



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering Before the Word ~**Welcome**

Pastor Eddie

Prelude*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

Lighting of the Candles

Scarlett Porter & Mary-Gray Petersen

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 99:1-3

Leader: The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. Great is the LORD in Zion; He is exalted over all the nations.

All: Let them praise Your great and awesome name - He is holy.

Hymn No. 134Throughout These Forty Days and Nights* TALLIS CANON***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

Almighty God, against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight. We confess that we have forsaken Your will for the temporal pleasures of this world. We have robbed You of Your glory by seeking to make our names great. We have clung to our idols instead of delighting in Your promises. O Lord, have mercy on us. Make us eager to forsake our sin and give to us broken and contrite hearts that You will accept. Open our eyes to see the beauty and abundant grace found in our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is in His matchless name we pray.

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. 210Jesus Paid it All*
(See insert)

ALL TO CHRIST

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

Word With Our Children

Roxanne Spencer

***Doxology No. 965**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Offertory and Anthem No. 138 *Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land* arr. Walker

***Scripture Reading**

Ephesians 2:11-22

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Sermon

“Community of Grace”

Pastor Eddie

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Sending Song No. 184** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*
(See insert)

RATHBUN

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Toccata on Leona”

Setting by Young

*All who are able, please stand.

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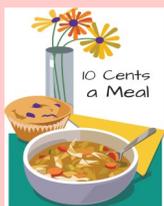
welcome

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!



Jim & Diane Bellotti come to First Pres by letter of transfer from Overbrook Presbyterian Church in Gaffney, SC. They have been in Kannapolis about a year and a half. The Bellottis found First Presbyterian to be a most welcoming and loving church, and look forward to continuing their spiritual journeys here. Jim and Diane have been married almost 51 years. They share three children, 9 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Jim is a systems analyst and enjoys sports and spending time with family. Diane is a preschool teacher. She loves taking care of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and enjoys reading and sewing.

Work on the Building on the Cornerstone outdoor renovations are progressing well and will continue over the next few weeks. This week, the brick walkways in front of the church were removed, and new concrete walkways are being constructed. Electrical connections were put in place for the new lighting and irrigation systems. Unfortunately, a window was accidentally broken during construction. The landscaping company will have it repaired. This coming week, additional shrubs will be planted along the front walkway and other areas, and lighting will be installed. Other improvements in the coming weeks will include work on the steps, railings, and porch as well as sodding new grass and general cleanup. Thanks to all who have contributed to the project to help make these renovations possible!



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 TODAY!

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

The Church Staff have prepared an Annual review of 2025. Our First Pres family faithfully served in 2025. Copies are available in the Narthex, as well as digitally on our website and Thursday email.



Thank you to all who gave during our Souper Bowl of Caring! A total of \$108.46 and 73 pounds of food were donated to Cooperative Christian Ministry for our neighbors in need! Thanks also to Sam McAllister for transporting our goods!



Elementary Youth will go bowling TODAY 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, and will need to transport children.

Our first Men's Fellowship Dinner of 2026 will be THIS 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 TODAY.**



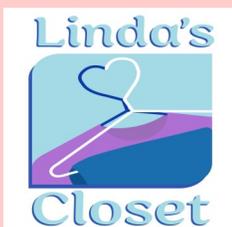
Lenten Offerings

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 - recovery from leg surgery
- Jeff Barnhardt - kidney stone procedure March 10
- Dave Argabrite - loss of friend, Bob
- Alice Jeanes & family - death of Aunt, Cathie Malcolm

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH

- Trey & Semra Goodnight (Mark Goodnight's nephew and wife) - Baby Edis is doing well; Semra started treatments for aggressive breast cancer
- Karen Pless' mom - recovery from stroke & broken clavicle
- Beth Kreshak (Sue Maiocchi's sister) - ruptured disk; surgery 2/27
- 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) - chemotherapy
- 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 22

10 Cents A Meal!

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

Monday, February 23

2:00pm - Dorcas Circle in F. Hall

Tuesday, February 24

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

Wednesday, February 25

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

Thursday, February 26

10:30am - Ladies Study/Session Room
12:00pm - NA
3:30-6:30m - Peek NexGen
6:00pm - Men's Fellowship Dinner

Friday, February 27

7:00pm - Sisk Wedding in Sanctuary

Next Sunday, March 1

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

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Raegan Swaringen

Children's Message This Week: Roxanne Spencer

NO Children's Message Next Week:

Children's Church This Week: Sharon Cranford

Children's Church next week: Tracy Caskey

Acolytes This Week: Scarlett Porte & Mary-Gray Petersen

Acolytes Next Week: Landon Walker & Oliver Townsend

Nursery: Sharon Cranford

Nursery Next Week: Tracy Caskey

Ushers: Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel, Jim & Phil McLain

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

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: 2/152026

Worship AM - 103

Sunday School - 60

