



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Prelude***Introduction and Toccata*

William Wolond

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Pastor Darryl Evans

***Call to Worship - Psalm 100**

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Hymn of Praise No. 328Lead On, O King Eternal*

LANCASHIRE

***Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church,
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world.**

**Yet we are more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.**

Have mercy upon us.

**Remove the obstacles preventing us
from being your representatives to a broken world.**

**Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name.**

(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 40

Sung to the tune of ST. CHRISTOPHER

A Song of Delight in the Lord

With patient hope I waited
For God to hear my plea;
And from the depths of my despair,
God's arm uplifted me.
My feet are set upon the rock,
Where none can make me fall;
My mouth is filled with songs of praise
To God, my all in all.

How blest the truly faithful,
Who trust the Lord of Hosts;
They set no store in empty pride,
No hope in idle boasts.
The treasures of our fragile minds,
False gods of wealth and fame,
Are naught to those who know God's works,
And kneel before God's name.

The ancient cost of pardon
Thy law no more requires;
A willing and compliant heart
Fulfills the Lord's desire.
I always sing of God's goodwill,
God's praise is my delight:
My joy, to know this humble life
Is pleasing in God's sight.

I celebrate the goodness
Which God has shown to me:
The patience to endure my cross,
The grace to set me free.
The gifts I truly prize are such
That earth cannot remove:
God's favor for my faithfulness,
And mercy for my love.

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

Jennifer Linn

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 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.)

Anthem

Rambo, traditional Londonderry tune

He Looked Beyond My Fault

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Exodus 8:20-9:12

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Goshen

Darryl Evans

“But on that day I will deal differently with the land of Goshen, where my people live; no swarms of flies will be there, so that you will know that I, the Lord, am in this land...”

-Exodus 8:22

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith – Matthew 5:13-16**

You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Offering & Offertory

Air

JS Bach

***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. 483**

Come, We that Love the Lord

MARCHING TO ZION

***Benediction**

Postlude

Psalm 19

Marcello

***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 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

Attention all ladies: Come join us Monday night, January 21, from 7:15 PM until 8 PM in the Fellowship Hall to hear a lecture on Samson and his life. You will be BLESSED!!

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!

Join us for the Stop Hunger Now meal packing event in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 6:15 pm. This year, we are packaging over 10,000 meals at a cost of \$2,945. We need help to offset the cost of this event so your donations would be greatly appreciated! Just place your check in the offering plate marked Stop Hunger Now. More information on the event and a link to register coming soon!

The Last Supper Presentation will be on Palm Sunday, March 25th 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

Jacob Troutman, grandson of Bill & Judy Hammond and son of Faith.

Tony Sherrill, in the passing of his brother, Jerry, last week.

Sharon Stricker, upcoming health tests.

Mike Williams, now at home.

Frances Milem, at home.

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

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

Jennifer Williams, upcoming surgery in February.

Rev. Don Greer, grandfather of Chariti Lowder, recovering well from bypass surgery and pacemaker 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, waiting for transplant.

Iris Efird, recovering at home.

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

Farrar Griggs, Restoration process after fire at Rocky Creek Presbyterian Church. **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.

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

Donna Whitley, kidney disease.

Debby Baker, participating in a clinical trial.

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.

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.

Joyce Weaver, health issues.

Don Hamilton, Cookie's husband, is on dialysis (port).

Special Church Member of the Week

Charles Seaford

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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
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

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: Jennifer Linn

Children's Message Next Week: Jennifer Smith

Children's Church Leader: Raegan Swaringen

Children's Church Leader next week: Brian & Hannah Efirid

Nursery: Lynn Efirid

Nursery next week: Chariti Lowder

Acolytes: Luke Burris & Fred Caskey

Acolytes next week: Amelia Caskey & Abigail Malinovsky

Ushers: Todd Adams, Phil & Jill McLain, Lynn Sechler

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

This Week

TODAY

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

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. - **Last Supper Meeting**

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. - **Youth Leadership**
Workshop

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
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9:15 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -
New Connection Class

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

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



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