



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ **Gathering Before the Word** ~

Welcome

Pastor Eddie

Prelude

Dallas Boovy

Lighting of the Candles

Michael Herbst & Noah Walker

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 33:4-8

Leader: For the word of the Lord is right and true; He is faithful in all He does. The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of His unfailing love.

All: By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of His mouth.

Leader: He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; He puts the deep into storehouses.

All: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere Him.

***Hymn of Praise No. 540** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

GROSSER GOTT

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.

Confession of Sins

Gracious Father, we confess that often we have failed to be Your faithful people: we have not done Your will or sought first Your Kingdom; we have broken Your commands; we have rebelled against Your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness

***Hymn of Assurance No. 661** *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

Word With Our Children

Michelle Walker

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

Offering and Special Music

Come Home
Valarie Valois, vocalist

Courtney

*Scripture Reading

James 1:19-27

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Sermon

“Christian’s Relationship with the Word ”

Pastor Eddie

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Sending Song No. 762

Ancient Words

*Prayer and Benediction

*Postlude

*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!



The Building on the Cornerstone campaign will have a Chili Cookoff and Homemade Dessert Sale on Sunday, November 2 after the worship service!

All are invited to attend. This will be a fundraiser to benefit the project as well as a fellowship opportunity. Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to contribute to this event!

Please sign up in the narthex if you can bring any of the following items:

- 1) a crockpot of chili (can be any variety – mild, spicy, veg, etc.)
- 2) a homemade desert to sell (cake, pie, cookies, fudge, etc.)
- 3) cornbread
- 4) trimmings such as cheese or sour cream



Also please sign up if you can help with setup or cleanup.



Christmas Play Practice continues, as we prepare for our presentation on December 7!

Upcoming practices include:

TONIGHT, October 19: 3-4:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Wed, Oct. 22: 6-7:30pm in F'ship Hall (Dinner at 5:30pm)

Wed, Oct. 29: 5-6pm in Sanctuary (Serve at Supper 6-7:30pm) **Sunday, Nov. 2: 3-4:30** in Fellowship Hall

Wed, Nov 5 - 5:30-6pm in Sanctuary (Dinner at 5pm)

Ladies, are invited to a night of fun, sponsored by the Women's Council! Join us for a "Mix and Mingle" tomorrow Monday, October 20 at 6:30pm, featuring a delicious catered dinner of pecan chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, steamed green beans, salad, bread, drinks, and dessert. We'll get to know each other better through progressive table seating. **See Roxanne if you have not signed up.**



The JOY Group will meet again on Friday, October 31 at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall. Heath Burchett will be sharing updates from his "Watchmen of the Streets" ministry. Sign up in the Narthex to bring soup, side or dessert. Brush up on your trivia for some fun and games!

The next Men's Fellowship Dinner will be held Thursday, November 6 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Menu will be steak or chicken, potato, salad and dessert for a suggested donation of \$15

Sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, November 2nd.





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".



It's time to pack our OCC shoeboxes!
Wednesday nights in November will be dedicated to our packing efforts. All ages are invited to join in!
Wednesday, November 5; 6:00pm: OCC Craft Night
We'll finish our girls' hairbows and boys' tic tac toe sets.

Wednesday, November 12: OCC Packing Party

5:30pm - Pizza dinner (Donation basis) 6:00pm - Packing
Help us pack, pray for, and organize our OCC shoeboxes! We'll celebrate with dessert and hot cider after packing.

Wednesday, November 19; 5-7pm: OCC Drop-Off Collection

Volunteer to accept shoeboxes from the area at our collection site!



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

THIS 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 TODAY.

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!





Linda's Closet is open the 1st, 3rd 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
- Ken Sparks - recovery from cardioversion
- Tony Rary - multiple myeloma treatments
- Carol Lowder - good report - treatments begin in November
- Walker Family - loss of Tommy Walker
- Judy Hunter - loss of friend Barbara Coffey

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH

- Sara Bailey Wooten's niece - recovery from injuries after accident
- 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
- Jessica McDaniel's stepdad - sepsis
- Rachel Duval (Sam McAllister's granddaughter) - recovery from brain surgery
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - recovery from surgery

HOMEBOUND

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



This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, October 19

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

Monday, October 20

1:00pm - Set up Mix 'n 'Mingle
6:30pm - Ladies' Mix 'n 'Mingle

Tuesday, October 21

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

Wednesday, October 22

3:30pm-6pm - Peek NexGen
5:30pm - Youth Dinner
6:00pm - Christmas Play Practice
6:00pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 23

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study
12:00pm - NA
3:30pm-6pm - Peek Nex Gen

Saturday, October 24

2:00pm - Lifeline Million Meal Tour

Next Sunday, October 26

10 Cents A Meal

Reformation Sunday

9:30am - Morning Coffee
- GraceFull Movements
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service
7:00pm - Wicked Outing in Charlotte

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Tony Rary

Children's Message This Week: Michelle Walker

Children's Message Next Week: Acting Out Drama Ministry

Children's Church This Week: Lynn Efird

Children's Church next week: Jenny Sparks

Acolytes This Week: Michael Herbst & Noah Walker

Acolytes Next Week: Oliver Townsend & Landon Walker

Nursery: Lynn Efird

Nursery Next Week: Jenny Sparks

Ushers: John Hammond, Tony Hunter, Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder

Ushers Next week: Amy Hurst, Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel, Tony Rary

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: 10/12/2025

Worship AM - 108

Sunday School - 58

SERMON NOTES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION - ACTIVE ELDERS

Raegan Swaringen

Sharon Cranford

Tony Rary

Cookie Hamilton

Chris Lowder

Ken Sparks

Sue Maiocchi

Phil McLain

Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk

Pastor Eddie Spencer, Moderator



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