

March 8, 2020 11:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Kannapolis, North Carolina

Our Mission is to Know Christ, Serve Him, and Make Him Known

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Welcome Dr. Stuart Bond

Prelude

Choral Call to Worship Teach Us the Wisdom of God Chancel Choir Raney

*Call to Worship - Week 2 - Humility

During Lent, we reflect on the meaning of humility.

The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve.

Humility is not thinking less of ourselves, but thinking of ourselves less.

The Son of Man came not to gain, but to give up all he had.

Humility is forsaking selfish ambition and seeking unity with others.

The Son of Man came not to be loved, but to love.

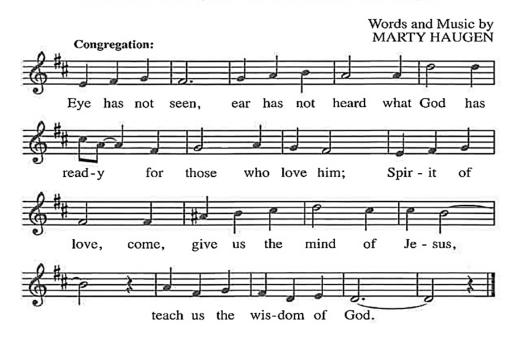
Humility is trusting that God will meet our needs if we seek his righteousness.

The Son of Man became poor so that we could become rich.

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that our constant striving for approval leaves us empty and unfulfilled. We ask that You humble our hearts and replenish us with gifts of the Spirit. Help us serve as Jesus served and love as Jesus loved. Deliver us from pride, ambition and jealousy, and fill us with mercy, willing to serve one another in humility and love. Amen.

Teach Us the Wisdom of God



Moment for Stewardship

Renée Goodnight & Bill Stricker

Thanksgiving & Prayers of the People

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.

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Special Music

Children, Obey Your Parents Choristers

Harrow

Word with our Children

Jennifer Linn

(Four year olds through 2nd graders may now be excused to Children's Church. An adult will now escort the children to the Children's Church Classroom, which is on the 3rd floor of the education building, where they will be picked up by a parent after the service.)

Anthem

A Celebration of Palms Alleluia Ringers

Edwards

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:18-4:1

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Proving Ground

Dr. Stuart Bond

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified. dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Offering & Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Commitment No. 863

HENDON

Take My Life and Let It Be

*Benediction

Postlude

*All who are able please stand. CCLI # 2221136

To Our Guests

Welcome! We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning. We hope you find today meaningful and refreshing. Please sign the attendance pad located at the end of each pew. If you have a prayer request, please fill out the blue prayer card or call the church office at 704-938-4623.

Children's Activity Bags are available for children age 3 to Grade 5. They include a children's bulletin related to the Sunday sermon, crayons, and scrap paper. An usher would be happy to bring you one.

Children's Church is available for children 4 years to 2nd Grade. After the "Word with Our Children," they will be escorted to their Children's Church in our Educational Building. Parents should report to their child's classroom after worship to pick them up.

February Financial Update

Year to date budget - \$46,049 Year to date income - \$37,822 Year to date expenses - \$43,607

Upcoming

Wednesday Night Life continues with children, youth and adult classes! Rev. Bond is leading the adult class with a discussion on the book "Who Stole My Church?" by Gordon McDonald. Children and Youth are continuing their studies from 6:30 - 7:00pm, then gathering in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00-7:30pm for a time of purposefully connecting with God through His word, the Holy Spirit, worship music, and faith-filled guided movements. Dinner will be served at 5:30 (there will be a donation box available for those who would like to donate for the meal) with classes beginning at 6:30. This week's menu is grilled chicken wraps and Greek salad.

If anyone is interested in joining our new Security Team, please contact Ryan Walker at 704-223-5255.

The Circle of Women will meet on Monday, March 9 at 12:00 noon at the church.

You are cordially invited to attend our St. Patrick's Day (slightly late) Joy Group covered dish luncheon on Friday March 20th at noon in our Fellowship Hall. We'll provide a couple of Shepherd's Pies and beverages and ask that you bring something to share. Please sign up and join us for a time of food, fellowship and fun!

