



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering Before the Word ~**Welcome**

Pastor Eddie

Prelude*He Hideth My Soul*

Setting by Hayes

Lighting of the Candles

Camryn & Cierstyn Lowder

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 118:1-2,4,6-9

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

Let Israel say: "His love endures forever." Let those who fear the Lord say: "His love endures forever."

All: The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? The Lord is with me; He is my helper. I look in triumph on my enemies.

Leader: It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in people.

All: It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

Hymn of Faith No. 426My Faith Looks up to Thee*

OLIVET

Prayer of Adoration and The 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.

Profession of Faith

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Hymn of Assurance No. 763Blessed Jesus at Your Word*

LIEBSTER JESU

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

***Doxology No. 965** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

Offering and Anthem *Broken For You* J. Hayford/setting by T. Fettke

***Scripture Reading** James 1:9-15 Page 1196

Sermon "Trials and Temptations " Pastor Eddie

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Sending Song No. 348** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* Runyon

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude** *Pisgah* Setting by Gilbert M Martin

*All who are able, please stand.

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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!



As our church family celebrates the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we traditionally collect for our Good Samaritan Fund. This fund allows the 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 'Good Samaritan Fund'.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Building on the Cornerstone campaign!

About \$102,000 has been donated, or nearly 49% of the \$210,000 goal. The Building on the Cornerstone project will make improvements to the appearance, safety, security, and maintainability of our church's outdoor property. The work is to be done in the spring of 2026. If you wish to give, write a check to First Presbyterian with the memo "Cornerstone", or give on our website. Any amount is appreciated!



Join us for a Chili Cook-Off and Cake Sale, benefitting the "Building on the Cornerstone" Capital Campaign!

On Sunday, November 2nd, following worship, you be the judge of the best chili at First Pres. Cakes will also be available to take home or share with your friends!

To enter the contest, see Jeff Barnhardt. More information to come!



Fall Wednesday Night Activities continue this week!

October 8 - Wednesdays in Prayer

6:00pm (NOTE EARLIER TIME) - Give out our Law Enforcement Appreciation Bags at Kannapolis Police Department (401 Laurate Way). We will be given a brief tour,

then pray with officers and staff as they change shifts. Children and youth will meet for dinner at **5:30pm**; walk to KPD at **6pm**; return for class at **6:45pm**.

Every Wednesday: Chancel Choir Rehearsals have resumed weekly at 6pm.

There's a place for everyone, so please join us!



Ladies, mark your calendar for a night of fun, sponsored by the Women's Council!

You are invited to a "Mix and Mingle" on Monday, October 20 at 6:30pm. We will enjoy a delicious catered dinner of pecan chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, steamed green beans, salad, bread, drinks, and dessert. During the meal, we'll get to know each other better through progressive table seating. RSVP is required, so sign up in the Narthex by Wednesday, October 15th if you plan to attend.



The JOY Group will meet again on Friday, October 31 at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Heath Burchett will be sharing his ministry of "Watchman of the Streets." Sign up in the Narthex to bring soup, side or dessert. Brush up on your trivia for some fun and games!



New First Pres Gear! We are purchasing First Presbyterian tshirts, sweatshirts and hooded sweatshirts. The design for each is the same - First Pres “logo” on the front, and our Mission Statement on the back. Prices are as follows:

Tshirt - (S-XL) \$10.95; 2X \$12.50; 3X \$13.50

Sweatshirt - (S-XL) \$19.20; 2X \$21.20; 3X \$22.50

Hooded Sweatshirt - (S-XL) \$23.95; 2X \$25.95; 3X \$27.95

Please see Michelle Walker to pay for and place your order no later than TODAY, Sunday, October 5!



Collection for our 500 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes continues! We will pack 250 for girls and 250 for boys, ages 10-14. For the month of October, our focus is toys:



250 Matchbox cars for boys

250 Nerf balls 5-8.5” for boys

250 jump ropes for girls

250 sewing kits for girls (3x5”) or bead craft kits (with everything needed included)

Place donations in the red collection bin in the Narthex. You may also give online or with an offering marked for “Shoeboxes”.

