



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Prelude

Star Carol

Burt

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Pastor Darryl Evans

***Call to Worship**

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

In you, we put our trust.

For you guide the humble in what is right,
and teach the lowly your ways of love.

***Hymn of Praise No. 102**

FESTAL SONG

Arise, Your Light is Come

***Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

Loving God,

You have shown yourself to us in Jesus,

perfect in every way,

compassionate and kind,

faithful and loving,

gracious, hospitable, open.

While you direct us to follow in his way

and embrace the qualities that marked his life,

we confess that we have stumbled and fallen.

Our sins are real, and they are many.

Have mercy on us.

Forgive our failings.

Encourage us to start again,

trusting that what we have seen in Jesus is true

and nothing, not even our sin, can separate us from your love.

(Please continue in a moment of silent, personal confession.)

Leader:

Believe the Good News of the Gospel:

People:

In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven!

***Song of Response**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

New Covenant Partners

Prayers of the People & 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.

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

***Hymn of Preparation**

We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

refrain

*O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. *refrain*

Frankincense to offer have I: Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, we are raising, worshipping God most high. *refrain*

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume, breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying. Sealed in the stone cold tomb. *refrain*

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia sounds through the earth and skies. *refrain*

Word with our Children

Malaina Meeks

(Four year olds through 2nd 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 3rd floor of the education building, where they will be picked up by a parent after the service.)

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:10-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

God Doing a Good Work in You: Contentment Darryl Evans

"I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation."

-Philippians 4:12b

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Affirmation of Faith

Psalm 25:4-7

Show me your ways, LORD,
teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.
Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, LORD, are good.

Offering & Offertory

Brightest and Best
Chancel Choir

Shepherd

*Doxology

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.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Commitment No. 105

DIX

As with Gladness Men of Old

*Benediction

Postlude

Ermuntre Dich

Schop

*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. If you have a prayer request, please see Darryl or call us 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 "A Word with Our Children," they will be escorted to the Children's Church. After worship, parents may pick up children in the Children's Church Classroom, which is on the 3rd floor of the education building.

Upcoming

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Richard and Jean Roberts anniversary, which was in December. 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.

Please welcome our new Covenant Partners: Dave and Jane Argabrite, Richard and Jean Roberts, and Susan Thomas.

The Missions Team is once again excited to support the Souper Bowl of Caring! Collection bins will be placed in the narthex and outside the Fellowship Hall for donations of canned goods between January 13 and February 3. Monetary donations may also be made through your offering (please mark checks for Souper Bowl of Caring) or through donations to our youth volunteers on February 3. Then, join us for a soup and salad luncheon immediately following worship on February 3. Meal will be served on a donation basis, and all donations will go to Cabarrus County's Cooperative Christian Ministry. As always, thank you for your support!

Saltshakers resumes on Monday, January 7 at 6:30 p.m.

The Circle of Women will meet on Tuesday, January 8 at 2:00 p.m. at Editions.

The **Sunday Women's Circle** will meet on Sunday, January 20 at 4:00 p.m.

On Wednesday night, January 30th, we will begin The Daniel Plan Bible Study, based on the biblical story of Daniel. The study will begin at 6:30 pm following supper at 5:45pm. The study is written by Pastor Rick Warren (Purpose Driven Life), Dr. Mark Hyman (diet & health expert) and Dr. Daniel Amen (brain health expert). What is unique about this study is that not only will we look at God's word, but health, diet, exercise, and brain health or Faith, Friends, Focus, Fitness, & Food. All the food in the diet is food made by God. The study time will be about an hour with a 20-30 minute video at the beginning of each class by Pastor Warren with information to answer questions in the workbook, followed by discussion for the remaining hour. The Christian Ed committee will purchase study books for those attending the study. Please detach and register for the study by January 16th. The minimum length for the study is 6 weeks, however guest speakers will hopefully be a part of study, which would extend the length. Many of our diseases are directly related to our lifestyle choices; what we eat, how much we exercise, how much sleep we get. This study gives you information to make changes to improve your health with scriptural encouragement. Making lifestyle change is a challenge but working together with others to achieve the same goals makes it easier. You may learn more about the study by visiting: www.danielplan.com. You may also contact Renee Goodnight.

Sign up for The Daniel Plan Bible Study

(Tear off and put in offering plate)

Name _____

How many will be attending The Daniel Plan Bible Study? _____

The Mission Committee wants to say Thank You! Thank you to our members for your most generous support of the Giving Tree. For the Salvation Army's Center of Hope, or their homeless shelter, \$225 was collected along with two carloads of supplies. Sole Hope will receive a check for \$1160 and Samaritan's Purse (Christmas Eve collection) will receive a check for \$627 for local hurricane relief. Thank you for loving on our brothers and sisters!

