



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering Before the Word ~**Welcome**

Pastor Eddie

Prelude*Morning* setting by L. Kennedy
Gay Tatman, flute; Valarie Valois, piano**Lighting of the Candles**

Noah Walker & Mason March

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.

All: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him.

Leader: The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

All: For He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.

Hymn of Praise No. 19For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

Prayer of Adoration*Prayer of Confession**

Holy Father, You have shown us the way of life through Your Son, Jesus Christ, yet we confess with humble hearts our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear His cross. Forgive us for all the times we have lived for our names, our kingdoms, and our glory. In Your grace, awaken our hearts and open our eyes to the beauty, glory, and power of Your Son. Transform us by Your spirit so that we may live as fully-devoted disciples of Jesus, our King. It is in His matchless name, we pray.

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

Isaiah 57:15

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite."

***Hymn of Assurance No. 709** *Jesus Loves Me*

~ **Proclaiming the Word of God** ~

Celebration of Mothers

Offertory and Anthem *Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*
Gay Tatman, Flute; Chancel Choir

***Doxology No. 965**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:25-32 Page 1158

Sermon “Struggle, Struggle, Savor” Eddie Spencer

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

***Sending Song** *This Little Light of Mine* setting by J. Raney
Gay Tatman, flute; Valarie Valois, piano

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

*All who are able, please stand.

CCLI# 222113

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. Before the Anthem, they will be escorted to their classroom in the Nursery.

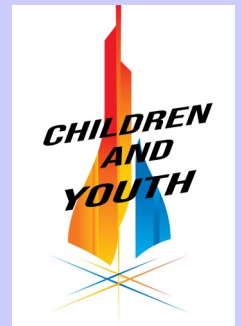
A Nursery is available for newborns through age 4. It is located in the Educational Building. If you need assistance or directions, an usher would be happy to help you!



Happy Mother's Day to all the women of our church!

Whether you are a biological mother or a spiritual mother, we love you all! To express our appreciation for the many ways you share God's love, our youth will be in the Narthex immediately following the worship service with a gift for you.

Calling all youth! We will soon embark on a study of what "the Church" is, who "the Church" is, and where you fit in! Guests will share insights with us as we look at what God designed "the Church" to be, to look like, and to do. **Lesson #1 is "The Church shows up for each other!"** This spring, let Michelle know if your youth has an activity (sport, play, recital, etc.) that we can show up for and support them!



Our next opportunities are:

Saturday, May 16: *Cierstyn Lowder's soccer game across from S. Rowan YMCA (950 Kimball Rd., China Grove). Game begins at 8:30am and lasts about an hour.*

Wednesday, May 20: (note date & time change!) *Oliver Townsend's baseball game at Virginia Foil Park in Mt. Pleasant. We will leave church at 5:30pm, eat at What-a-Burger in Mt. Pleasant, and then go to the game at 7:30pm. Please let Michelle know if you need transportation!!!*



Mark your calendars for Graduation Sunday, May 17! Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate our graduating high school seniors, Amelia Caskey and Abigail Malinovsky. We will have a special moment of recognition during the worship service, and a reception in their honor in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

Youth Sunday will be May 31! Our children and youth will lead the worship service using their talents for music, drama, and dance. Rehearsals will continue on May 13, with dinner at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall, and practice from 6-7pm. "Dress" rehearsal will be Saturday, May 30 at 10am in the Sanctuary. See Michelle if you need more information!





First Presbyterian will once again partner with the Cabarrus Women's Center for their "Baby Bottle Blessings" campaign. We will collect beginning today, May 10 (Mother's Day) through Sunday, June 21 (Father's Day). Please pick up an empty baby bottle TODAY from the Narthex. Fill it with cash, change, or a check made payable to Cabarrus Women's Center, and return it when full. The Cabarrus Women's Center is a life-affirming pregnancy support center. For more information, please see Janet Harte.

