

First Presbyterian Church

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Today, the **Ten-Cents-A-Meal** offering for hunger will be received. This monthly offering is used by the Presbytery of Charlotte to fund hunger programs and agencies (including SCCM and the Montgomery County Food Bank) throughout the Presbytery. This money feeds hundreds of people providing both nourishment and hope.

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.

Presbyterian Women will meet on Friday, May 10, at 10:30 a.m., at the church. We will study Lesson Nine. This will be our last meeting of the 2023-24 year. Lunch TBA.

The **Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women** will be received on Sunday, May 12. The offering funds over 200 major projects that provides medical care, education, shelter, food, and support for people most in need at home and abroad.

Norwood Community Table Volunteers: Wednesdays 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 Rice, Pasta, Stuffing Macaroni & Cheese Instant Potatoes Tomato Sauce	Opening/Closing Matt Bowers & Greg Lisk	
	Community Table Volunteers (Required Volunteer Hours 9:00 am – 1:00 pm)	
<i>Happy Birthday</i> May 6 Kaye Tyson	May 8	Beverly Johnson
	May 15	Sylvia Parker
	May 22	Finley Sutton
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A Service for the Worship of God

May 5, 2024
11:00 am



Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 98
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
We will sing praises to the Lord with the lyre and the sound of the horn.
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.
We will sing you a new song, O God, for the marvelous things you have done.
In thanksgiving, let us worship God.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN No. 307** God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA
The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger may be brought forward at this time

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you Son Jesus calls us friends, and commands us to love one another. So often we fail. We confuse loving one another with liking one another. When we cannot like one another, we give up on loving. We smile falsely and speak ill of others. We grieve you with our weak love. O God, have mercy on us. Choose us yet again. Secure us in your love, help us to love one another. 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

We Shall Overcome

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 35:9-15

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

I John 5:1-6

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

SERMON

The Gravity of God's Love

Rev Betsy Williamson

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. 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

ST. CATHERINE

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

*HYMN No. 546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing


SICILIAN MARINERS

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Bold print indicates where congregation reads or sings.




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 happy to direct you to the nursery.

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. Betsy Williamson as our guest pastor. Rev. Williamson is an Honorably Retired Minister member of the Presbytery of Charlotte. Before retirement, she served as Associate Pastor of Quail Hollow Presbyterian and Pastor of Amity Presbyterian churches. A second career pastor, she is a retired educator, serving as a teacher and in the central office of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Union and Durham Schools. She is a native Charlottean, who grew up at Westminster Presbyterian Church

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.



Prayer Concerns: Al Calder, Mitchell Edwards, Bobby Parker, Mary Boyd Miller, Wayne Deese, Sandi Stutler, Dutch Snead, Roy Holt, David Sutton, Joyce Miller (Trinity Place), Donald Farmer (Universal Healthcare)

Friends & Family: Tony Hinson, Charlotte Benton, Chris Speights, 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... Jamese Watkins, Joshua Eyer, Alden Elliott, Thomas Wells, Sam Poloche, Jack Murphy, Jacob Lee Chambless