We are excited to announce that our shoeboxes from 2018 have shipped! So far, Operation Christmas Child has reported that our shoeboxes were shipped to 'A Hard to Reach Area'. Unfortunately, that means that, for safety reasons, we won't know the exact location of these shoeboxes. Samaritan's Purse describes areas 'Hard to Reach' as "restricted areas" where "shoeboxes provide a platform for local believers to share Christ in a safe and culturally sensitive way, and allow ease of entry through customs." Such locations could be those experiencing war or other conflict, areas where Christians are an extremely low percentage of the population, or places where Christian activity is outlawed. Please continue to pray for those living and serving in these areas and that our shoeboxes will serve as a vehicle to allow God's love to enter in! We'll keep you posted if our shoeboxes are shipped to any other locations.

Prayer Concerns

Steve Goodnight - Health concerns.

Mike Freeman - upcoming neck surgery.

Iris Efird - recovering from surgery.

Mike Williams - at rehab in Harrisburg.

Sharon Stricker - broken knee.

Mary Johns - done with surgeries and is doing well.

Emily Griggs - teacher in Casablanca.

Donna Whitley - at home.

Juanita Holt - back at home.

Loretta Young - at Five Oaks.

Peggy Barnhardt - at Morningside with Dementia.

Lynn Efird - continuing treatment.

Ellen Little - continued prayers for the health issues of Ellen and family.

Connie Rary - still fighting cancer, went to Duke specialist.

Debby Baker - participating in a cancer clinical trial.

FAMILY OF MEMBERS

Jason Gibson - Frank's son, to have surgery at Vanderbilt Hospital on February 5 for Crohn's Disease.

John Bostian - foster son of Ron & Alpha, is in the ICU in Winston-Salem.

Arthur Fu - Jessica Bell would like to express great gratitude towards God that her brother Arthur is making progress with a new drug. Thank you for your continued prayers!

Alex & Debbie - Kaitlyn Maxwell is grateful for everyone's prayers for her nephew Alex as he works through depression and her mother, Debbie, as she is recovering from knee surgery.

Travis Boan & Family - friend of Chariti Lowder, recent cancer diagnosis, has begun radiation treatments.

Brenda Park - friend of Carol Lowder, facing a serious colon surgery.

Amy Ritchie - friend of Jane Jacobs, dealing with stage 4 Breast Cancer.

Special Church Member of the Week

Peggy Barnhardt

507 Queens Gate Dr.
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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."



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The Session

Rev. Dr. Darryl Evans, Moderator
Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk of Session

Class of 2019
Garrett Brady
Mike Freeman
Allison Hammett
Carol Lowder

Class of 2020
Jeff Barnhardt
Frank Gibson
Phil McLain
Gip Rumble

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David Hamilton
Director of Music

Michelle Walker
Director of Children's Ministries

Terri Pruett
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates
Organist

Irene Davis
Nursery Director

Nancy Barger - friend of Jane Jacobs, dealing with cancer.
Jay - brother of Ellen Little, home from hospital and awaiting update for surgery.

Mark McDaniel - brother of Mal McDaniel, in remission and making great progress!

Barbara Coffey - friend of Judy Hunter: stage 4 Breast Cancer, undergoing chemo.

Thomas Dishman - friend of Judy Hunter: problems with LVAD, awaiting heart transplant.

Chuck Rogers - friend of Judy Hammond: suffered stroke following surgery.

Shelia & Steve Dobson - friends of Judy Hammond: Steve had brain surgery.

Russell Gardner - friend of Mike Freeman: cancer and recurring pneumonia.

Ernest Miller - friend of Mike Freeman: lung cancer and PTSD (Viet Nam Vet)

Lori Holder - daughter of Sam McAllister: Suffering with MS.

Teresa Alexander - friend of Renee Goodnight: Diagnosed with brain tumors and staph infection.

Hope Community - church plant in Wilmington, NC with Nate Stratman.

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

Servants

Greeters: Garrett Brady & Frank Gibson

Elder Lock-Up: Mike Freeman

Children's Church: Brian & Hannah Efird

Children's Church next week: Youth Sunday

Videographer: David Reed

Nursery: Lynn Efird

Nursery next week: Jenna Baker

Acolytes: Amelia Caskey & Abigail Malinovsky

Acolytes next week: Toby Caskey & Will Evans

Ushers: Fred Caskey, Mark Goodnight, Mallory McDaniel & Tony Sherrill

Ushers next week: Andrew & Jenna Baker, Mel Eaton & John Hammond

This Week

TODAY

9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -
Disciples Class

10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**

11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**

MONDAY

6:30 p.m. - **Saltshakers**

8:00 p.m. - **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)**

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. - **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**

2:00 p.m. - **Circle of Women**
(Editions Coffee Shop)

7:00 p.m. - **Session**

WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. - **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

7:30 p.m. - **Handbell Rehearsal**

THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. - **Thursday Morning**
Women's Bible Study

12:00 p.m. - **NA**

6:30 p.m. - **Boy Scouts**

7:00 p.m. - **Stewardship**

8:00 p.m. - **AA**

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -
Good News Class

10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**

11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**



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