



*Welcome*

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

**~ Gathering Before the Word ~****Welcome**

Pastor Eddie

**Prelude***All Creatures of Our God and King* Setting by Keveren**Lighting of the Candles**

Evie Sechler &amp; Ingrid Townsend

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 147:1-5

Leader: Praise the Lord,. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise Him! The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the exiles of Israel.

**All: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

Leader: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.

**All: Great is our Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit.**

**\*Hymn of Praise***I Sing the Mighty Power of God*  
(See insert)

ELLACOMBE

**\*Prayer of Adoration and the 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.

**Confession of Sins**

Heavenly Father, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse our impure thinking and living so that we might take captive every thought to obey Jesus. Forgive our idolatry and our failure to love You and others. Transform us by Your Holy Spirit so that we might be and live as the faithful bride of Christ. We pray in His matchless name.

**Silent Prayers of Confession****Assurance of the Gospel**

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**\*Hymn of Assurance No. 863***Take My Life and Let It Be*  
Verses 1-2, 5-6

HENDON

## ~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

### Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

#### Word With Our Children

Michelle Walker

#### \*Doxology No. 965

OLD HUNDREDTH

#### Offertory and Anthem

*In Christ Alone*

Setting by Camp Kirkland

#### \*Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

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#### Sermon

“So That No One Can Boast”

Pastor Eddie

## ~ Responding to the Word of God ~

#### \*Sending Song No. 601

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CORONATION

#### \*Prayer and Benediction

#### \*Postlude

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

Setting by J. A. Behnke

\*All who are able, please stand.

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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!



## The Building on the Cornerstone renovations to the church's outdoor property are underway!

The landscaping company has already removed the old plants, and they have begun installing new trees and shrubs. Next week, the brick walkways will be demolished, and new concrete walkways will be poured. Other work will follow including new lighting, repairs to the front porch, sodding of grass, and an irrigation system. The goals are to make the property safer, more attractive, and easier to maintain. Church activities will continue as scheduled throughout the construction.



**As we repair and renovate our landscaping,** we have an opportunity to produce a new *time capsule*, to be placed behind the front porch "Cornerstone". If you have ideas or suggestions for items to be placed, please see Eddie or Michelle ASAP!

## *Please welcome our newest covenant partners!*



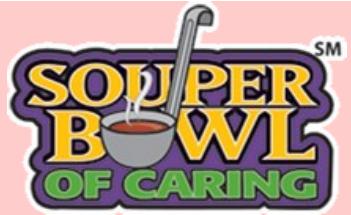
**Regina Starnes** has two adult sons and two grandchildren. She is a retired CT/Radiology Technologist who enjoys music and singing. Regina was baptized as a teenager at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Salisbury. She loved summers spent at church camps – as a camper and later as an employee. Regina was 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.

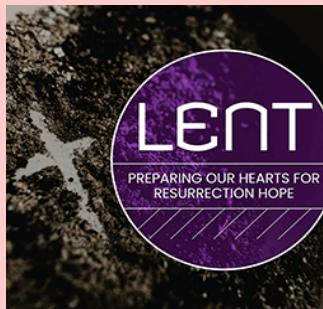
Please greet Jasmine and Regina and welcome them into membership. If you would like more information about becoming a member, see Eddie or Michelle.

**TODAY is the last collection day for our Souper Bowl of Caring!** Please place your canned and dry goods to benefit Cooperative Christian Ministry's food pantry in the donation bins outside the Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex.



**Elementary Youth will go bowling NEXT Sunday, 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 TODAY!**

**Our first Men's Fellowship Dinner of 2026 will be Thursday, Feb. 26 at 6pm.** Trey Ninteau, 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 NEXT Sunday, February 22.**



## Lenten Offerings

First Presbyterian will partner with Kimball Memorial Lutheran for an **Ash Wednesday Service THIS week on February 18 at 6:30pm.** The service will take place at Kimball Lutheran.

**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.**

**Ladies, mark your calendars for a spring "Mix & Mingle,"** sponsored by the Women's Council. The event will be on Monday, April 20 at 6pm. More details are forthcoming!



**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

- Debby Baker - health concerns
- Vicki Morris - recovery from knee replacement surgery
- Tony Rary - multiple myeloma treatments
- Regina Starnes - health concerns
- C. J. Semcho - surgery Monday for broken leg
- Jeff Barnhardt - kidney stone procedure March 10
- Dave Argabrite - loss of friend, Bob

## 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
- Karen Pless' mom - recovery from stroke & broken clavicle
- Cathy (Alice Jeanes' aunt) - pancreatic cancer
- Beth (Sue Maoicchi's sister) - ruptured disk; surgery soon
- Hadley (Pam Hook's granddaughter) - burn to hand
- Marcia Ritchie (Debbie McDaniel's mom) - recovery from a fall and surgery
- June (Elizabeth McRobbie's mother) - suffered a stroke; in palliative care
- 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 15

### Souper Bowl of Caring!

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

## Tuesday, February 17

11:00 - 1:00pm - Linda's Closet  
12:00pm - NA  
3:30-6:30pm - Peek NexGen  
6:45pm - Missions Team

## Wednesday, February 18

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

## Thursday, February 19

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

## Next Sunday, February 22

### 10 Cents A Meal!

9:30am - Morning Coffee  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service  
12:00pm - Elementary Youth Pizza & Bowling

## SERVANTS

**Elder Lock-Up:** Raegan Swaringen

**Children's Message This Week:** Michelle Walker

**Children's Message Next Week:** Roxanne Spencer

**Children's Church This Week:** Megan Quigg

**Children's Church next week:** Sharon Crawford

**Acolytes This Week:** Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend

**Acolytes Next Week:** Scarlett Porter & Mary-Gray Petersen

**Nursery:** Megan Quigg

**Nursery Next Week:** Sharon Crawford

**Ushers:** Tony Hunter, Amy Hurst, Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder

**Ushers Next Week:** Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel, Jill & Phil McLain

**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:** 2/8/2026

**Worship AM - 110**

**Sunday School - 66**



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  
Cookie Hamilton  
Sue Maiocchi

**Sharon Cranford  
Chris Lowder  
Phil McLain**

**Tony Rary  
Ken Sparks  
Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk**

## **Pastor Eddie Spencer, Moderator**



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