



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Prelude *Break Bread Together* Spiritual

Choral Call to Worship *Like a Tree* Bryce
Chancel Choir

Welcome & Service of Friendship Pastor Darryl Evans

***Call to Worship**

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved;
though the mountains be toppled into the sea.**

God is in our midst.

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

***Hymn of Praise No. 521**

NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

***Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Almighty God,
in power and love
you have exalted the Son, Jesus Christ,
to reign with you in eternal glory.
We confess our resistance to Christ's rule:
our slowness to respond in faith,
our reluctance to be thankful,
our complaining and lack of hope.**

**Forgive us and make us new.
Rule in us that we might be a part of your Kingdom
on earth as it is in Heaven.**

(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

Give Me Jesus
Judy Hunter, alto

arr. Harlan

First Reading

Acts 17:1-10

Word with our Children

Jennifer Linn

(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.)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Future Hope

Darryl Evans

"You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit."

-1 Thessalonians 1:6

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith**

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Sacrament of Communion

Offering & Offertory

In Remembrance

Red

***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. 840**

COMMUNION HYMN

Behold the Lamb

***Benediction**

Postlude

To God Be the Glory

Doane

***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 their Children's Church in our Educational Building. 4-year-olds will meet in the nursery, where they are learning from the Gospel Light Preschool unit entitled "Thank You, God!" K-2nd graders are participating in the Kids Quest Catechism Club, and will meet on the 3rd floor. Parents should report to their child's classroom after worship to pick them up.

Upcoming

A note of thanks: Dear First Presbyterian Church Members, I can't thank you enough for your generous gifts to the students at Jackson Park Elementary. Please know how much you've helped our students and how much we all appreciate it! Warmly, *Amber Lane, School Counselor*

Today is communion Sunday when we traditionally collect donations for the Good Sam Fund. We have been blessed to have been able to help several of those in need this year. If you could prayerfully consider giving to this fund, we will be able to help many more of those who are in need. Thank you for your generosity!

The Missions Team is once again excited to support the Souper Bowl of Caring! Today is the last day for collections. Monetary donations may also be made through your offering (mark checks for Souper Bowl of Caring) or to our youth volunteers today. All proceeds from the Souper Bowl of Caring will go to the Cooperative Christian Ministry of Cabarrus County.

Wednesday Night Life continues this week. Chancel Choir rehearsal begins at 5pm, followed by Choristers rehearsal from 5:45pm - 6:00pm. Dinner will be served weekly from 5:45pm-6:30pm. After dinner, preschoolers are invited to explore Discovery Club, while our elementary-aged children participate in KIDS (Kids in Divine Service) Church, and our middle-schoolers begin work on another wonderful video project. All children's classes meet on the 3rd floor. Adults will meet in the Drummond Classroom for The Daniel Plan, led by Renee Goodnight. Come join us as we fellowship and learn together! The cost of supper is \$5.00 per person/\$20 per family.

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! Deadline to sign up is Sunday, Feb. 10.

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. Deadline to let Michelle know is Sunday, Feb. 17.

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 - at rehab.

David Grey - recovering from shoulder surgery.

Tony Hunter - Health concerns.

Mike Freeman - recovering from neck surgery.

Iris Efird - recovering from surgery.

Mary Johns - done with surgeries and is doing well.

Emily Griggs - teacher in Casablanca.

Donna Whitley - 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

Michael - Connie Lisenby's cousin died. He is the fourth child her dear Aunt Helen has had to bury.

Pat - Sister of Frances Milem passed away last week.

Rose - sister of Ellen Little, kidney stone and liver mass.

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.

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.

Special Church Member of the Week

Claudine Larson

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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

Prayer request? Please write it down on the blue pew prayer card, & place in the offering plate.

Servants

Greeters: Allison Hammett & Gip Rumble

Elder Lock-Up: Jeff Barnhardt

Children's Church: Ryan & Michelle Walker

Children's Church next week: Andrew & Jenna Baker

Videographer: David Reed

Children's Message: Jennifer Linn

Nursery: Shannon Sechler

Nursery next week: Allison Hammett

Acolytes: Amelia Caskey & Ella Sechler

Acolytes next week: Toby Caskey & Will Evans

Ushers: Andrew & Jenna Baker, Bobby Hallman & Ron Lisenby

Ushers next week: Paul Barnhardt, Doug & Amelia Goodnight, & C.J. Semcho

This Week

TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -
Disciples 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 (NA)**

WEDNESDAY

- 5:00 p.m. - **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**
5:45 p.m. - **Choristers**
5:45 p.m. - **Wednesday Supper**
6:30 p.m. - **Children's Classes**
6:30 p.m. - **The Daniel Plan**
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** -
Good News Class
10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**
2:00 p.m. - **Baby Shower for**
Jenna Baker



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