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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

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

~ **Gathering before the Word** ~

**Prelude**

*Holy, Holy, Holy (Savior and King)*

Beach/Dykes

**Welcome & Service of Friendship**

David Hamilton

**\*Call to Worship**

-from Psalm 89:1-4, NRSV

I will sing of Your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;  
**with my mouth I will proclaim Your faithfulness  
to all generations.**

I declare that Your steadfast love is established forever;  
**Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to my servant David;  
'I will establish Your descendants forever,  
And build Your throne for all generations.'"

**Praise the Lord!**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Jesus Paid It All*

Grape/Nifong

*(Verse 1)*

And I hear the Savior say  
Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray  
Find in Me thine all in all

*(Chorus 1)*

'Cause Jesus paid it all  
All to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow

*(Interlude)*

(It's washed away)  
(All my sin and all my shame)

*(Verse 2)*

Lord now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone

(verse 3)  
And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save  
My lips shall still repeat

**\*Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Almighty God,**

**I humbly ask You to make me like a tree planted by the waterside,  
that I may bring forth fruits of good living in due season.**

**Help me to see Your hand at work in my life,  
and how to live each day in Your truth.**

**Forgive my past offenses, sanctify me now,  
and direct all that I should be in the future,  
for Christ's sake.**

*(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**

*Gloria*

Maher/Le

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of goodwill.

**Dedication of Christian Education Disciples**

Frank Gibson

**Leader:**

God of Creation, you have gifted these men and women  
with teaching skills, creativity, and curiosity.

We pray you would fill them

with the power and compassion of your Holy Spirit.

Fill them with energy and insight into your Word,  
the story of Your faithful heart.

**Disciples:**

You have not called us to be perfect,

You have called us to be faithful.

You have not called us to be all-knowing,

You have called us to believe.

We dedicate ourselves to the call and task of teaching.

Grant us wisdom, patience and joy in our preparation  
and teaching of your Word.

**Congregation:**

**God of hope,**

**Guide each teacher as they study your Word.**

**Strengthen the gifts you have given them,**

and energize their compassion.  
Remind us to find ways  
to support and encourage them throughout the year.  
May we share in their joy and times of difficulty.

**ALL:**

**We commit ourselves,  
each to our part,  
in this joyful task.**

**May your steadfast, faithful, and covenant love guide all we do. Amen.**

### **Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Doug Ferguson

**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**

Michelle Walker

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.)

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia*  
Chancel Choir

Maher/Le/Ndolo

### **Scripture Reading**

1 Peter 5:6-7

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

"No Worries"

Rev. Doug Ferguson

## **~ 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**                      *This Is My Father's World*    Shepherd

**\*Doxology Hymn No. 964**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**    Rev. Doug Ferguson

**\*Hymn of Commitment No. 739**

*I Surrender All*

**\*Benediction**    Rev. Doug Ferguson

**Postlude**    *Jesus Paid it All*    Grape/Nifong

**\*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.

## 2019-2020 Christian Education Disciples

<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Assistant</u>	<u>Wed. Night Life</u>	<u>Leaders</u>
Disciples:	Frank Gibson		Adults:	Larry Efird
Good News:	Bill Jolley		PreK - K:	Alpha Barger/Linda Bost
Drummond:	Ron Lisenby		Grades 1 - 5:	Chris Lowder/Shannon Sechler
Substitute:	Danny Bost		Middle/Sr. High:	Michelle Walker
PreK - K:	Emma Sechler	Tracy Caskey		
Grades 1 - 5:	Chariti Lowder	Hannah Efird		
Middle/High:	Michelle Walker			

### Children's Church

Andrew Baker  
Jenna Baker  
Alpha Barger  
Tracy Caskey  
Ali Craft  
Brian Efird  
Hannah Efird  
Amelia Goodnight  
Allison Hammett  
Chariti Lowder  
Chris Lowder  
Kay McAllister  
Sam McAllister  
Debbie McDaniel  
Malaina Meeks  
Emma Sechler  
Sharon Stricker  
Michelle Walker  
Ryan Walker

