



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering Before the Word ~**Welcome**

Eddie Spencer

Prelude*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Payne

Lighting of the Candles

Camryn & Cierstyn Lowder

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 103:8-13

Leader: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever;

All: He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

All: As a father has compassion on His children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.

***Hymn of Praise No. 601** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Perronet

***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

"Lord Jesus Christ, our one Foundation, who commands all sinners everywhere to trust in You for their salvation, we confess that we failed to believe in You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Please forgive our unfaithful, untrusting hearts. We are truly sorry, and we plead for Your healing grace, that we might draw near to You with full assurance, delight in Your saving grace, and serve You with cheerful zeal to the glory of Your matchless name."

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

John 10:27-29

"My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of My Father's hand."

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

Word with Our Children

Dave Argabrite

Offering & Special Music

Lead Me, Guide Me
Chancel Choir

Akers

***Scripture Reading**

Proverbs 14:29-30; 15:1,18; 16:32;
19:19; 24:28-29; 25:21-22

Sermon

“God’s Wisdom on Anger”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Sending Song No. 755**

Speak, O Lord
Kay Yates, Alto

Townend

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Lead on King Eternal

Payne

*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 card.

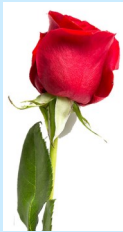
Children’s Activity Bags are available for children aged 3 to grade 5. They include a children’s bulletin related to the Sunday sermon, crayons, and scrap paper.

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 Don Simmons, our guest musician, this morning!

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in appreciation for the dedication of our church Elders.



The rosebuds on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Junior Harward's great-granddaughters, both born on June 18! Adalyn Eloise Wilson is the daughter of Allison and Nick Wilson. Amelia Gail Jones is the daughter of Anna and Daniel Jones. Congratulations to you all!



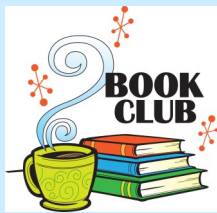
On Sunday, August 17, we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our Sanctuary's dedication with a special worship celebration, a display of items from the 1975 time capsule, and a reception on the front steps. In conjunction with this commemoration, First Pres will launch "Building on the Cornerstone" – a fundraising effort for an exterior renovation which will include replacing shrubbery and walkways, repairing brickwork on the porches, adding more green space, and improving entryways and the courtyard. A full presentation will take place during Sunday School on August 10. We encourage you to invite family, friends, and past church members, and make plans to attend our celebration of God's faithfulness, as we anticipate His future for our church.



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 23: Gift of Serving at FPC Missions Night! Dinner is served at 5:30pm.

Sunday, July 27: Family & Friends Pool Party! Join us for an afternoon at the pool 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



Join us for a fellowship breakfast, at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall with additional missions speakers at 10:00am. July 27 - Jeremy Churchill, The Outreach Foundation; August 3 - 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, a Barbie doll. There are several available for just under \$6 at Walmart. For boys, a harmonica. Amazon has some in the \$6.99-\$7.99 price range. If you purchase one of these place it in the red collection bin in the Narthex. You may also give online or with an offering marked for “Shoebboxes”. **You are also invited to a prayer walk on Saturday, July 26 at 9am to pray for our church's Drop-off collection this Fall.**



Join us for an FPC Missions Night on Wednesday, July 23 at 6:00 pm! Our youth will pack bags for Ronald McDonald house, and Shady Brook Elementary. Others will help organize for Linda's Closet; pack bags for our Fence Ministry, or help our Care Team make cards. We will also pray for 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.

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
- 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

- Amy Morgan (Adam Stricker's mother-in-law) - continuing with treatments
- Karen Miller (friend of Cresses) - non-small-cell carcinoma
- 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 surgery
- Darrell Blalack (Linda Hathaway family) - Great report on treatments for Hodgkins
- Barbara Coffey (friend of Judy Hunter) - cancer
- Thomas Dishman (friend of Judy Hunter) - kidney transplant
- Henry and his family (Bellotti's nephew)- report from important MRI

HOMEBOUND

- Barbara Hancock - Home
- Loretta Young - Five Oaks
- Linda Bost - Best of Care

This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, July 13

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
10:00am - Sunday School with Pam
Smith & Jeremy Burleson,
CCM Rebuilders Campus at
Brown Mill Commons
11:00am - Worship Service

Monday, July 14

10:00 am - Book Club in Parlor

Tuesday, July 15

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

Thursday, July 10

12:00pm - NA

Next Sunday, July 20

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Raegan Swaringen

Children's Message This Week: Dave
Argabrite

Children's Message Next Week: Roxanne
Spencer

Children's Church This Week: Risa Little

Children's Church next week: Lynn Efird

Acolytes This Week: Camryn & Cierstyn
Lowder

Acolytes Next Week: Ingrid & Oliver
Townsend

Nursery: Risa Little

Nursery Next Week: Lynn Efird

Ushers: Jeff Barnhardt, Eric Cowan, Mark
Goodnight, John Hammond

Ushers Next week: Tony Hunter, Amy
Hurst, Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder

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: 7/06/2025

Worship AM - 97

Sunday School - 38

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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