# First Presbyterian Church

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Norwood Arbor Day will be Saturday, April 27.

**Mother's Day Arrangements** ~ On Mother's Day, the arrangements in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of mothers. Each name is \$2.00. The form and money need to be in *No Later Than, Wednesday, May 8.* Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for Mother's Day Arrangements. Forms are on the table in the vestibule.

**Norwood Community Table Volunteers:** <u>Wednesdays</u> are Norwood First Presbyterian volunteer day at the Norwood Community Table. We are in need of more volunteers to help fulfill our commitment to SCCM. If you can give 4 hours once a month to this ministry, please see Beverly Johnson

Norwood Food Pantry Items Canned Soups & Crackers		Opening/Closing Dale Morton & Frankie Calder	
Hap April 22 April 23 April 27	ppy Birthday Art Smith Lynzie Santucci Ursula McRae		nity Table Volunteers Inteer Hours 9:00 am – 1:00 pm)  Kaye Coble Kirk Wallace Beverly Johnson
To give online visit our website: <u>www.norwoodfpc.org</u>			

Need to contact a Session Member, below is their contact numbers

Kaye Coble: 704-985-6463 Ursula McRae: 980-616-2090 Jeff Russell: 704-699-5728 Frankie Calder: 704-984-0952 Cindy Edwards: 704-438-0270 Kirk Wallace: 704-695-5177

# A Service for the Worship of God April 21, 2024 11:00 am



### **Gathering Around the Word**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** 

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day our Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We are the people our Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and give thanks for each other.

We have come into this house to worship the Lord.

Let us worship our living and loving God.

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN No. 703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me ST. CA

ST. CATHERINE

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we can be self-centered and thoughtless people. We think of ourselves before and above most of the people you died to save. Please forgive our selfishness and our lack of grace and mercy towards others. Please renew our faith in you and deepen our compassion for everyone we encounter. Open our eyes to see all people the way you see us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven

# **Hearing the Word**

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND THE LORD"S PRAYER

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.

ANTHEM This Is My Song

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 23

**NEW TESTAMENT READINGS** 

John 10:11-18 and 1 John 3:16-18

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

**SERMON** Rev. Gail Henderson-Belsito One Flock, One Shepherd

### Responding to the Word

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' 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. Amen.

HYMN No. 697 HENDON Take My Life

THE OFFERING

You are invited to place your offering and prayer requests in the white baskets located at the entrances to the Sanctuary.

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## Taking the Word With Us Into the World

Savior, like A Shephard Lead Us \*HYMN No. 187 **BRADBURY** 

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

\*Please stand in body or spirit. **Bold print** indicates where congregation reads or sings.



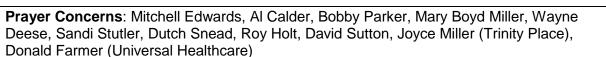
happy to direct you to the nursery.

Welcome to Norwood First Presbyterian Church. We rejoice that you are worshipping with us today and trust that you feel the presence of Christ. If you visitor, please consider this a warm invitation to join us in the work and worship of this congregation. Worship takes place each Sunday at 11 am. For your convenience, child care is provided for children 5 years old or younger. Ushers will be

Children's Worship Bags are located in the vestibule beside the bulletin board. The bags contain items to use during the worship service. Bags marked with a blue flower are for children preschool age and younger. Remaining bags are for older children.

Today, we welcome Rev. Gail Henderson-Belsito as our guest pastor. Reverend Gail Henderson-Belsito is a pastor, preacher, teacher, wife, mother, daughter, sister, friend, and beloved child of God whose deepest desire is to show others how they can navigate their journeys towards authenticity, belonging, faith, and hope. Among the many things she has done during her years of service to the church and the world, Gail has served as the associate minister at Caldwell Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, taught at the Black Mountain School of Theology, been the keynote speaker at Montreat Youth Conference, and offered the Tom York Lecture at Knox Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio

Prayer Requests ~ Green Prayer Cards are available in each pew for you to write your prayer request. Prayer requests can be placed in one of the white baskets at the entrances to the Sanctuary.



Friends & Family: Charlotte Benton, Chris Speights, Tammy Brewer, Dick Shields, Rhett Parks, Jeff Howard, Kim Harward, Kip Russell, Emma Jean Campbell, Ameila Culp, Derreck Huneycutt, Jackie Howell, Kenneth Howell, Stacy Langton, Matthew Keanes, Thomas Maness, Chevy Burroughs, Sophia & Amelia Hill, Cecilia Irvin, Peter Richardson, Sherron Brown Garris, Mike West, Allan Green, Tyree Averette, Peter Johnson

Our Deepest Condolences to the families of ... Terry Chriswisser, Jason Wilson, Cora Watkins