



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering Before the Word ~

Welcome

Pastor Eddie

Prelude

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

Shackley

Lighting of the Candles

Gabriel Miller & Noah Walker

Call to Worship

Psalm 9:1-2,7-10

Leader: I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

All: The Lord reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment. He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.

Leader: The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

All: Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

***Hymn of Praise No. 219**

Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET

***Prayer of Adoration**

Prayer of Confession

“Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wandering, and deeper than all our sin. Forgive our rebellious attitude toward Your purposes, our drifting from Your ways, and our refusal to love and serve others. Grant to us a new zeal to trust and follow You—to worship You and to advance Your kingdom—and grant us holy joy in so doing, in the blessed name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

Ephesians 1:7-8

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that He lavished on us.”

***Hymn of Assurance No. 777**

God is So Good

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word With Our Children

Michelle Walker

Anthem No. 297

Open Our Eyes

*Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:27-30

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Sermon

“Gospel Citizenship”

Pastor Eddie

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Sending Song No. 521 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

*Prayer and Benediction

*Postlude

Andante in A Major

Greene

*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.

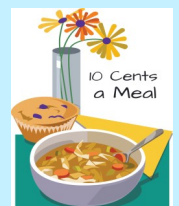
Children's Activity Bags are available for children aged 3 to grade 5. They include a children's bulletin related to the Sunday sermon, crayons, and scrap paper.

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 marks our monthly 10 Cents-A-Meal collection!

Our youth will be in the Narthex immediately following worship to collect your donations. These offerings are divided between Compassion International (we sponsor 3 children) and Cabarrus Meals on Wheels.



Please welcome our newest covenant partners!



Dianne Lowe came to the Concord area from Greenville, SC in 2022, following the death of her husband. She has 4 children and 8 grandchildren, and teaches piano at Music & Arts. Dianne's hobbies include reading, quilting, hiking, and pickleball. She was raised in a Christian home and saved at age 3. While she has experienced trials, Dianne can say that God has used those challenges to deepen her relationship with Him and accomplish good. She was drawn to First Pres by the preaching and prayers, loves her Heart Sisters Sunday School class, and

wants to be part of the ministry as she serves her Savior and deepens her heart knowledge of Him.



Regina Starnes has two adult sons and two grandchildren. She is a retired CT/Radiology Technologist who enjoys music and singing. Regina was baptized as a teenager at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Salisbury. She loved summers spent at church camps – as a camper and later as an employee. Regina was drawn to First Presbyterian by the compassion of the members, the preaching of the Gospel, and the genuine love shown for others. She attends the Friendship Sunday School Class.

Please greet Dianne and Regina and welcome them into membership. If you would like more information about becoming a member, see Eddie or Michelle.



Building on the Cornerstone - January Update

We expect work to begin in late February! Our goals are to make the property safer, more attractive, and easier to maintain. Work includes new concrete walkways out front, repairs to bricks on the front porch, new outdoor lighting, new landscaping, an irrigation system, and space for a future lift out front. There will be some disruptions, but services and activities will continue. More details can be found in the

Narthex. If you would still like to contribute, we need approximately \$10,000 to cover irrigation and new railings. Please designate your offering or check for "Cornerstone", or give via our website. We are so grateful for all who have given!

Take a look in our "Lost and Found: bin, located in the Narthex. There are several cups/tumblers, glasses, and other items waiting for their owners. If you have lost a piece of jewelry, please contact the office. At the end of January, the items will be disposed of.



Thank you all for the cards, calls, texts, flowers, and prayers following the passing of my dad. I am so thankful for my church friends! With love, Bonnie Goodnight



Join us in the Souper Bowl of Caring! On Sunday Feb. 1 & 8, bring canned and dry goods to benefit Cooperative Christian Ministry's food pantry. Donation bins will be outside the Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex. If you prefer to give a monetary donation, youth will be in the Narthex on Sunday, February 8 to collect.

