



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

Camryn Lowder & Ingrid Townsend

*Call to Worship

Oh Death Millard/Tjornham/Hulse/Hayes
PraiseMakers Youth Choir

*Hymn of Praise No. 559

Ten Thousand Reasons

Myrin/Redman

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

Holy God, Your Word tells us “the tongue has the power of life and death.” Simply by what we say to each other, we can express the power of both resurrection and destruction; words of life and harm. Jesus, make us fluent in grace-speak; help us to have “a well-instructed tongue”. Forgive us when we injure people with our words or communicate scorn by shaming and profane words. Teach us a more redemptive way to express our hurts, disappointments, and frustrations. Remind us that gracious words are “sweet to the soul and healing to the bones”. Thank you, God of grace - that, in Christ, we are forgiven, loved to life and treasured for all eternity. May the stream of our words flow from the bottomless reservoir of your grace.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

1 Timothy 1:15

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

*Hymn of Grace

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

See insert

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

Offering and Anthem No. 329 *Lead Me, Guide Me* Akers
Chancel Choir

***Scripture Reading** James 3:1-12 Page 1197

Sermon “Power of Words” Pastor Eddie

Celebration of Our Veterans

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*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!



This Sunday, to commemorate Veterans Day, we honor members of our church family who have served in the United States Armed Forces. You will also be invited forward at the end of the service for a special moment of recognition. First Presbyterian thanks all who have put service to their country and their fellow man above themselves.



Hi Lifeline Friends! This past weekend, your generosity made the Million Meal Tour at Atrium Health Ballpark more than just an event — it became a movement of hope, service, and transformation.

Thanks to your support:

- *858+ participants came together to serve.

- *636 boxes were packed for families in our local communities.

- *137,376 meals were packed and distributed locally

From all of us at Lifeline Christian Mission, thank you for being part of this incredible journey. Together, we are feeding families, changing lives, and creating a world where hope and love are shared with every neighbor.

Congratulations to Jason and Lindsay Leece for winning the chili cookoff, and to John Roberson for being the runner-up! The event was a great success, raising \$2348 for the Building on the Cornerstone campaign. Nearly 30 desserts and 14 pots of chili were provided for the event. Thanks to all who attended, purchased desserts, provided food, and helped in numerous ways! The Building on the Cornerstone campaign has now raised over \$113,000 towards the goal of \$210,000. The campaign will make improvements to the church's outdoor property next spring. If you wish to contribute, write a check to the church with 'Cornerstone' on the memo line, or contribute through the church website.

First Presbyterian Youth will present “And the Song Goes On,” a Christmas musical, on Sunday, December 7 at 7:00pm! Join us for a delicious dinner at 6:00pm, and bring a dessert to share. If you need a ride, please see Eddie or Michelle. Invite friends and family to join us as our youth remind us the Reason we celebrate...and sing!

Christmas Play Practice continues, as the youth prepare for our presentation!

Upcoming practices include:

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

Sunday, November 16 - 12:30-2:30pm (lunch 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 - 4:30-6:00pm in Sanctuary

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



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!



Help us decorate our church for Advent! If you can lift items, set up trees, hang wreaths, or place decorations, please meet at the church on Saturday, November 29 at 9:00am. Everyone is welcome and needed!

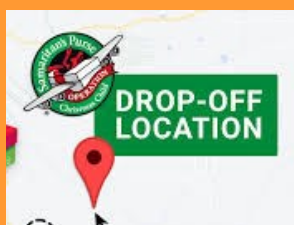


It's time to pack our OCC shoeboxes! All ages are invited to join in!

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 Nar-

thex. **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 Sue Maiocchi if you can volunteer.** Current needs:

* Boys clothes, sizes 2-16 * Costume jewelry *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 - good report - treatments begin in November
- Regina Starnes - loss of father, Bobby Starnes
- Dianne Lowe - recovery from knee injury
- Jasmine Boldin - recovery from ankle fracture
- Bob Hallman - recovery from skin cancer

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH

- Thomas “Bran” James (friend of Pam Hooks) - 10-yr-old with stomach cancer
- Cassie Cannon (friend of Jane Jacobs) - under hospice care
- 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 9

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

Tuesday, November 11

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

Wednesday, November 12

3:30pm-6pm - Peek NexGen
5:00 - 5:30pm pm - Youth play practice
5:30pm - Pizza dinner (donation basis)
6:00pm - OCC Packing Party
6:00pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 13

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

Next Sunday, November 16

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Jeff Barnhardt

NO Children's Message This Week

Children's Message Next Week: Blessing
of Shoeboxes

Children's Church This Week: Debbie
McDaniel

Children's Church next week: Megan
Quigg

Acolytes This Week: Camryn Lowder &
Ingrid Townsend

Acolytes Next Week: Kinsley Culp &
Cierstyn Lowder

Nursery: Debbie McDaniel

Nursery Next Week: Megan Quigg

Ushers: Lynn Sechler, Ryan Walker, Jeff
Barnhardt, Eric Cowan

Ushers Next week: Mark Goodnight, John
Hammond, Tony Hunter, Amy Hurst

Greeters: Phil McLain & Jeff Barnhardt

FINANCIALS FOR OCTOBER

YTD Income \$243,554.45

YTD Expenses \$251,790.65

YTD Budget \$266,349.20

Last week's attendance: 11/2/2025

Worship AM - 137

Sunday School - 80

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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