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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

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

**~ Gathering before the Word ~****Prelude***Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

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**Moment for Missions****Welcome & Service of Friendship**

Pastor Darryl Evans

**\*Call to Worship**

How many and great are your works, O Lord!

**In wisdom you have made them all.**

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created.

**And so you renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord!

**The Lord's name be praised!****\*Hymn of Praise**

KINGS OF ORIENT

*We Three Kings*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 they 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, all men raising, worship Him, God on high. *(refrain)*Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom--  
sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb. *(refrain)*Glorious now behold Him arise: King and God and Sacrifice;  
alleluia, alleluia! Earth to heav'n replies. *(refrain)***\*Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Dear God,****We offer ourselves to you,  
aware that our sins are many.****Sometimes we go too fast.****Sometimes we sit too still.****We worry about the wrong things  
and neglect what is important.**

**We struggle to find the right balance.**

**Forgive us.**

**Restore us.**

**Help us to find the right measures  
of worship and service,  
of self-care and self-giving,  
of faith and hope and love,  
as we seek to follow the example of Jesus.**

*(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!**

**\*Psalm 147b**

Sung to the tune of WESTMINSTER ABBEY

A Psalm of Praise

Sing, Jerusalem, God's favor;  
Shout, O Zion, God's goodwill;  
Who, in time of tribulation,  
Shall be our Defender still.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your praise God's temple fill!

God brings peace within our borders;  
Fills our barns with finest grain;  
Snow, like fleece, the fields may cover,  
But with spring, new life they gain.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Faithful shall our Lord remain.

For all times God's word is with us;  
Ever swift the Lord's decree;  
Steadfast always to the nations  
Who to God shall faithful be.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Constant is our praise to Thee.

**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 ~**

**Word with our Children**

Tracy Caskey

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship his holy name.

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

**Anthem**

*What Star Is This?*

Tallis

Chancel Choir

**Scripture Reading**

Exodus 7:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

The God of Creation

Darryl Evans

“Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake.  
But Aaron’s staff swallowed up their staffs.”

–Exodus 7:12

## **~ Responding to the Word of God ~**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith – Psalm 93**

**The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;  
the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength;  
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.**

**Your throne was established long ago;  
you are from all eternity.**

**The seas have lifted up, Lord,  
the seas have lifted up their voice;  
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.**

**Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea—  
the Lord on high is mighty.**

**Your statutes, Lord, stand firm;  
holiness adorns your house  
for endless days.**

**Offering & Offertory**

Dich, harmony by JS Bach

*Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*

### **\*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**

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### **\*Benediction**

**\*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. You are warmly invited to stop by the Welcome Center just outside the sanctuary. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the education building.

## **Upcoming**

**The Circle of Women** will meet on Monday, January 8 at 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

**Saltshakers Women's Bible Study** resumes on Monday, January 8 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

**The JOY Group will have lunch** on Friday, January 19 at noon at Los Arcos. If you would like to carpool, please meet at the church at 11:30 am. A sign up sheet is located outside the parlor. Call Danny and Linda Bost at (704) 932-5689 for more information.

**Youth in grades 4th-8th are invited to a series of Youth Leadership Workshops** hosted by Tracy Caskey this winter. Topics to be covered will include speech, debate, time and money management and more. These will be held at the church from 6:00-7:30pm on January 24, February 7, February 21, and March 7.

**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.

## **Prayer Concerns**

**Arthur Fu**, Jessica Bell's brother, has cancer.

**Sherri Bridges**, mother of Danielle Byrd, friend of Laura McLain, cancer removed!

**Bob Faust**, at CMC-NE with pneumonia.

**Sue Edwards**, friend of Mike Freeze, has brain cancer.

**Jerry Sherrill**, Tony Sherrill's brother, at home with Hospice.

**Mark Goodnight**, recovering from surgery.



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## The Session

Rev. Dr. Darryl Evans, Moderator  
Wren Philpot, Clerk of Session

### Class of 2018

Danny Bost  
Peggy Gibson  
Mark Goodnight  
Sam McAllister

### Class of 2019

Garrett Brady  
Mike Freeman  
Allison Hammett  
Carol Lowder

## Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Darryl Evans  
Pastor

David Hamilton  
Director of Music

Tracy and Adam Caskey  
Youth Directors

Terri Pruett  
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates  
Organist

