



**FIRST**  

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**PRESBYTERIAN**  

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**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 & Mary-Gray Petersen

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 66:1-4

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious. Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You.

**All: All the earth bows down to You; they sing praise to You, they sing the praises of Your name."**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 604**

*To God Be the Glory*

Crosby

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**Ordination and Installation of Elders**

**Litany of Thanksgiving**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the High King of Heaven.

**All: It is good and right to do.**

Leader: For the vision of the New Heavens and New Earth, with a new city shining on a hill, where righteousness and justice would prevail,

**All: we thank You, Lord.**

Leader: For our nation in which we have the freedom to worship You,

**All: we thank You, Lord.**

Leader: For the natural beauty and bounty of this land where You have placed us, and the many men and women who have defended it,

**All: we thank You, Lord.**

Leader: For Your Church, Your holy nation, which has dispersed all over the world and has been a light to our nation,

**All: we thank You, Lord.**

Leader: For the forgiveness which You have granted Your redeemed people for our many individual and corporate sins and for Your continual and undeserved blessing upon us all,

**All: we thank You, Lord.**

Leader: Most of all, we give You thanks for establishing Your Son, Jesus Christ, as King of kings, and Lord of lords, who is the Great King of all the

nations, and the Protector and Defender of Your people.

**All: To Him be praise and high thanksgiving, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, both now and forevermore. Amen.**

**\*Song of Prayer No. 907**

*Be Still and Know*

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**~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~**

**Offering & Special Music**

*On Eagle's Wings*

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Abigail Malinovsky, clarinet; Steve Thweatt, piano

**\*Scripture Reading**

Proverbs 25:21-22

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**Sermon**

“God’s Wisdom for Conflict”

Eddie Spencer

**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

**~ Responding to the Word of God ~**

**\*Sending Song**

*God Bless America*

Berlin

Abigail Malinovsky. soloist

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

\*All who are able, please stand.

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*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!

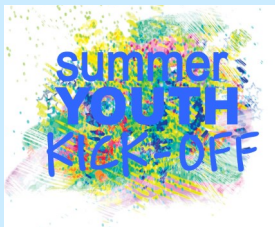
**A special thank you and welcome to Steve Thweatt, our guest musician, this morning!**



**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'.



**Today, we install three Elders for a three-year term of service.** Cookie Hamilton, Sharon Cranford and Tony Rary will join our current Elders at their first Session meeting this Tuesday, July 8. We extend a heart-felt "thank you" to David Ellington and Lynn Sechler, outgoing Elders, for their years of service to our church and our Lord.

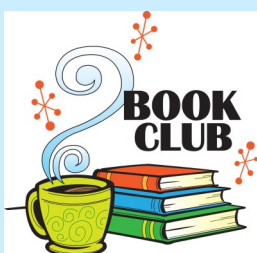


**Youth and friends, are invited to a "Share Your Gifts Summer"! Our theme verse will be Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord..."** Events will help us get to know each other, meet some new friends, and remember that we all have gifts to share.

**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!**



**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.**

## MISSIONS FOCUS



**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, The Outreach Foundation

August 3 - Representative from Ronald McDonald House



### **It's that time! We're beginning our collection for Operation Christmas Child!**

This year the Missions Team has decided to pack 500 boxes for the 10-14 age group - 250 girls and 250 boys. Our collection will begin with a gift to "WOW" the children. For girls, we have chosen a Barbie doll. There are several available for just under \$6 at Walmart. For boys, we want to give a harmonica. Amazon has some in the \$6.99-\$7.99 price range. If you would like to donate, you can buy these items and place in the red collection bin in the Narthex. You may also give online or with an offering marked for "Shoeboxes". Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry to take the Gospel "to the ends of the earth"!



### **Join us for an FPC Missions Night on Wednesday, July 23**

**at 6:00 pm!** Our youth will be sharing their "Gift of Serving" as they pack bags for Ronald McDonald house, and Shady Brook Elementary School. Others are invited to help sort clothes and organize for Linda's Closet; pack bags for our Fence Ministry, or help our Care Team make cards. We will also spend time in prayer for each of these Missions.

## 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 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.



### **Meal Train**

Please see Thursday's church email for a link to supply supper for the Sechler family this coming week.

### **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
- Shannon Sechler - health concerns
- Diane Bellotti - recovery from broken fibula
- Adam & Toby Caskey - Alaskan Mission Trip (7/13-7/19)

### **FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY**

- Tommy Walker (Ryan's dad) - recovery from surgery to remove cancer
- Michael Taylor (Shield A Badge) - recovery from heart surgery
- Amy Morgan (Adam Stricker's mother-in-law) - continuing with treatments
- Karen Miller (friend of Cresses) - non-small-cell carcinoma in lung
- 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, July 6

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

## Tuesday, July 8

11am - 1pm - Linda's Closet Work Day  
12:00pm - NA  
6:00pm - Session Meal & Meeting

## Wednesday, July 9

5:30pm - Youth Pizza Dinner  
6:00pm - "Gift of Crafting" for OCC

## Thursday, July 10

12:00pm - NA

## Saturday, July 12

NA In Fellowship Hall

## Next Sunday, July 13

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast  
10:00am - SS with Pam Smith & Jeremy Burleson, CCM Rebuilders  
11:00am - Worship Service

## SERVANTS

**Elder Lock-Up:** Raegan Swaringen

**No Children's Message This Week**

**Children's Message Next Week:** Dave Argabrite

**Children's Church This Week:** Roxanne Spencer

**Children's Church next week:** Risa Little

**Acolytes This Week:** Evie Sechler & Mary-Gray Petersen

**Acolytes Next Week:** Camryn & Cierstyn Lowder

**Nursery:** Lynn Efird

**Nursery Next Week:** Risa Little

**Ushers:** Lynn Sechler, Phil Smith, Pam Hooks, Ryan Walker

**Ushers Next week:** Jeff Barnhardt, Eric Cowan, Mark Goodnight, John Hammond

**Greeters:** Chris Lowder, Donnie Swaringen

## FINANCIALS FOR JUNE

**YTD Income** \$152,252.30

**YTD Expenses** \$151,604.14

**YTD Budget** \$159,809.52

**Last week's attendance:** 6/29/2025

**Worship AM - 107**

**Sunday School - 59**

# 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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