



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**

Michael Herbst & Oliver Townsend

Choral Call to Worship*Heaven Came Down*
Chancel Choir

Peterson

Hymn of Praise No. 926** *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDAPrayer 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."

Scripture Reading

Selected verses from Proverbs

Leader: Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up. Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.

All: Each heart knows its own bitterness, and no one else can share its joy. Even in laughter the heart may ache, and rejoicing may end in grief.

Leader: A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones. The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit.

All: A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit. The discerning heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly.

Leader: All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the Lord. The human spirit can endure in sickness, but a crushed spirit who can bear?

All: The wicked flee though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.

(Proverbs 12:25; 13:12; 14:10, 13; 30; 15:4, 13-14; 16:2; 18:14; 28:1)

Song of Faith No. 899Seek Ye First*

LAFFERTY

Mission Trip Commissioning

Adam & Toby Caskey

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Offering & Special Music *Amazing Grace/Pachelbel's Canon* arr. Shafferman
Chancel Choir

***Scripture Reading** Proverbs 15:13 page 639

Sermon “Wisdom for a Crushed Spirit” Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Sending Song No. 451** *When Peace Like a River* VILLE DU HAVRE

***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 Steve Thweatt, our guest musician, this morning!



A congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship TODAY 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. Newly elected elders will be installed/ordained next Sunday, July 6, during worship.



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, 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!**



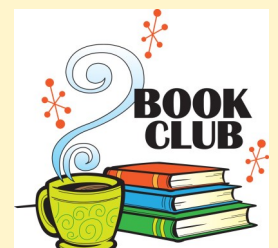
The Missions Team is pleased to welcome additional speakers during our Summer Sunday School. On each Sunday that we have a guest speaker, there will be a Fellowship Breakfast at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Upcoming guests include:

- July 13 - Jeremy Burleson and Pam Smith, Cooperative Christian Ministry (Rebuilders Campus at Brown Mill)
- July 27 - Jeremy Churchill, Outreach Foundation
- August 3 - Representative from Ronald McDonald House

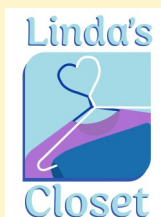
Dear Church Family, First Pres Cares is a ministry of card senders. We provide Care Team return labels & stamps and send out a list of people weekly who could use a card to be uplifted and remembered. We would love to have you join our team. **Please contact Renee Goodnight if you are interested in joining the Care Team.**



Our book club will meet, Monday, July 14 at 10:00am in the parlor. They are transitioning into the 2nd book in the Mitford Series - *A Light in the Window*. The book club is open to anyone, and they enjoy incorporating scripture and everyday life in their discussions. **For more information, please see Trish Nixon.**



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 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

- Chad Eudy - health concerns
- Debra Dandro - recovery from surgery

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Barry Lentz family (friend of church members) - loss of Barry
- 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 29

9:30am - Morning Coffee
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service
12:00pm - Congregational Meeting for
Elder Elections
3:00pm - Piedmont Choral Concert

Tuesday, July 1

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

Thursday, July 3

12:00pm - NA

Friday, July 4

Happy 4th of July!

Next Sunday, July 6

9:30am - Morning Coffee
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service with Holy
Communion and Elder
Installation

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Raegan Swaringen

Children's Message This Week: Michelle Walker

NO Children's Message Next Week

Children's Church This Week: Sharon Cranford

Children's Church next week: Roxanne Spencer

Acolytes This Week: Michael Herbst & Oliver Townsend

Acolytes Next Week: Evie Sechler & Mary-Gray Petersen

Nursery: Sharon Stricker

Nursery Next Week: Lynn Efird

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

Ushers Next week: Lynn Sechler, Phil Smith, Pam Hooks, Ryan Walker

Greeters: Chris Lowder, Donnie Swaringen

FINANCIALS FOR MAY

YTD Income \$122,849.34

YTD Expenses \$122,525.84

YTD Budget \$133,174.60

Last week's attendance: 6/22/2025

Worship AM - 124

Sunday School - 62

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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