



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Winkworth/Gesangbuch

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

Fred Caskey, piano

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Emma Sechler

Choral Call to Worship

Majesty

Choristers

Hayford; arr. Thomas

***Call to Worship**

Ella Sechler

One: Praise the Lord all nations!
Extol Him, all peoples!
For great is His steadfast love toward us,
And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

All: Come, let us praise the Lord!

***Hymn of Praise No. 351**

HYFRYDOL

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

***Prayer of Confession**

CJ Semcho

**Lord, we are like sheep, and we get lost.
We forget the needs of our friends,
and we do not love you above all else.
We need a Savior, so we long for Jesus.
Come, fill our lives, Jesus. Amen.**

(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 No. 896**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Daniel Pless

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 ~

Anthem

Sandi's Sunday School Sing-A-Long
Choristers

arr. Clydesdale

Word with our Children

Amelia Caskey

***Hymn of Preparation No. 859**

SLANE

Be Thou My Vision

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:13-31

Malaina Meeks

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Blessing

Darryl Evans

“And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.”

- Mark 10:16

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith - Psalm 103:11-13,17**

Toby Caskey

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children,

so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

...from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him,

and his righteousness with their children's children.

Offering & Offertory

Amazing Grace
Will Evans, piano

Newton

***Choral Congregation Response No. 877**

SCHUMANN

We Give Thee but Thine Own (verse 1)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving		Caylin Lowder
*Hymn of Commitment No. 770	<i>In Christ Alone</i>	
*Benediction		Fred Caskey
*Choral Benediction	<i>Go Now in Peace</i> Choristers	Besig
Postlude	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i> Amelia Caskey, piano	Wesley/Pritchard

***All who are able please stand.**
CCLI # 2221136

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.

December Financial Update

Year to date budget - \$275,252
Year to date income - \$276,958
Year to date expenses - \$268,986

Upcoming

Notes of thanks:

Dear Church Family, thank you for all the visits, calls, texts, kindnesses, and prayers during my recent hospital stay. Many thanks. *Steve Goodnight.*

Thank you to my church family for all the sweet thoughts, cards and prayers. I am feeling so much better now. *Mary Johns.*

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 beginning today, January 13 through February 3. Monetary donations may also be made through your offering (mark checks for Souper Bowl of Caring) or to our youth volunteers on February 3. All proceeds from the Souper Bowl of Caring will go to the Cooperative Christian Ministry of Cabarrus County.

The congregation is invited to a soup and salad luncheon immediately following worship on Sunday, January 27. Our Missions and Fellowship Teams will prepare the meal, which will be served on a donation basis. All proceeds will go towards our Souper Bowl of Caring Collection. At that time, your Session and Committee chairs will present an Annual Report for the year 2018. In addition, they will distribute a Gifts Inventory, which includes two versions - one for grades K-8 and one for adults. Please mark your calendars and begin to prayerfully consider the part you can play, at any age, in the ministry of our church body!

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 JOY Group will meet for lunch on Friday, January 18 at noon at China Grove Family Restaurant. If you would like to carpool, meet at the church at 11:30am. A sign up sheet is located outside the parlor. See Danny and Linda Bost for more information. "JOY" stands for **J**ust **O**lder **Y**outh. The JOY Group is a fellowship group open to all adults.

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

Our Wednesday Night Life activities will start back on January 23, as we welcome Sasha Tsutserov of the Moscow Evangelical Seminary. Dinner will be served at 5:45, followed by a special program (including our Choristers and Chancel Choir) at 6:30. Come hear what God is doing through this special ministry!

The congregation is cordially invited to a Diapers and Wipes Baby Shower! Please join us on Sunday, February 10 from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall as we "Pamper" Andrew & Jenna Baker and baby girl Presley Layne! More information may be found on their registries at Target and on Amazon.com. Congratulations, Bakers!!!

All JOY Group participants are cordially invited to "Agápē Bistro" on Saturday, February 16 for dinner and entertainment, presented by the Youth of First Presbyterian. Our Fellowship Hall will be transformed into a fine-dining experience, where our Youth will serve you and you will be delighted with entertainment honoring "The Greatest Generation"! Dinner will begin at 5:00, and transportation can be arranged. If you would like to attend, please fill out a postcard, located in the narthex or outside the Fellowship Hall, and place in the offering plate or Michelle Walker's box. Mark your calendar for this special event, as we honor our senior members!

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

David Grey - recovering from shoulder surgery.

Tony Hunter - Health concerns.

Steve Goodnight - now at home.

Mike Freeman - recovering from 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.

Special Church Member of the Week

Juanita Holt

113 Greenview Dr.

Kannapolis, NC 28081-7142

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

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Darryl Evans
Pastor

David Hamilton
Director of Music

Michelle Walker
Director of Children's Ministries

Terri Pruett
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates
Organist

Irene Davis
Nursery Director

Debby Baker - participating in a cancer clinical trial.

FAMILY OF MEMBERS

Melanie Misenheimer - Death of father.

Valerie & Natalie - great nieces of Dave & Jane Argabrite, pray for protection & healing against RSV.

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, at home with home healthcare now.

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.

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: Addie Evans, Erica Efird, Evie Sechler, Camryn Lowder

Elder Lock-Up: Mike Freeman

Children's Church: No Children's Church

Children's Church next week: Sam & Kay McAllister

Videographer: Michael Martens

Nursery: Jenna Baker

Nursery next week: Raegan Swaringen

Acolytes: Toby Caskey & Will Evans

Acolytes next week: Abigail Malinovsky & Ella Sechler

Ushers: Rylan Craft, Hudson Craft, Landon Walker, Noah Walker

Ushers next week: Amy Hurst, Phil & Jill McLain, and Lynn Sechler

This Week

TODAY

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

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**

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

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -
Walter Goodman Class

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

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

4:00 p.m. - **Women's Sunday Circle**



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