



**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

Pastor Eddie

Prelude

*Look What You've Done* Pruis/West/Smith/Layton  
GraceFull Movements Dance Ministry

**\*Call to Worship**

Hebrews 12:1-3

Leader: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

**All: And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.**

Leader: For the joy set before Him, He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**All: Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.**

Lighting of the Candles

Caylin Lowder & Evie Sechler

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 254**

*For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

Prayer of Adoration

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.

Celebration of Remembrance

**\*Song of Grace No. 691**

*Amazing Grace*

NEW BRITAIN

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Offering and Anthem

*Sweet Beulah Land*  
Chancel Choir

Parsons/Kirkland

**\*Scripture Reading**

James 2:14-26

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Sermon

“Living Faith”

Pastor Eddie

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

### ~ Responding to the Word of God ~

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

**\*Prayer and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Toccata in C Major*

*Pachelbel*

**\*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'.



**Dear Church Family,** I am deeply grateful for your kindness to me and my family following my breast cancer diagnosis and throughout my surgery and treatments. Every text, call, card, meal, outreach, and especially every prayer, has been so meaningful to me and my family. Please continue to remember me in your prayers as I navigate radiation and the next steps in my treatment. The church has shown such love, support, and encouragement, and I am blessed to be part of this family.

**With love, Carol Lowder**



**The Chili Cookoff and Homemade Dessert Sale to benefit the “Building on the Cornerstone” campaign is immediately after the worship service today.** All are invited to attend! You have a chance to contribute financially to the Cornerstone campaign by voting

for your favorite chili(s) and/or purchasing a dessert to take home. The Cornerstone team appreciates all who participate in the event in any way. To date, the campaign has raised \$106,000 toward the goal of \$210,000.



**Christmas Play Practice continues, as the youth prepare for our presentation on December 7!**

Upcoming practices include:

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

**Sunday, November 9 - 12:30 -2:30pm** (pizza provided after church)

**Wednesday, November 12 - 5-5:30pm** in Sanctuary

**Wednesday, November 19 - 6-7:30pm** in Sanctuary  
(Dinner at 5:30pm)

**Sunday, November 23 - 4:30-5:30pm** in Sanctuary

**Sunday, November 29 - 3-4:30pm** in Sanctuary



**A Men's Fellowship Dinner** will be held this Thursday, November 6 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker, Chief Terry Spry of Kannapolis Police Department, will speak on the state of policing in Kannapolis and how he “keeps the faith” as he serves. Menu will be steak or

chicken, potato, salad and dessert for a suggested donation of \$15. **Sign up in the Narthex by TODAY!**



**Join us for Thanksgiving at FPC!** We will gather for lunch on Thursday, November 27 at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. Turkey, ham, gravy, and drinks will be provided. Guests are asked to contribute sides and desserts to share. Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, November 23!



## Collection is ending for our 500 Operation

**Christmas Child shoeboxes!** We will soon pack 250 girls and 250 boys, ages 10-14. If you would still like to donate, you may give online or with an offering marked for "Shoeboxes", by TODAY!



## 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.



## First Pres will once again serve as an OCC Shoebox Drop-Off Location from Monday, November 17 through Monday, November 24.

Volunteers are needed to greet our guests, and help collect, count and cartonize their shoebox donations. Cartons will be transported to Pitts Baptist Church on Monday, November 24 at 12pm. The schedule is in the Narthex.

**Please sign up if you can help, or see Michelle Walker for more information!**

## Come see the next step in a shoebox's journey!

We have secured 30 volunteer spots at the OCC Warehouse in Charlotte to process shoebox donations on Saturday, November 22 from 2pm-6pm. Meet at church at 1pm to carpool and join us for dinner immediately after. Volunteers must be 13 or over, and chaperones are required for youth. **Sign up in the Narthex or see Michelle Walker for more information!**



**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





**A huge "thank you" to ALL who helped** prep, coordinate, cook, clean, sort clothing, assist shoppers, greet, buy coats, or otherwise serve at our Winter Clothing Giveaway and Soup Supper. We were able to minister to over 70 families with a warm coat, clothing from Linda's Closet, and a hot meal. Thank you for your generosity and heart for others!

**Thank you so much for the school supplies that you delivered to our school.** The children and teachers will put those to good use during the school year! **Shady Brook Elem**



## **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 - good report - treatments begin in November
- Chad Eudy - health concerns
- Regina Starnes - loss of father, Bobby Starnes
- Dianne Lowe - recovery from knee injury

### **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
- Zelda West (Trish Nixon's granddaughter) - recovery from another surgery
- Trish Nixon's brother - had a stroke
- 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, November 2

### All Saints Sunday

#### Daylight Savings Time Ends

- 9:30am - Morning Coffee
- 10:00am - Sunday School
- 11:00am - Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 12:00pm - Building on the Cornerstone: Chili Cookoff/Bake Sale

## Tuesday, November 4

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

## Wednesday, November 5

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

## Thursday, November 6

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

## Next Sunday, November 9

- 9:30am - Morning Coffee
- 10:00am - Sunday School
- 11:00am - Worship Service
- 12:30-2:30pm - Youth play practice (Pizza provided)

## SERVANTS

**Elder Lock-Up:** Jeff Barnhardt

**NO Children's Message This Week**

**Children's Message Next Week:** Alpha Barger

**Children's Church This Week:** Sue Maiocchi

**Children's Church next week:** Debbie McDaniel

**Acolytes This Week:** Caylin Lowder & Evie Sechler

**Acolytes Next Week:** Camryn Lowder & Ingrid Townsend

**Nursery:** Sue Maiocchi

**Nursery Next Week:** Debbie McDaniel

**Ushers:** Phil & Jill McLain, Phil Smith, Pam Hooks

**Ushers Next week:** Lynn Sechler, Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt, Eric Cowan

**Greeters:** Phil McLain & Jeff Barnhardt

## FINANCIALS FOR SEPTEMBER

**YTD Income** \$222,688.05

**YTD Expenses** \$222,856.55

**YTD Budget** \$239,715.28

**Last week's attendance:** 10/26/2025

**Worship AM - 119**

**Sunday School - 69**

# 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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