



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Prelude***Presto*

Wainwright

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Pastor Heath Burchett

***Call to Worship**

Be exalted, O LORD, in Your strength!
That we may sing and praise Your power.

**Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,
And give thanks to His holy name.**

Hymn of Praise No. 348Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

***Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

GOD be merciful to me, a sinner. A sinner in the company of sinners. Too often, we hide beneath the veil of religion or trust in the good things we do. Seemingly safe in our pews, we look down on those not here, thankful we are not like them. Yet, the truth is, we are. We have all sinned. We have all fallen short of the people You call us to be. Cleanse us and restore us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen

(In silent prayer, let us offer GOD our confession and our hope)

Leader:

Believe the Good News of the Gospel:

People:

In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven!***Song of Response**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

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 ~

Word with our Children & Blessing of Backpacks Chris & Chariti Lowder

(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 *El Shaddai* Card/Thompson
Amelia Caskey, soprano
Kay Yates, piano

Scripture Reading Galatians 3:1-4:31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Superiority of the Gospel Heath Burchett
"A Higher Status"

~ 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 *A Time for New Beginnings* Smith

***Doxology Hymn No. 964**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn of Commitment No. 772** SOLID ROCK
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

***Benediction**

Postlude *Only Trust Him* Stockton

***All who are able please stand.**

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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. 4-year-olds will meet in the nursery, where they are learning from the Gospel Light Preschool unit entitled "Thank You, God!" Parents should report to their child's classroom after worship to pick them up.

July Financial Update

Year to date budget - \$165,335
Year to date income - \$152,903
Year to date expenses - \$142,982

Upcoming

Elder on call this week for prayer requests and concerns is Bill Stricker.

The Christian Education and Missions Teams have once again partnered to bring you "A Call to Action" during Sunday School this summer! All adult classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00a.m. following our regular breakfast. Please join us for special speakers. The remaining schedule is as follows:

- August 11 - Back-to-School outreach
- August 18 - Renee Goodnight on Daniel Plan Follow-up
- August 25 - Cut shoe material for Sole Hope
- September 1 – Bill Jolley

We are in the process of updating our database and providing an updated church directory. If there are any changes to your address, home phone, cell phone, or email address, please list any updates below and tear off and place in the offering plate.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Saltshakers is holding a prayer meeting on Monday, August 12 at 6:00 pm at the church to pray for our church. All women are invited.

The JOY Group will have an End of Summer Lunch on Friday, August 16 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring sandwiches and chips and dips. Ice Cream will be provided. No cooking required! Signup sheet outside of Parlor. See you there!

It's time once again to start our collection for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes!!! As in years past, we will pack 400 boxes - 200 boy and 200 girl - this year for ages 10-14. In an effort to be more consistent and produce better quality boxes, the Missions Team humbly suggests that you make a financial donation to go towards shopping for and shipping the boxes. (Just write "shoeboxes" on your check or offering envelope memo). Alternatively, if you would like to go shop, you may see Michelle Walker for a date to go shopping or a list of specific items to "adopt"! Thanks as always for your support of this special project!

The Circle of Women will resume its monthly meeting on Monday, September 9 at 2:00 pm at Editions Coffee Shop and Book Store. We will continue our study of Women of the Bible. All women are invited. We continue monthly meetings through May, on the 2nd Monday of each month.

The Missions Team is once again spotlighting Jackson Park Elementary School!

- 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.
- Volunteers are needed for a school lunch buddy program, which allows adults to meet monthly with a child during lunch at the school. No monetary commitment is required, just a short amount of time to brighten a child's day. A background check is required - please fill out the form (found in the Narthex) and return to Jenna Baker or a Missions Team Member.

Our Annual Yard Sale and Bake Sale for Missions will be held on Saturday, September 14 (rain date Saturday, September 21). Donations of clean household items and clothes, gently used books and toys, furniture, and other items can be placed in the room beside the Choir Room. Please do not include used bedding, undergarments or swimsuits, or items that are stained or in disrepair. If you need pick-up or assistance with moving larger items, please see a Missions Team member. Proceeds will go towards Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

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. Or, if you like to purchase something permanent that can be rotated during the weeks we don't have a live arrangement, please contact Jill McLain.

Prayer Concerns

*New Prayer requests will be placed in the bulletin for two weeks.
Please help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly updates emailed to
firstpresb@firstpresb.org.*

HOMEBOUND

Peggy Barnhardt - at Morningside

Iris Efird

Juanita Holt

Loretta Young - at Five Oaks

MEMBERS

The Williams Family - on the death of Mike Williams last week.

Mary Johns - stomach cancer

Bill Hammond

Lynn Efird

Connie Rary

Debby Baker

All our students and teachers for a safe and successful school year.

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Family of Tommy Caldwell (wife Jusy, son Trent) - on his passing.

Family of Nancy Barger - on her passing

Emily Davis - pray for guidance & protection as she moves to Greensboro.

Carine and Flaubert Mbeunkui - Their house is under contract! Please continue to pray for a smooth move and smooth transition as they relocate.

Barbara Coffey - friend of Judy Hunter, chemo treatments.

Jay Burgess - Mike Lowder's brother-in-law, transitioning from Hospice House.

Mark McDaniel - Mal's brother, radiation treatments.

Lori Holder - daughter of Sam McAllister, suffering with MS.

Hope Community - church plant in Wilmington, NC with Nate Stratman.

Prayer request? Please write it down on the blue pew prayer card, & place in the offering plate.

Special Church Member of the Week

Iris Efird

407 Iris Ave.

Kannapolis, NC 28083-3940

Birthday is August 16

Send a card, make a visit or a call, or offer a prayer. All to say "God loves you and the church cares about you."



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The Session

Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk of Session

Class of 2020

Jeff Barnhardt
Frank Gibson
Phil McLain
Gip Rumble

Class of 2021

Reneé Goodnight
Debbie McDaniel
Bill Stricker
Ryan Walker

Church Staff

Pastor Heath Burchett
Supply 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: Gip Rumble

Children's Message: Chris & Chariti Lowder

Children's Message next week: Malaina Meeks

Children's Church: Chris & Chariti Lowder

Children's Church next week: Jenna Baker & Ali Craft

Videographer: David Reed

Acolytes: Amelia Caskey & Erica Efird

Acolytes next week: Caylin Lowder & Abigail Malinovsky

Nursery: Hannah Efird

Nursery next week: Allison Hammett

Ushers: Paul Barnhardt, Doug & Amelia Goodnight, C.J.
Semcho

Ushers next week: William Baker, Amy Hurst, John Roberson
& Bill Stricker

This Week

TODAY

9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -
Good News Class

10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**

11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**

MONDAY

6:00 p.m. - **Saltshakers Prayer Meeting**

8:00 p.m. - **Alcoholics Anonymous**

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. - **Narcotics Anonymous**

7:00 p.m. - **Session**

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**

FRIDAY

12:00 p.m. - **JOY Group Lunch**

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -
Disciples Class

10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**

11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**



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