Join the Missions Team for the Lifeline Million Meals Tour at the Cannon Ballers’ stadium! On

Saturday, October 25, we have reserved 40 spots for the 2:00pm meal packing time slot. All ages and abilities can

participate in packing nutritious meals for the hungry in our community and around the world. *It’s also a great time to wear your new First Pres gear.* Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, October 19.



Our next Wednesday in Mission will be a Winter Clothing Giveaway and Soup Supper! On Wednesday, October 29, from 6-7:30pm, we will give away coats and winter accessories while serving a hot soup supper. Linda’s Closet will also be open for shoppers. You can help! Please donate new or gently used winter coats, gloves, toboggans, and clothing. Volunteers will also be

needed to cook soup, serve, assist shoppers, and clean up. Youth will help serve the meal. Place donations in the Linda’s Closet bins outside the Fellowship Hall and sign up in the Narthex if you can serve with us!

ONGOING OUTREACH



Linda's Closet is open the 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays of the month from 11:00am -1:00pm. Other Tuesdays are "work days". See Trish Nixon if you can volunteer. Current needs:

* Boys clothes, sizes 2-16 * Men's clothes *New underwear for all



Thank you for donating to the First Pres Blessing Fence!

See Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help with current needs:

*small cosmetic bags *feminine products *new/gently-used towels



The Missions Team is collecting "pull tabs" for the Charlotte-area Ronald McDonald House. Rinse the tabs (from sodas, soup/veg cans) and place them in the container in the Narthex.

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

- Jean Bost - recovery from a fall
- Tony Rary - multiple myeloma treatments
- Carol Lowder - recovery from breast cancer surgery
- Sandy Boucher-Bessent - recovery from eye surgeries
- Angela Miller - recovery from surgery on broken wrist
- Betty Sechler - recovery from a fall
- Walker Family - loss of Tommy Walker

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH

- Kristen Cranford (Sharon's daughter-in-law) - recovery from aortic aneurysm surgery
- Sara Bailey Wooten's niece - recovery from injuries after accident
- Bill & Barbara Bailey (Terri Pruett's parents) - multiple health concerns
- Thomas "Bran" James (friend of Pam Hooks) - 10-yr-old with stomach cancer
- Julie Griffin (Bellottis' daughter) - recovery from stomach/esophagus surgery
- Zelda West (Trish Nixon's granddaughter) - recovery from another surgery
- Jane McDaniel (Mal & Debbie's daughter-in-law) - testing for health concerns
- Rachel Duval (Sam McAllister's granddaughter) - recovery from brain surgery
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - recovery from surgery
- Barbara Coffey (friend of Judy Hunter) - cancer

HOMEBOUND

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



This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, October 5

9:30am - Morning Coffee
- GraceFull Movements
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service with Holy Communion

Tuesday, October 7

11am -1:00pm - Linda's Closet
12:00pm - NA
3:30pm-6pm - Peek NexGen
6:30pm - Session Meeting

Wednesday, October 8

3:30pm-6pm - Peek NexGen
5:30pm - Youth Dinner
6:00pm - Walk to KPD
6:00pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm - Wed in Prayer
- Children/Youth Classes

Thursday, October 9

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study
12:00pm - NA
3:30pm-6pm - Peek Nex Gen
6:00pm - Pilot Club in Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, October 12

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Tony Rary

NO Children's Message This Week

Children's Message Next Week: NONE

Children's Church This Week: Chariti Lowder

Children's Church next week: Roxanne Spencer

Acolytes This Week: Camryn & Cierstyn Lowder

Acolytes Next Week: Kinsley Culp & Mary -Gray Petersen

Nursery: Chariti Lowder

Nursery Next Week: Roxanne Spencer

Ushers: Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler, Phil Smith, Pam Hooks

Ushers Next week: Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt, Eric Cowan, Mark Goodnight

Greeters: Raegan Swaringen & Renee Goodnight

FINANCIALS FOR SEPTEMBER

YTD Income \$222,688.05

YTD Expenses \$222,856.55

YTD Budget \$239,715.28

Last week's attendance: 9/28/2025

Worship AM - 102

Sunday School - 66

SERMON NOTES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION - ACTIVE ELDERS

Raegan Swaringen

Cookie Hamilton

Sue Maiocchi

Sharon Cranford

Chris Lowder

Phil McLain

Tony Rary

Ken Sparks

Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk

Pastor Eddie Spencer, Moderator



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