Irene Davis  
Nursery Director

**Shane Kluttz**, friend of Kay Yates, in an induced coma at Duke due to auto immune disease affecting his lungs.

**Jennifer Williams**, recovering at home.

**Rev. Don Greer**, grandfather of Chariti Lowder, recovering from surgery.

**A friend of the church**, reconciliation of family members, multiple family health issues, revival to be manifested.

**Betty Overcash**, now at home.

**Tink Wade**, friend of Jill McLain, breast cancer, facing chemo, surgery and radiation.

**Peggy Barnhardt**, recovering at home.

**Brian Landis**, stage 5 renal disease.

**Iris Efird**, recovering at home.

**Connie Rary** had a good one year report, and is still fighting cancer.

**Sharon Stricker**, recovering from hip replacement surgery.

**Farrar Griggs**, Restoration process after fire at Rocky Creek Presbyterian Church plus health concerns. **Emily Griggs**, back in Morocco

**Lori Holder**, daughter of Sam McAllister, has MS.

**Teresa Alexander**, friend of Renée Goodnight, brain tumors.

**Mark McDaniel**, lymphoma (Mal's brother), making good progress.

**Ron Lisenby**, leg and knee issues.

**Gene Griggs**, cousin of Farrar Griggs, suffered a stroke.

**Donna Whitley**, kidney disease.

**Debby Baker**, has cancer again.

**Linda Bost**, small, stable cerebral aneurysm.

**Loretta Young**, Alzheimer's is progressing and she is declining in health.

**Dwight Goodnight**, and his son, **Tod Goodnight** who is struggling with Parkinson's Disease.

## Special Church Member of the Week

### **Charles Seaford**

304 Larry Drive  
Kannapolis, NC 28083-6144

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."

**Juanita Holt**, continues to appreciate your calls, cards, and prayers while she continues to recuperate.

**Christ the Word** church plant in Rolesville, NC with Patrick Cherry.

**Dave Viscount**, friend of Mark Goodnight, suffering from ALS.

**Beth Barnhardt**, friend of Judy Hammond, is still having difficulty seeing clearly.

**Susan (Hodge) Thomas**, recovering from hip surgery.

**Joyce Weaver**, health issues.

**Don Hamilton**, Cookie's husband, is on dialysis.

**Liam Debord**, Hunters' grandson, fighting brain tumors.

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

## **Servants**

**Greeters:** Danny Bost & Garrett Brady

**Elder Lock-Up:** Mike Freeman

**Videographer:** David Reed

**Children's Message:** Tracy Caskey

**Children's Message Next Week:** Alpha Barger

**Children's Church Leader:** Tracy Caskey

**Children's Church Leader next week:** Jennifer Smith

**Nursery:** Hannah Efirid

**Nursery next week:** Mary Lee Evans

**Acolytes:** Amelia Caskey & Ella Sechler

**Acolytes next week:** Faith Reed & Caroline Smith

**Ushers:** Fred Caskey, Mark Goodnight, Mal McDaniel & Tony Sherrill

**Ushers next week:** Jeff Barnhardt, Danny Bost, John Hammond, Sam McAllister

## This Week

### TODAY

9:00 a.m. - **Prayer Fellowship** – Parlor  
All are welcome

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

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

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

### MONDAY

2:00 p.m. - **Circle of Women**

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

8:00 p.m. - **Alcoholics Anonymous**

### TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. - **Narcotics Anonymous**

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

7:30 p.m. - **Alleluia Ringers**

### THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. - **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

9:00 a.m. - **Prayer Fellowship** - Parlor  
All are welcome

9:15 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -  
Good News Class

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

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



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