### Choristers

David Hamilton  
Michelle Walker  
Kay Yates

### Nursery

Irene Davis (Leader)  
Emily Davis  
Jane Argabrite  
Jenna Baker  
Ali Craft  
Hannah Efird  
Allison Hammett  
Chariti Lowder  
Katie Satterfield  
Ella Sechler  
Emma Sechler  
Shannon Sechler  
Sharon Stricker

### Children's Message

Jane Argabrite  
Andrew Baker  
Jenna Baker  
Alpha Barger  
Amelia Caskey  
Fred Caskey  
Chariti Lowder  
Chris Lowder  
Malaina Meeks  
Michelle Walker  
Missions Team Volunteers

## Upcoming

**The flowers on the altar** are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Bill Hammond's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday by his family.

**The T-shirt dresses are finally completed.** We had only one dress to go MIA and it has been replaced. Thanks to all that were involved in this project. Financial support was necessary to get started. Countless hours were spent measuring, pinning and hemming. Our "special" thanks go to the few that sewed these dresses. You have my heart felt gratitude. This was truly a congregational effort. May you all find joy in knowing that you have helped to light up the eyes of 200 little girls. To God be the glory! *The Crafty Ladies*

**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 - Middle/Senior High assistant or back-up

Wednesday Night Life - Middle & Senior High assistant or back-up

**Wednesday Night Life for children and adults continues this week.** Classes will be available for Preschoolers through High School. Larry Efird is leading a Bible study for adults based on the book "Mystery of the Holy Spirit" by R. C. Sproul in the New Connections classroom. Dinner is at 5:30pm and will be oven roasted chicken, green beans, roasted potatoes & 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/BpTZVjqoVwkLG1Xq7> or call the church office at (704) 938-4623.

**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 a survey (see Tracy Caskey for a 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.

**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!





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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 Pruet  
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates  
Organist

Irene Davis  
Nursery Director

## 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:** Michelle Walker

**Children's Message next week:** Fred Caskey

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

**Children's Church next week:** Allison Hammett & Malaina Meeks

**Videographer:** David Reed

**Acolytes:** Toby Caskey & August Williams

**Acolytes next week:** Amelia Caskey & Abigail Malinovsky

**Nursery:** Jane Argabrite

**Nursery next week:** Katie Satterfield & (Chariti Lowder @ 11:00)

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

**Ushers next week:** Andrew & Jenna Baker, Bobby Hallman, and Tony Hunter

## 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

**Family of Mary Johns**, who passed away last week

**Bill Hammond** - Heart

**Connie Rary** - Cancer

**Debby Baker** - Cancer

### FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

**Amy Westover** - friend of Chariti Lowder (Esophageal Cancer)

**Amy Ritchie** - friend of Jane Jacobs (Breast Cancer)

**Barbara Coffey** - friend of Judy Hunter (Cancer treatment)

**Jay Burgess** - Mike Lowder's brother-in-law (at Caremoor)

**Mark McDaniel** - Mal's brother (radiation treatments)

**Lori Holder** - daughter of Sam McAllister (MS)

**Hope Community & Pastor Nate Stratman** (church plant in Wilmington, NC)

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

#### **Special Church Member of the Week**

**Dwight Goodnight**

311 Brook Street

Kannapolis, NC 28083-6005

Birthday is September 15

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."



## Missions Yard Sale

First Presbyterian Church, Kannapolis

201 Vance Street

Saturday, September 14, 8am - 1pm

(Rain Date September 21)

Sausage Biscuits, Hot Dogs,

Bake Sale

Proceeds will Benefit

First Presbyterian Missions

## This Week

### TODAY – GENESIS SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. - **Volunteer Training**  
9:30 a.m. - **Churchwide Breakfast**  
10:00 a.m. - **Genesis Sunday**  
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**  
12:30 p.m. - **CE Team**

### MONDAY

2:00 p.m. - **Circle of Women**  
8:00 p.m. - **Alcoholics Anonymous**  
5:30 p.m. - **Volunteer Training**  
6:00 p.m. - **Missions Team**

### TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. - **Narcotics Anonymous**  
7:00 p.m. - **Session**

### WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. - **Supper**  
6:30 p.m. - **Children & Youth 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**

### SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - **Missions  
Yard Sale**

### 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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