Middle and Senior High Youth are invited to a "Big Game" Watch Party on Sunday, Feb. 8 at Pastor Eddie's house! Pizza, wings, and drinks will be provided. Bring a snack or dessert to share. Come from 6pm until halftime. Sign up in the Narthex or RSVP to Michelle!



Elementary Youth will go bowling on February 22 after church! We will leave right after worship, go to Pizza Hut on Cannon Blvd for lunch, and then head to Foxfire Lanes to bowl. Parents are invited to attend. Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, February 15!

Our first Men's Fellowship Dinner of 2026 will be Thursday, Feb. 26 at 6pm. Trey Nintean, Northern Cabarrus Co. Area Representative for Fellowship of Christian Athletes, will be our guest speaker. Menu is steak or chicken, baked potato, salad, dessert, and drinks for a suggested donation of \$15. Sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, Feb. 22.



Lenten Offerings

First Presbyterian will partner with Kimball Memorial Lutheran for an **Ash Wednesday Service on February 18**. The service will take place at Kimball with a combined choir.

Wednesdays in the Word will resume March 4-25. Pastor Eddie will lead Lenten Services in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm. Children and Youth will gather for dinner at 5:30pm, PraiseMakers Rehearsal at 6, and classes from 6:30-7:30.

We will gather at Kimball Memorial on **Maundy Thursday, April 2** for a combined service.

Kimball will join us at First Presbyterian on **Good Friday, April 3**.



Linda's Closet is open the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays each month, 11:00am - 1:00pm. Other Tuesdays are workdays. We only accept donations of new or clean, gently used clothing, shoes, or handbags. **See Sue Maiocchi if you can volunteer.**
Current needs:

*Kids clothes, especially boys, sizes 5-16

*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

*new/gently-used towels

*feminine products

PRAYER CONCERNS

Help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly updates.

CHURCH FAMILY

- Peggy Gibson and family - loss of Frank
- Andy Oakes - loss of long-time friend
- Debby Baker - health concerns
- Vicki Morris - 2nd knee replacement surgery on January 27
- Tony Rary - multiple myeloma treatments
- Regina Starnes - health concerns

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH

- Trey & Semra Goodnight (Mark Goodnight's nephew and wife) - Semra, pregnant, receiving treatments for aggressive breast cancer, being induced this month
- Bruce Warnix (friend of our Church family) - recovering from heart surgery
- Steve Smith (Becky Seaford's brother) - cancer has returned, beginning chemo
- Diane Belotti's brother, Robert Hudak - recovery from spine surgery
- Diane Belotti's daughter, Julie Griffin - cellulitis after foot surgery
- Thomas "Bran" James (friend of Pam Hooks) - 10-yr-old - stem cell treatment in January
- Rachel Duval (Sam McAllister's granddaughter) - cancer
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - cancer treatments in January

HOMEBOUND

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



This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, January 25

10 Cents A Meal!

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

Monday, January 26

2:00pm - Dorcas Circle in F. Hall

Tuesday, January 27

11:00 - 1:00pm - Linda's Closet Workday
12:00pm - NA

Wednesday, January 28

6:00pm - Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, January 29

10:30am - Ladies Bible Study
12:00pm - NA

Friday, January 30

Pastor Eddie's Birthday!

Next Sunday, February 1

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Ken Sparks

Children's Message This Week:

Roxanne Spencer

NO Children's Message Next Week

Children's Church This Week: Sue Maiocchi

Children's Church next week: Tracy Caskey

Acolytes This Week: Gabriel Miller & Noah Walker

Acolytes Next Week: Cierstyn Lowder & Kinsley Culp

Nursery: Sue Maiocchi

Nursery Next Week: Tracy Caskey

Ushers: Sam McAlister, Mal McDaniel, Jill & Phil McLain

Ushers Next Week: Lynn Sechler, Phil Smith, Pam Hooks, Ryan Walker

Greeters: Sue Maiocchi, Donnie Swaringen

FINANCIALS FOR DECEMBER

YTD Income \$304,303.51

YTD Expenses \$310,907.09

YTD Budget \$319,619.00

Last week's attendance: 1/18/2025

Worship AM - 90

Sunday School - 61

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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