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**PRESBYTERIAN**  

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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

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

~ **Gathering before the Word** ~

**Prelude**

*I Call to Thee Lord*

JS Bach

**Welcome & Service of Friendship**

Pastor Darryl Evans

**\*Call to Worship**

(Isaiah 2:5; Jer 50:5)

Come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord.

**Let us join ourselves to the Lord  
in an everlasting covenant  
that will never be forgotten.**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 570**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*From All That Dwells Below the Skies*

**\*Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Gracious and loving God,  
how much more could we ask of you,  
how much more could you give us,  
than what you have given us in Jesus Christ?**

**Help us to claim the fullness of your grace.  
Help us to delight in following your leading.  
Help us to live from the heart you have given us.  
Fulfill your will in us and through us,  
that the world would see in us  
a witness to your power and glory.**

*(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 111**

Sung to the tune of WESTMINSTER ABBEY

A Psalm of Praise to God

With my heart, I praise my Maker  
Ever in God's temple sing;  
Great and glorious are God's mercies,  
Endless honor shall we bring  
To the Lord; let all creation  
With great adoration ring!

God, all gracious and all caring,  
Send Your blessings from above;  
If in wrath, Your arm works vengeance,  
Can Your heart with pity move?  
May our sins by grace inherit  
Justice tempered with Your love.

All Your laws are sure established,  
Wrought with love and equity;  
And the promise of Your mercy  
Shall endure all time to be.  
Those whose lips sing of Your glory  
Evermore Your face shall see.

## **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 Smith

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**

*He Never Failed Me Yet*

Ray

Chancel Choir

### **Scripture Reading**

Exodus 10:21-11:10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

The Healthy Heart

Darryl Evans

“Just as you say,” Moses replied, “I will never appear before you again.”

-Exodus 10:29

“The Lord gave favor to the people in the eyes of the Egyptians, and Moses himself was highly regarded in Egypt by Pharaoh's officials and by the people.”

-Exodus 11:3

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

### **\*Affirmation of Faith – Colossians 1:9b-14**

**We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a**

life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Offering & Offertory**

*Kum Ba Yah*

Wilson

**\*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. 440**

AUGHTON

*He Leadeth Me*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Postlude in a Classic Style*

Young

**\*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

**A new covenant partners** (i.e. new members) class is being scheduled for the four weeks of February during the Sunday School hour (10-10:45 am) with Darryl in the fellowship hall. Please let Darryl know if you would like to attend. Those who are already members and would like to learn more about ECO or our new members are welcome to come as well.

**We will once again be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring** on February 4. Members of the congregation are asked to bring soups and other canned goods which will be taken to Cabarrus Christian Ministry for distribution to those in need. Bring your cans to worship on February 4 or to Wednesday Night Life on February 7 and place in the bins provided.

**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, money management and more. These will be held at the church from 6:00-7:30pm on February 21, March 7, and March 21.

**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 at 7:00 pm (no supper will be served). From February 21 through March 28 we will have classes for the kids as well as an adult class on Hebrews taught by Darryl.

**Join us for the Stop Hunger Now meal packing event** in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 6:15 pm. Pizza supper will be at 5:45 p.m. This year, we are packaging over 10,000 meals at a cost of \$2,945. To register, visit <http://events.stophungernow.org/1PresKannapolis>. 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.

**On Good Friday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m.**, The Chancel Choir, instrumentalists and soloists will present *The Seven Last Words of Christ* by Theodore Dubois. The seven last words of Christ or seven sayings of Jesus on the cross are a traditional collection of short phrases uttered by Jesus at His crucifixion immediately before He died, gathered from the four Gospels. The drama and urgency in the musical score have a sweeping sound that takes us into the middle of Christ's passion. Please tell friends and family, and consider inviting someone new to church for this special service.

**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

**Gerald Whitaker**, Melissa Keasler's dad, is in the hospital down in Florida.

**Landra Goodnight Staab**, beginning treatments.

**Ralph Caskey**, Adam's dad, hip surgery.

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

**Sharon Stricker**, thankful for everyone's prayers and good test results.

**Buttner family**, friends of Ellen Little, on the death of their mother Rona; multiple family health issues; salvation of friends.

**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.

**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.

### Special Church Member of the Week

#### Joe Crawford

Black Mountain Neuro-Medical  
Treatment Center  
932 Old US Hwy 70  
Black Mountain, NC 28711

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

**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).

**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:** Jennifer Smith

**Children's Message Next Week:** Communion

**Children's Church Leader:** Brian & Hannah Efird

**Children's Church Leader next week:** Erin Burris

**Nursery:** Chariti Lowder

**Nursery next week:** Shannon Sechler

**Acolytes:** Amelia Caskey & Abigail Malinovsky

**Acolytes next week:** Luke Burris & Ella Sechler

**Ushers:** Mike Freeman, Tony Hunter, Todd & Daniel Pless

**Ushers next week:** Paul Barnhardt, Doug & Amelia Goodnight, & Michael Martens

## This Week

### TODAY

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

9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -  
New Connection 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 - Communion

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

9:15 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -  
Disciples Class

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

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



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