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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

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

**~ Gathering before the Word ~**

**Prelude**

*Ye Banks and Braes*

Scottish traditional

**Welcome & Service of Friendship**

Pastor Darryl Evans

**\*Call to Worship**

God has searched us and known us.

**God knows when we sit down and when we rise up.**

God discerns our thoughts from far away and is acquainted with all our ways.

**Such knowledge is too vast and wonderful.**

God knows us deeply and loves us endlessly.

**Praise God!**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 604**

*To God Be the Glory*

**\*Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Lord, you have searched us and known us.**

**You discern our thoughts from far away  
and are acquainted with all our ways.**

**You understand how lost we sometimes feel  
for evil has surrounded us.**

**We confess that we have acted in our own interests,  
without concern for others.**

**Loving God, forgive our selfishness  
and deliver us from evil.**

**Astound us with your mercy,  
ground us in your grace,  
and lead us In your way everlasting.**

*(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 72**

Sung to the tune of EIN' FESTE BURG

**A Prayer for Those Who Govern**

Grant justice, Lord, to those who rule;  
Let righteousness compel their hand;  
Their courts shall bear prosperity,  
And serve the poor throughout the land.  
O Lord, our cause defend;  
Deliv'rance quickly send  
To those who, bound in chains  
Of greed and selfish gains,  
Submit themselves to Thy command.

As long as sun and stars of space  
Walk their divine-appointed round;  
Long as endures our feeble race,  
The blessings of the Lord abound.  
Like rains that feed the field,  
Our Lord to us will yield  
The bounty and the peace  
Which God will never cease  
To shower where true faith is found.

God's righteousness extends to all  
Who seek assurance in distress;  
The weak who in their anguish bend  
When hate and violence oppress.  
As golden sheaves of grain,  
God's harvest we remain;  
All praise to God above!  
Who crowns our life with love,  
O bless God's name forever.

**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**

Alpha Barger

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**

*Christmas Joy*  
Chancel Choir

Schweizer

## Scripture Reading

Exodus 7:14-8:19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

A Double Heaping of Frogs

Darryl Evans

“The Nile will team with frogs. They will come up into your palace and your bedroom and onto your bed, into the houses of your officials and on your people, and into your ovens and kneading troughs.”

--Exodus 8:3

## ~ Responding to the Word of God ~

### \*Affirmation of Faith – Genesis 1:27-2:1

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

### Offering & Offertory

*Beach Spring*

The Sacred Harp, 1844

### \*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. 747

TRENTHAM

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

## \*Benediction

### Postlude

*Lobe den Herren*

Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

\*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 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 21, March 7, and March 21 (please note date change).

**Wednesday Night Life resumes on February 7**, with a Stop Hunger Now Meal Packing event. On February 14, there will be an Ash Wednesday service. From February 21 through March 28 we will have classes for the kids as well as an adult class on Hebrews taught by Darryl. More information to come!

**The Last Supper Presentation will be on Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm this year.** Our initial meeting with all those involved (cast members, co-directors, light/sound crew and committee chairs) will be on Sunday, January 21 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. We will plan and discuss our practice schedule and notebooks will be given to chairpersons as well as new copies of the script to the cast members. All involved, please plan to attend this important meeting. For more information, please see Jane Jacobs.

**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

**Chariti Lowder and family** on the passing of her grandfather, Randy Crainshaw, last week.

**Sharon Stricker**, upcoming health tests.

**Mike Williams**, now at home.

**Frances Milem**, at home.

**Family of Shane Kluttz**, friend of Kay Yates, passed away last week.

**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.

**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

#### **Loretta Young**

Five Oaks Manor

Room 302, Bed A

413 Winecoff School Road

Concord, NC 28027

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  
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

**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:** Michael Martens

**Children's Message:** Alpha Barger

**Children's Message Next Week:** Jennifer Linn

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

**Children's Church Leader next week:** Raegan Swaringen

**Nursery:** Mary Lee Evans

**Nursery next week:** Lynn Efirm

**Acolytes:** Faith Reed & Caroline Smith

**Acolytes next week:** Luke Burris & Fred Caskey

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

**Ushers next week:** Todd Adams, Phil & Jill McLain, Lynn Sechler

## This Week

### TODAY

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

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**

### TUESDAY

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

### 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**

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

### NEXT SUNDAY

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

9:15 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -  
Walter Goodman Class

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

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



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