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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

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

**~ Gathering before the Word ~****Prelude***Largo*

Handel

**Welcome & Service of Friendship**

Pastor Heath Burchett

**\*Call to Worship**

As the deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for You, O God.

**My soul thirsts for God, for The Living God.  
When shall I come and behold the face of God?**

Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
And why are you disquieted within me?

**Put your hope in God, for I shall again praise  
the One who is my help and my God.**

**\*Psalm 131**

sung to the tune of ROCKINGHAM

*A Psalm of Trust*

O LORD, my heart is not too high,  
Nor do my eyes look far above  
The things which You for me appoint,  
Except to hope for Your great love.

A child again in mother's arms,  
My soul at peace in Your accord;  
I fix my confidence and hope  
In tender mercies of the LORD

**\*Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**O God,**

**You tend us gently and care for us completely,  
while we wander and stray,  
still wanting, in spite of what You have provided for us.  
Take away our sin. Still our hearts. Restore our souls.  
Lead us in the paths of righteousness.  
Nourish us. Anoint us.  
With goodness and mercy, fill us.  
We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.**

*(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**

As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after You. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You. You alone are my strength my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.

## **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**

Alpha Barger

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

(Four year olds through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the education building, where they will be picked up by a parent after the service.)

### **Anthem**

*Safely Home*  
Kay Yates, alto

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### **Scripture Reading**

Psalm 131

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

Living Beyond Yourself

Heath Burchett

## **~ 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**     *Like a Child Rests* (Psalm 131)

**\*Doxology Hymn No. 964**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Hymn of Commitment No. 256**

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*They'll Know We Are Christians*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*In the Name of the Lord*

McHugh

**\*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. Parents should report to their child's classroom after worship to pick them up.

## Upcoming

**Please join us for the last "A Call to Action" during Sunday School this summer!** Bill Jolley will be teaching the class today in the fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m. (Nahum – “God Is Not Blind!”).

**A special dedication** for all Sunday School, Wednesday Night Life, Children's Church and Nursery leaders will be held during worship service on Sunday, September 8. Please join your fellow members in praying for those who will lead our Christian Education Ministries in the coming year!

**Calling all volunteers!!!** As we look ahead to fall Sunday School and Wednesday Night Life, there are so many opportunities we have to reach our children and youth! If you are in any way interested in teaching or helping to teach a class for our young ones, would you please let Michelle Walker know? Currently, there are opportunities in the following areas:

Sunday School - Grades 1-5 assistant  
- Middle/Senior High assistant or back-up

Wednesday Night Life - Grades 1-5 teacher or assistant  
- Middle & Senior High assistant or back-up

**Wednesday Night Life for children and adults officially begins on WEDNESDAY, September 4th!** Classes will be available for Preschoolers through High School. Larry Efird will lead a Bible study for adults based on the book "Mystery of the Holy Spirit" by R. C. Sproul in the New Connections classroom. All adults are welcome to attend. Dinner is at 5:30pm and will be deli sandwiches, chips & salad. The cost of supper is \$5.00 per person/\$20 per family. Classes begin at 6:30pm.

**Registration is now open for Saltshakers Ladies Bible Study!** All women are invited to join us. Saltshakers will meet September 23 through April 27 each Monday night at 6:00 pm. We will be studying Acts – “The Holy Spirit and the Beginning of the Church”. Register online at <https://forms.gle/BpTZVjgoVwkLG1Xq7> or call the church office at (704) 938-4623.

**Sunday, September 8 at 9:30 a.m. the church will celebrate Genesis Sunday** with a church wide breakfast provided by the Fellowship Team. Danny Bost will provide information about the adult classes while Michelle Walker will provide information about youth classes. Classes will depart from the Fellowship Hall for an abbreviated Sunday School time with their assigned classes.

**Final Volunteer Training!** There will be two additional training sessions offered for anyone working with children and youth in the coming year. This includes Nursery assistants, Sunday School teachers or assistants, Wednesday Night Life leaders or assistants, and Children's Church volunteers. **Training is to be done annually**, so plan to participate if you haven't yet done so this year. Please let Michelle Walker know which of the following you will attend:

- Sunday, September 8 at 9:00am in the Session Room
- Monday, September 9 at 5:30pm in the Session Room

Thank you to all our volunteers for your dedication to our children and youth at First Presbyterian!!!

**Usher training:** Sunday, September 8 immediately following church, we will have a brief usher training. All current ushers and anyone interested in joining us as an usher is invited to attend. We will review the revised guidelines and receive information on our new radio system.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month.

Mark your calendars for the **Women Without Reservations upcoming events:**

- Join us for coffee, sweet treats, and friendship at C3 Coffee Crepes Creamery (5011 Weddington Road 60, Concord) on September 20 at 5:30pm. It will be a time of fellowship and discussion about a devotional series we're beginning - "Covenant: The Study of Ruth, Esther, and Song of Songs" from Proverbs 31 Ministries. See <https://first5.org/plans/Covenant/> for information on how to find the plan and order an Experience Guide.
- On October 25th at 6:00pm we will meet at Shannon Sechler's home (9499 Lockwood Road, Concord) for a game night. Bringing an appetizer or dessert to share is encouraged but not necessary in order to participate in the fun.
- Meet at Meg-Art Pottery Studio and Espresso Bar (15940 Northcross Dr, Huntersville) on November 15th at 6:00pm to paint pottery with us or just hang out if crafting isn't your thing.
- In December we will gather on the 6th for some festive Christmas fun- watch the bulletin for more details.

We would love to hear from all the ladies in the church interested in participating in Women Without Reservations. Please help us plan other great fellowship opportunities for this group by giving us your feedback on the enclosed survey. Completed surveys can be given to Chariti Lowder, Michelle Walker, Shannon Sechler, Tracy Caskey, or the office.

**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!

**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.



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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

**The Missions Team has reserved the week of September 22 - 28 to serve at the Salvation Army Hope Night Shelter.** Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve dinner for approximately 30 people nightly and provide milk and cereal for the next day's breakfast. Set-up begins at 6:30pm, with meal service from 7:00pm-8:00pm. A sign-up poster has been placed in the narthex. Thank you again for supporting your Missions Team and our Church's outreach efforts!

## **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.

**A Missions Team will travel to Southport, NC on Wednesday, November 6 - Sunday, November 10.** We will work through the United Methodist Committee on Relief to repair homes in the Boiling Spring Lakes area, where a dam breached during Hurricane Florence. If you would like to participate in this Missions Trip, please see Michelle Walker ASAP!

**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.

## Servants

**Greeter:** Renee Goodnight

**Elder Lock-Up:** Phil McLain

**Children's Message:** Alpha Barger

**Children's Message next week:** Michelle Walker

**Children's Church:** Brian & Hannah Efird

**Children's Church next week:** Ryan & Michelle Walker

**Videographer:** Michael Martens

**Acolytes:** Keira Brady & Erica Efird

**Acolytes next week:** Toby Caskey & August Williams

**Nursery:** Linda Grebler

**Nursery next week:** Jane Argabrite

**Ushers:** Phil & Jill McLain, Todd Pless & Tony Rary

**Ushers next week:** Mark Goodnight, John Hammond, Lynn Sechler & C.J. Semcho

## This Week

### TODAY

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

Disciples Class

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

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

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

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

5:30 p.m. - **Supper**

6:30 p.m. - **Children's Classes**

6:30 p.m. - **Mystery of the Holy Spirit Bible Study**

6:30 p.m. - **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

### 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 - GENESIS SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. - **Churchwide Breakfast**

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

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

12:30 p.m. - **CE Team**

### WEDNESDAY



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