women of the Church Council, sings in the Chancel Choir, tutors in the afterschool

program, and helps with Linda’s Closet and The Last Supper. Cookie considers it an honor to serve God at First Pres and in her community.



Tony Rary has served several terms as an Elder at First Presbyterian. He has been a member of our

congregation since 1997. Tony has 5 children and 6 grandchildren. He is retired from Plant Operations and Maintenance at Atrium Health Cabarrus hospital, but still works there part-time. In his spare time, Tony enjoys Kannapolis Cannon Ballers baseball and participating in local car shows.

Tony has served in many capacities at First Pres, including as an Usher, and on the Buildings and Grounds Team.



We extend a heart-felt “thank you” to David Ellington and Lynn Sechler, outgoing Elders, for their years of service.



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 gifts to share.

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 TODAY.**

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 THIS 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.

Sunday, July 27: Family & Friends Pool Party! Join us for an afternoon at the pool as we close out our summer. We will meet at the NW Swim Club, 5000 Durneigh Dr., Kannapolis. Come as early as 3pm, then enjoy a cookout with hamburgers and hotdogs at 5pm. Please bring a side or dessert to share. **Sign up in the Narthex or on our website!**



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.

Dear Church Family, First Pres Cares is 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. We would love to have you join our team. **Please contact Renee Goodnight if you are interested in joining the Care Team.**



The Piedmont Choral Society presents “Celebrate America” - 3 free patriotic music concerts at Calvary Lutheran Church, 950 Bradley Street NE, Concord. Thurs., June 26th at 7pm will benefit Cooperative Christian Ministry. Please bring canned goods for CCM. Concerts on June 27th, 7pm and June 29th at 3pm will benefit the Piedmont Choral Society. All are welcome!



Linda's Closet is open the 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays for guests from 11:00am -1:00pm for the months of 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 and 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

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

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Tommy Walker (Ryan's dad) - recovery from surgery to remove cancer
- Michael Taylor (Shield A Badge) - heart surgery on July 2
- 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 22

10 Cents-A-Meal!

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

Tuesday, June 24

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

Wednesday, June 25

5:30pm - Youth Pizza Dinner
6:00pm - Youth Painting Class

Thursday, June 26

12:00pm - NA
7:00pm - Piedmont Choral Concert
Calvary Lutheran Church,
Concord

Friday, June 27

7:00pm - Piedmont Choral Concert

Saturday, June 28

6:00pm - "Gift of Freedom"
Picnic/Fireworks at NCRC

Next Sunday, June 29

9:30am - Morning Coffee
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service
3:00pm - Piedmont Choral Concert

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Jeff Barnhardt

Children's Message This Week: Amelia Caskey

Children's Message Next Week: Michelle Walker

Children's Church This Week: Michelle Walker

Children's Church next week: Sharon Cranford

Acolytes This Week: Landon & Noah Walker

Acolytes Next Week: Michael Herbst & Oliver Townsend

Nursery: Michelle Walker

Nursery Next Week: Sharon Stricker

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

Ushers Next week: Jill & Phil McLain, Todd Pless, Tony Rary

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: 6/15/2025

Worship AM - 125

Sunday School - 74

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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