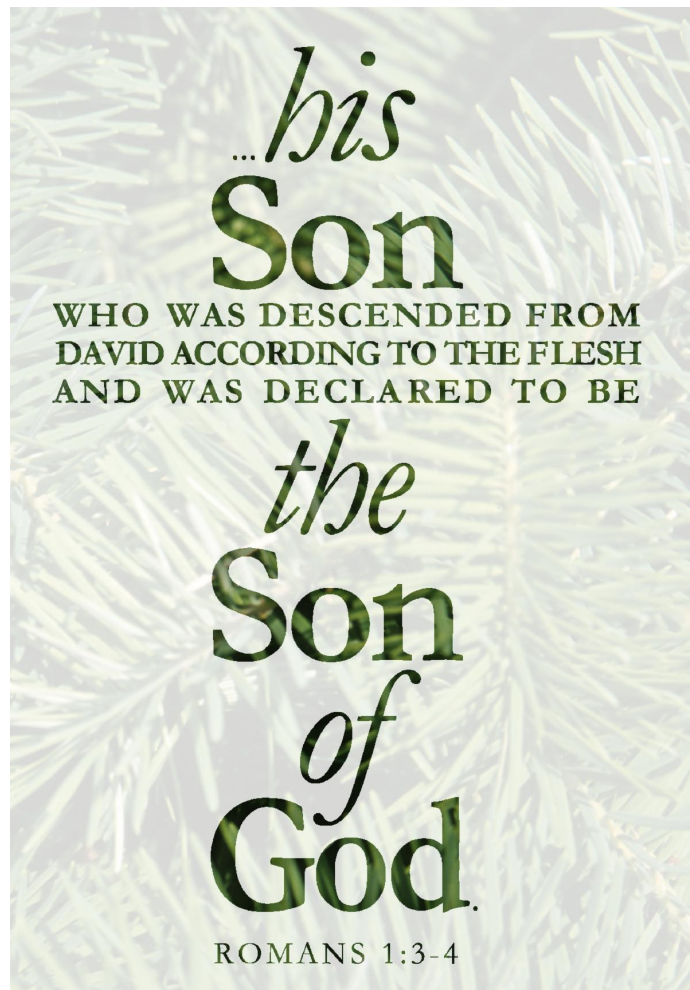




THE WEEKLY FIRST



Happy Thanksgiving! This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. I will be teaching from Romans 1: 1-7 on the “Scandal of the Gospel”. For our celebration of Thanksgiving, a prayer, mostly written by Scottie Smith. "Dear heavenly Father, on this day we call Thanksgiving, which for many will be the beginning of a weekend during which large quantities of food will be consumed, Christmas decorations retrieved, Christmas music turned, Christmas shopping begun, we want to thank and praise You."

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all His benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. (Psalm 103:1-5)

On this Thanksgiving Day, we praise You for the incalculable ways You demonstrate your love and care for us and delight in the benefits of Your gospel grace in Christ. We praise You:

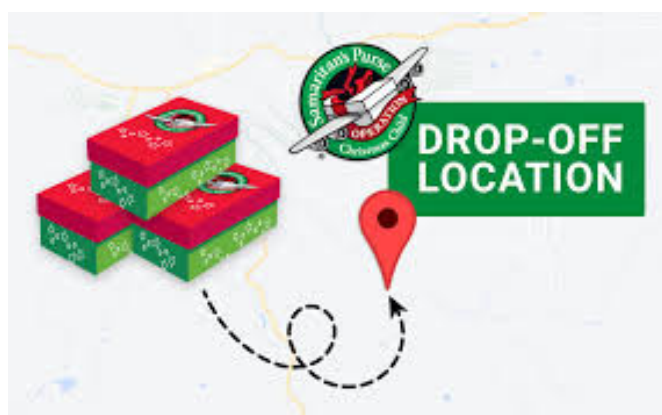
For the forgiveness of all our sins: not just the sins up to the beginning of our life in Christ; not just the sins we acknowledge and confess; not just the sins we grieve and offer restitution for; not just the sins we are actually aware of. NO, All our sins—past, present and future—through the work of Jesus. Oh, such lavish grace!

For the healing of all our diseases: Father, though it will take the Second coming of Jesus to complete, You have secured our complete healing—mind, body and spirit. One Day, we will dance and serve, in the new heaven and new earth with endless ecstasy, purpose and love. Oh, such a living hope!

For the redeeming of us from various pits: Father, through the gospel, You have rescued us from all kinds of pits. The pit of eternal separation from You; the pits of our own foolish designing and digging; the pits we have fallen into in a broken world; even the pits into which others have pushed us! Oh, such redeeming grace!

For the satisfaction of our desires with good things: Father, our deep longings for satisfaction and wonder. You created taste buds, auditory capacity, nerve endings, sense of smell and the joy of sight. You designed us to come alive to the good, true and beautiful. And by Your grace, You intend to satisfy every aspect of our being with Yourself, and with a myriad of good gifts in this life, and the life to come. Oh, such pure joy!

Oh, what a Great God and Father we have and so worthy of our praise and thanksgiving!



Thank you to everyone who helped collect, count, cartonize, pray for, and transport our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drop-Off Collection. We received a total of 4,770 shoeboxes that will soon bless children, their families, their friends, and their communities. Please continue to pray for safe transport, the volunteers involved at every stage, and those who will no doubt be blessed by these Gospel Opportunities!





Thanks to all who have contributed to the "Building on the Cornerstone" campaign. To date, almost \$130,000 has been contributed towards the goal of \$210,000, or just over 60% of the goal! This effort will make improvements to the appearance, safety, security, and maintainability of the church's outdoor property. If you wish to contribute, write a check to the church with 'Cornerstone' on the memo line, or give through the church website.

