



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 As I Am

Bradbury/Raney

Lighting of the Candles

Camryn Lowder & Landon Walker

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 117

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol Him, all you peoples.

All: For great is His love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

***Hymn of Praise No. 579**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

***Prayer of Adoration**

Confession of Sins

Merciful God, we humbly confess our sins and ask for Your mercy. We confess we have not loved You with a pure heart. Rather than being wholly devoted to You, we have neglected Your ways out of fear of man. We also confess that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Rather than be Your witnesses to the world, in cowardice, we have chosen to become like the world. Lord, heal us and forgive us. Set us free to love You and our neighbor. Empower us to serve You in our city and the world, that we may boldly proclaim Your life-giving gospel of grace. For this we pray in the matchless name of Jesus.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast.

***Hymn of Assurance No. 440**

He Leadeth Me

AUGHTON

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

***Doxology No. 965**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Offertory	<i>O Christ, Our King</i>	J. A. Lloyd
*Scripture Reading	Ephesians 2:1-10	Page 1156
Sermon	“Salvation”	Pastor Eddie

~ **Responding to the Word of God** ~

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

***Sending Song No. 543** *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude** *Jesus' Name, All Names Above* Strom

***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'.

Thank you to everyone who remembered me during the Christmas holidays. Your thoughtfulness meant so much and I was overwhelmed by your generosity. I genuinely love working and worshipping with you at First Pres. With much gratitude, Valarie





We know the destinations for our 507 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! Receiving countries were **Chile, Guatemala, Ecuador, Paraguay, and Peru.** Thank you for your faithful prayers for our boxes' safe delivery and their fruitful impact for Christ in the lives of the children that receive them! A total of **12,205,900** shoeboxes were collected for OCC in 2025. **For one example of how God is using OCC in Peru, see the weekly email.**



Middle and Senior High Youth are invited to a "Big Game" Watch Party TODAY 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!

Join us in the Souper Bowl of Caring! On Sunday Feb. 8 & 15 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.



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 NEXT 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. Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, February 15.



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.**



Building on the Cornerstone work will begin within the next few days as weather permits! New concrete walkways, outdoor lighting, landscaping, irrigation, and brickwork repairs will make our property safer, more attractive, and easier to maintain. There will be some disruption for several weeks as the current landscaping and brickwork is demolished and the new walkways and plants are installed.

However, church services and activities will continue as usual. We are grateful to all who have given to make this project possible! If you wish to contribute to help complete our fundraising, write a check to the church with 'Cornerstone' on the memo line.

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. Dianne can say that God has used any trials 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.



Jasmine Boldin has a 7-year-old daughter and works as a medication aide at Big Elm Nursing Center. She enjoys taking walks, listening to music, good food, dancing, and water activities. Jasmine's faith began at a young age in her grandmother's church. She recommitted her life to Christ in 2023 after going through a trying time. She is grateful for Christ's love and the Holy Spirit within her. She gives thanks to God for First Presbyterian, a church home she prayed for, where people "see" her and genuinely care for each other and their community.

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



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.
Email the church or note on a prayer card & place in the offering plate.

CHURCH FAMILY

- Andy Oakes - loss of long-time friend
- Debby Baker - health concerns
- Vicki Morris - recovery from knee replacement surgery
- Tony Rary - multiple myeloma treatments
- Regina Starnes - health concerns

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH

- Trey & Semra Goodnight (Mark Goodnight's nephew and wife) - Semra and Trey welcomed their healthy baby boy, Edis. She will now be receiving stronger treatments for aggressive breast cancer
- Marcia Ritchie (Debbie McDaniel's mom) - recovery from a fall and surgery
- June (Elizabeth McRobbie's mother) - suffered a stroke; in palliative care
- 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 - awaiting stem cell treatment
- 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, February 8

Souper Bowl of Caring!

9:30am - Morning Coffee
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service with Holy Communion
6:00pm - MH/SH "Big Game" Watch Party

Tuesday, February 10

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

Wednesday, February 11

3:30-6:30pm - Peek NexGen
6:00pm - Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, February 12

10:30am - Ladies Study/Session Room
12:00pm - NA
3:30-6:30m - Peek NexGen

Next Sunday, February 15

Souper Bowl of Caring!

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Raegan Swaringen

NO Children's Message This Week

Children's Message Next Week: Michelle Walker

Children's Church This Week: Jennie Sparks

Children's Church next week: Megan Quigg

Acolytes This Week: Camryn Lowder & Landon Walker

Acolytes Next Week: Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend

Nursery: Jennie Sparks

Nursery Next Week: Megan Quigg

Ushers: Jeff Barnhardt, Eric Cowan, Mark Goodnight, John Hammond

Ushers Next Week: Tony Hunter, Amy Hurst, Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder

Greeters: Chris Lowder, Debbie McDaniel

FINANCIALS FOR JANUARY

YTD Income \$14,587.00

YTD Expenses \$21,691.98

YTD Budget \$27,246.67

Last week's attendance: 2/1/2026

Inclement Weather - no services



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. Items will be disposed of at the end of February if not claimed.

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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