



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Prelude *Fanfare and Meditation on Sweet By and By* Webster

Welcome & Service of Friendship Pastor Darryl Evans

Choral Call to Worship *Let All Things Now Living* ASH GROVE
Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship**

Mighty God, You welcome us into Your Kingdom as honored guests.

You give us water to wash our feet,

You give us a kiss of greeting,

and You anoint our heads with oil.

Merciful God, You welcome us even though we are sinners.

You forgive our debts and give us a seat at Your table.

Wondrous God, we have come here to give You our worship and praise.

May we make a joyful noise at Your table!

- Rev. Seth A. Normington

***Hymn of Praise No. 551**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All Creatures of Our God and King

***Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

O God,

Your love is boundless

and your grace exceeds our imaginations.

You seek us out; we cannot hide.

We confess sin leads us from your best way,

making us think you don't notice or that you are not present.

Correct our vision. Cleanse our hearts.

Create among us a place where we can welcome you

and receive the fullness of what you have given us in Jesus Christ.

(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.

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 ~

Anthem

City Called Heaven

Poelinitz

Jennifer Linn, soprano

Chancel Choir

Word with our Children

(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

Luke 7:36-50

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Belonging

Darryl Evans

"As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them."

-- Luke 7:38

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith -**

Lamentations 3:22-26

**Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.**

**They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.**

**I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him."**

**The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him,
to the one who seeks him;
it is good to wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.**

Offering & Offertory

There Is a Name I love to Hear

Davis

***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. 601**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

***Benediction**

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Major

arr. by Buszin

***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 "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 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 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 Sunday Women's Circle will meet for dinner today, January 20, at 5 PM at the Asian Cafe. Please contact Mary Lee to let her know whether or not you will make it. Email: marylee.evans@gmail.com; phone (252) 944-6264.

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 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!

Calling All Volunteers! If you will be working with our children this year and did not complete volunteer training in the fall, please plan to attend the next training session. We will meet on Sunday, January 27 at approximately 2:00pm. (We may start earlier if the Congregational Meal is complete). See Michelle Walker if you have any questions, or this time is not convenient.

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!

Winter Jam Tour Spectacular 2019 is coming to Greensboro Coliseum on Saturday, February 23. ALL Youth are invited to join us! Tickets are \$15 and only available at the door, which opens at 5:00. Our group will leave the church no later than 4:00. Please let Michelle Walker know if you are interested in going, so we can arrange appropriate transportation and chaperones.

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

Mike Williams - recovering from surgery last Wednesday.

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.

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

Travis Boan & Family - friend of Chariti Lowder, completed radiation treatments and doing fantastic!

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.

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.

Special Church Member of the Week

Tod Goodnight

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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

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

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: Sam & Kay McAllister

Children's Church next week: Chris & Chariti Lowder

Videographer: David Reed

Nursery: Raegan Swaringen

Nursery next week: Ali Craft

Acolytes: Abigail Malinovsky & Ella Sechler

Acolytes next week: Toby Caskey & Will Evans

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

Ushers next week: Mike Freeman, Tony Hunter, Todd & Daniel Pless

This Week

TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -
Walter Goodman Class
10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**
5:00 p.m. - **Women's Sunday Circle**
at the Asian Cafe

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- 5:00 p.m. - **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**
5:45 p.m. - **Wednesday Supper**
6:30 p.m. - **Special Program**
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** -
New Connection Class
10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**
12:00 p.m. - **Soup & Salad Luncheon**



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