Kannapolis City Schools has joined a new app – Purposity – that will allow you to follow and meet needs of KCS students. Simply download the app from your app store, and "follow" Kannapolis City Schools. If you see a need that you can meet, the app allows you to select that need and fund it all in one place. Just another way we can reach out to our community in support of students!

The Middle/Senior High Youth want you to get creative! They are starting a "Creative Kids" drive to collect items that they will bag up and deliver to the Salvation Army Homeless Shelter and CVAN for kids who enter those residences. Our goal is 50 bags – 25 girl and 25 boy. Please place the following items in collection bins outside the Narthex and Fellowship Hall: crayons, markers, pencils, coloring/activity books, puzzle books, blank paper, watercolor paint trays, stickers, play doh, puzzles, and small boxes of building bricks. See Emma Sechler if you have questions. Thank you for your support!

Collection continues for the Jackson Park Elementary food pantry and clothing closet. See an information sheet in the Narthex for specific needs. Donations may be placed on the bookshelf in the Youth Room.

Mark your calendar for Women without Reservations upcoming events!

• Friday, March 27 ***note date change*** - Outing to Barn Dinner Theatre in Greensboro for "9 to 5: The Musical".

All women of the church are invited to join us! Please see Tracy Casey or Michelle Walker for more information.

All youth are invited to Flour Power cooking studio in Cornelius, NC (21714 Catawba Avenue, Suite A-1) on Saturday, March 28 at 3:00pm for a cooking class! Please RSVP to Michelle by **TODAY, Sunday, March 8.**

A CPR/AED training is being scheduled for Saturday March 28th (please note date change) 9 am - 12 pm in the fellowship hall. This training will be open to anyone in the congregation who wishes to attend at no cost. A signup sheet will be placed in the narthex so please sign up so we know how many to plan for.

The Missions Team is sponsoring a second trip to Southport, NC on April 15 - 19. We will continue Hurricane Recovery work in the area. Please see Debbie McDaniel or Michelle Walker if you are interested in going with us!

The Christian Education and Fellowship Teams invite you to join us for a picnic and baseball! On Sunday, May 17, bring a covered dish to share for lunch immediately following the worship service. Then walk with us to the Cannon Ballers Stadium for their 1:30pm game and some great fellowship! Baseball Tickets are \$10.00 per person and we have 40 reserved now. Children age 3 and under are free as long as they sit on a parent's lap - occupying a seat means paying for a ticket. Please see Michelle Walker or Terri Pruett in the church office if you would like a ticket and pay when you sign up. Don't miss out on the fun!!!

If you would like to contribute flowers for worship, please see the sign-up poster on the bulletin board just outside the church office. The cost for an arrangement is \$56.



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The Session

Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk of Session

Class of 2020 Jeff Barnhardt Frank Gibson Phil McLain Gip Rumple

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Renée Goodnight
Debbie McDaniel
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Church Staff

Dr. Stuart Bond Transitional Pastor

David Hamilton Director of Music

Michelle Walker Director of Children's Ministries

Terri Pruett Office Manager/Bookkeeper

> Kay Yates Organist

Irene Davis Nursery Director

Servants

Greeter: Ryan Walker

Elder Lock-Up: Renee Goodnight Children's Message: Jennifer Linn

Children's Message next week: Pastor Stuart Children's Church: Tracy Caskey & Lynn Efird

Children's Church next week: Alpha Barger & Sharon

Stricker

Videographer: Michael Martens **Acolytes:** Amelia & Toby Caskey

Acolytes next week: Noah Walker & August Williams

Nursery: Jane Argabrite

Nursery next week: Hannah Efird (11:00)

Ushers: Paul Barnhardt, Danny Bost, Todd Pless & John

Roberson

Ushers next week: Amy Hurst, Doug & Amelia

Goodnight, Mal McDaniel

This Week

TODAY

9:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour

Bill Jolley Class

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

12:30 p.m. - Confirmation Class

MONDAY

12:00 p.m. - Circle of Women

6:00 p.m. - Saltshakers

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous

8:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Supper

6:30 p.m. - Children & Adult Classes

6:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers

THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. - Thursday Morning

Women's Bible Study

12:00 p.m. - **NA**

6:30 p.m. - **Boy Scouts**

8:00 p.m. - AA

NEXT SUNDAY

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