[Sunday Bulletin](#) is Online!



Welcome

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



Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will meet for combined classes on December 7, 14, & 21. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10am.

There will be NO Sunday School, for any ages, on December 28.



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:

Sunday, November 30 - 12:30-2:30pm in F. Hall (lunch provided after church)

Wednesday, December 3 - 6-7:30pm in F. Hall (dinner at 5:30pm)

Saturday, December 6 - 10:00am-12pm Dress Rehearsal



You can order poinsettias for our church beginning this Sunday for \$15 and dedicate them in honor or in memory of someone. Order forms are available in the Narthex. **The last day to order will be THIS Sunday, November 30.** Please be sure to put “Poinsettia” on the memo line of your check.



The First Pres Giving Tree is in the Narthex! This year's beneficiaries will be Shady Brook Elementary families and Meals on Wheels recipients. Each item requested is tied to the tree with 2 tags. Write your name on one tag and place it in the bag under the tree. Take the other with you, and attach it to the item you purchase when you return it. **Deposit your gift in the corresponding gift bin under the tree by Sunday, December 14.**

Please only wrap the gift if the tag indicates it should be wrapped!

See Sue Maiocchi or Janet Harte with questions.



The JOY Group invites all Seniors for a Christmas Lunch on Wednesday, December 10th at the home of Ron & Alpha Barger. The main dish and drinks will be provided. Bring a wrapped gift costing less than \$10. Please sign up to bring a side dish or dessert in the Narthex by Sunday, December 7th.



The Navigators' Sunday School Class Christmas Party will be Wednesday, December 10 from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Wear fun Christmas attire (there will be an ugly sweater contest!), and bring your favorite treat or snack to share. Dinner, dessert, and a hot chocolate bar will be provided. Come for fun, games and fellowship. Please RSVP to Tracy Caskey or sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, December 7.



The First Presbyterian Chancel Choir invites you to “A Family Christmas Celebration” on Sunday, December 14 at 7:00pm. Spend an evening listening to the beautiful music of the season. Our youth and special guest musicians will also lend their talents. If you need transportation, see Michelle or Eddie. All are welcome!



Mark your calendars for Christmas Caroling to our homebound church family! We will carpool from the church on Wednesday, December 17 at 6pm and travel to several homes nearby. Desserts and hot drinks will await our return. Come make a joyful noise with us!



Invite family and friends to our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on December 24! This year, we will gather at 5:30pm for a time of worship and reflection.



Linda's Closet's schedule for December is as follows:

Open December 2nd & 16th from 11:00am -1:00pm.

The Closet will be closed from December 17 - January 5th and reopen Tuesday, January 6th.

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

Prayer Concerns

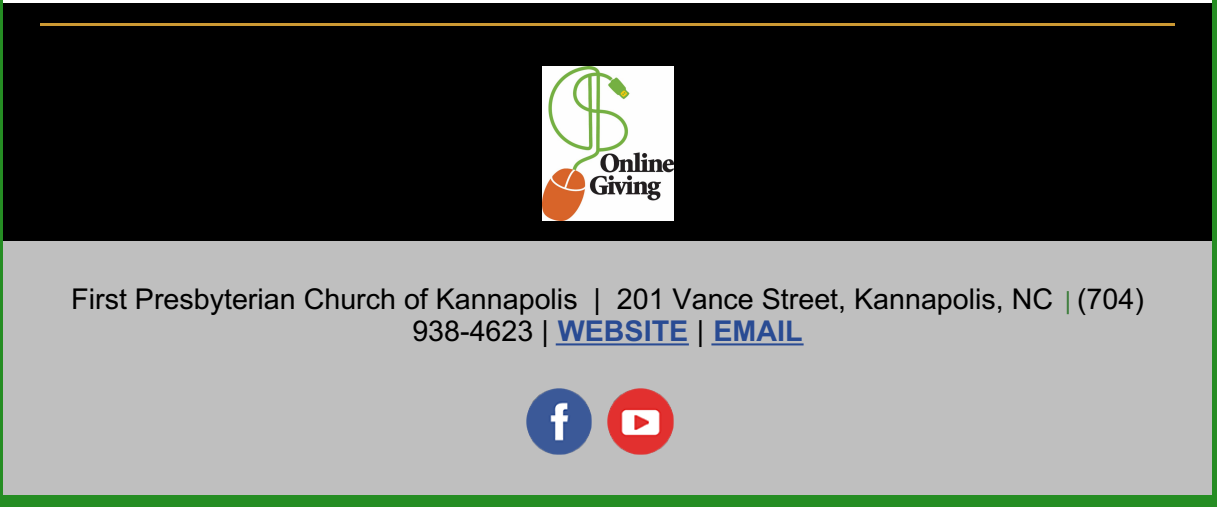
Help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly updates. Email the church or note on a prayer card & place in the offering plate.

Church Family

- Jeff Barnhardt - kidney stones
- William Baker - recovery from a fall
- Steve Goodnight - recovering at home
- Bonnie Goodnight - caring for her father, Lester Watts
- Debby Baker - health concerns
- Tony Rary - multiple myeloma treatments
- Carol Lowder - treatments are finished!
- Susan Baker - pneumonia
- Regina Starnes - health concerns
- Jerry Phillips - health concerns

Family & Friends of Church

- Diane Belotti's daughter, Julie - recovery from foot surgery
- Diane Belotti's brother, Robert Hudak - recovery from spine surgery
- Thomas "Bran" James (friend of Pam Hooks) - 10-yr-old - stem cell treatment in January



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