Join us for Faith Night at the Kannapolis Cannon Ballers! We are purchasing group tickets for the game on Friday, May 29 at 7pm. Cost is \$13.91 per ticket, which includes \$2 "Baller Bucks" to use at the stadium. Faith night features music & testimonials throughout the game. RSVP to Michelle (with ticket money) by Sunday, May 24!



The Billy Graham Library's annual Ladies Tea will be Friday, June 26! We will attend the 11am seating, carpooling from the church at 10am. You will enjoy a delicious and elegant tea, as well as warm fellowship with your friends. More details are forthcoming. Tickets are \$35 and always sell out, so please RSVP to Michelle (with money) by Sunday, May 31!



Dear First Presbyterian Church,
Thank you so much for supporting the Cabarrus County FCA Spring Weekend. We appreciate so much the lunch that you provided as well as the time and energy it took to prepare it and serve our students. Thanks to you, many students were able to be fed both physically and by the Word. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity. **God Bless You, Cabarrus County FCA**

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:

- ◆ spring & summer clothing for all, especially children's
- ◆ new underwear and socks for all



Thank you for donating to the First Pres Blessing Fence! See Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help with current needs:

- ◆ **Two-Gallon Size Ziploc Bags**
- ◆ **Ball Caps**

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

- Baker & Craft Families - loss of Debby Baker
- Peggy Gibson - knee pain
- Connie Lisenby - recovery from procedure
- Tony Rary - recovering from pneumonia; multiple myeloma treatments
- Regina Starnes - health concerns
- Richard Little - treatment for multiple myeloma

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH

- Semra Goodnight (Mark Goodnight's niece) - cancer treatments
- George Maoicchi (Sue's husband) - recovery from gall bladder surgery
- Claudio Villagra (Irene Davis' brother) - stage 4 cancer
- Natalie Burleson - loss of father, Jim Stowe
- Sammie Dunn (Dave Argabrite's cousin) - shingles & upcoming chemo
- Chalora Leece (Jason Leece's mom) - recovery from surgery to remove kidney
- Margaretta Cowan (Eric's mom) - in hospice at home
- Robert Ellison (Sparks' in-law) - declining health
- Meredith Milam (Strickers' niece) - undergoing chemotherapy for uterine cancer
- Karen Pless' mom - recovery from stroke & broken clavicle
- Steve Smith (Becky Seaford's brother) - chemotherapy
- Robert Hudak (Diane Belotti's brother) - recovery from spine surgery
- Thomas "Bran" James (friend of Pam Hooks) - 10-yr-old good report from stem cell treatments
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - cancer

HOMEBOUND

- Barbara Hancock - home; recovering from kidney infection
- Loretta Young - Five Oaks
- Linda Bost - Best of Care under hospice care
- Jean Bost - Greens of Cabarrus



This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, May 10

Happy Mother's Day!

9:30am - Morning Coffee
- GraceFull Movements/
Youth Sunday Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

Tuesday, May 12

11:00-1:00pm - Linda's Closet workday

12:00pm - NA

3:30-6:30pm - Peek NexGen

Wednesday, May 13

3:30-6:30pm - Peek NexGen End of Year
Celebration

5:30pm - Youth Dinner

6:00pm - Youth Sunday Rehearsal

6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 14

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study in
Session Room

12:00pm - NA

Saturday, May 16

8:30am - Youth at Cierstyn Lowder's
soccer game

Next Sunday, May 17

Graduation Sunday!

9:30am - Morning Coffee

- Gracefull Movements/Youth
Sunday Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

12:00pm - Graduates' Reception in F.
Hall

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Jeff Barnhardt

Children's Church This Week: Michelle
Walker

Children's Church next week: Jenny
Sparks

Acolytes This Week: Noah Walker &
Mason March

Acolytes Next Week: Michael Herbst &
Charlie March

Nursery: Michelle Walker

Nursery Next Week: Jenny Sparks

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

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

Greeters: Sharon Cranford, Dave Argabrite

FINANCIALS FOR APRIL

YTD Income \$98,540.10

YTD Expenses \$98,644.07

YTD Budget \$108,986.68

Last week's attendance: 5/3/2026

Worship AM - 114

Sunday School - 66

