

First Presbyterian Church

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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 offering helps feed hundreds of people providing both nourishment and hope.

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. **Note the change in the date.**

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.

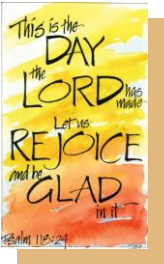
Mother's Day Arrangements ~ On Mother's Day, the arrangements in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of mothers. Each name is \$2.00. The form and money need to be in No Later Than, Wednesday, May 8. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for Mother's Day Arrangements.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

Norwood Community Table Volunteers: 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 Canned Soups & Crackers	Opening/Closing for May Matt Bowers & Greg Lisk
<i>Happy Birthday</i> April 28 Evan Faulkner April 29 Johnny Gibson May 2 Rex Crump	Community Table Volunteers (Required Volunteer Hours 9:00 am – 1:00 pm) May 1 Kirk Wallace May 8 Beverly Johnson May 15 Sylvia Parker
<i>Happy Anniversary</i> Tommy & Ro Honbarrier ~ April 30	
To give online visit our website: www.norwoodfpc.org	

A Service for the Worship of God

April 28, 2024
11:00 am



Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

**We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship,
for we are the church of Jesus Christ!
We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us,
opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God!**

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN No.366 Love Divine, All Love Excelling HYFRYDOL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone. 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

In Christ There Is No East Or West

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 22:25-31

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

John 15:1-8

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

SERMON

If Necessary, Use Words

Renda Brinson

Responding to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from Belonging to God: A First Catechism

We are the church: the people who believe the good news about Jesus, who are baptized, and who share in the Lord’s Supper. Through these means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love. We believe the good news that gives us comfort that we belong to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who died and rose again for our sake, so that nothing will ever separate us from God’s love. We know this good news through reading the Bible and hearing it taught and preached. The Holy Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and helps us rely on its promises today.

*HYMN No.836

Abide With Me

EVENTIDE

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. 451

Open My Eyes That I May See


OPEN MY EYES

*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 Renda Brinson. She is a Certified Christian Education who has served in the Presbytery of Charlotte for over 30 years. She currently serves in a joint position as the Director of the Charlotte Christian Education Resource Center for the Presbytery of Charlotte and Union Presbyterian Seminary. She has served in Christian Education in four Churches in our Presbytery. She is a member of POINT – Presbyterians Organized in Nurture and Teaching, representing the Presbytery of Charlotte. She is the Educator Advisor for the Education Certification Council for PC (USA). She currently serves as the President of the Association of Partners in Christian Education. (APCE) (2022). She has served on numerous committees in our Presbytery, including the Committee on Ministry, Leadership Development, and the Ministry Resource Committee. She was one of the Presbytery of Charlotte’s commissioners at our 224th and 225th General Assemblies. Renda lives in Matthews, NC, with her husband, Earl, and their rescue dog, Daisy. They have four adult sons, four daughters-in-law and seven grandchildren near and far.

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, Joyce Miller (Trinity Place), Donald Farmer (Universal Healthcare)

Friends & Family: John Cauble, 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 Garriss, Mike West, Allan Green, Tyree Averette, Peter Johnson

Our Deepest Condolences to the families of ... Charles Lefler, Melissa Hughes