

First Presbyterian Church

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The **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering will be collected today along with the **fish banks**. **OGHS** is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. It helps provide relief from natural disasters, feed the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Envelopes are available on the backs of the church pews.

Presbyterian Women will meet on Friday, April 5 at 10:30 am. Following the lesson, they will travel to Trinity Place to visit with our church members and then go to lunch.

The **Ten-Cents-A-Meal** offering for hunger will be received next Sunday. 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.

The Women of the Church will be hosting a **Bridal Shower for Hannah and Emily Moss** on Sunday, April 7 from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm in the church fellowship hall.

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: Toiletries & Household Items Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Toothbrush & Toothpaste,			
<i>Happy Birthday</i>		Community Table Volunteers (Required Volunteer Hours 9:00 am – 1:00 pm)	
April 1	Wylie Lambert	April 3	Sylvia Parker
	Jessica Faulkner	April 10	Finley Sutton
April 4	Sadie Jones	April 17	Susan Moss
April 5	Cindy Edwards		
<i>Happy Anniversary</i> ~ Duane & Sandi Stutler April 3			
Opening/Closing for April ~ Dale Morton & Frankie Calder			

Online giving is available by going to our website: www.norwoodfpc.org

A Service for the Worship of God

March 31, 2024
11:00 am



Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Celebrate this day of days!

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Let all creation be amazed!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ is Risen!

Let us worship God together.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN No. 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways, our avoidance and judgment of others; the way we evaluate and compare. Forgive our self-absorbed sins, our habits that demean and degrade, our acceptance of violent and destructive behavior. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. 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

What Wondrous Love Is This

SPECIAL MUSIC

Charles Harris

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
OLD TESTAMENT READING
NEW TESTAMENT READINGS
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
SERMON
Rev. Steve Mitchell

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. 216
Beneath the Cross of Jesus
ST. CHRISTOPHER
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

Sealing the Word
THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
INVITATION TO THE TABLE
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION
SHARING THE MEAL
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Taking the Word With Us Into the World
*HYMN No. 232
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
EASTER HYMN
*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. Steve Mitchell as our guest pastor. Rev. Mitchell is a retired member of the Presbytery of Charlotte, having recently served MorningStar Presbyterian Church in Matthews. He has served congregations in Florida, West Virginia, Alabama and Pennsylvania, and has three grown children.

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: Mitchell Edwards, Al Calder, Bobby Parker, Mary Boyd Miller, Wayne Deese, Sandi Stutler, Dutch Snead, Roy Holt, David Sutton, Jeanette Thompson (Trinity Place), Joyce Miller (Trinity Place), Donald Farmer (Universal Healthcare)
Friends & Family: Charlotte Benton, Chris Speights, Tammy Brewer, Dick Shields, Chastidy Whitley, Laura Anderson, Will Atkinson, Rhett Parks, Jeff Howard, Kim Harward, Kip Russell, Emma Jean Campbell, Ameila Culp, Derreck Huneycutt, Jackie Howell, Kenneth Howell, Stacy Langton, Matthew Keanes, Andy Beachum, Vondell Curlee, 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 ... Chucky Chapman, Judy Lisk, Mary Jane Morton, Faye Eudy, Casey Sedberry

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