



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Prelude***I Know a Fount*

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Welcome & Service of Friendship

Pastor Darryl Evans

***Call to Worship**

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment. Love one another."

And they will know we are Christians by our love.

"Love one another, just as I have loved you."

We will be known as Christ's disciples by our love.***Hymn of Praise No. 534**

HOLY MANNA

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly****Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

O God,**In the breaking of bread and the pouring of wine,
we become aware of the depth of your self-giving love;
and we see our own failures to live as a people
who have been fed by you.****In a world hungry for food and thirsty for compassion,
we are often stingy and hardened.****We make our tables exclusive and share only with those we like.****Forgive our selfishness and have mercy upon us.****Give us glad and generous hearts,****so that we may give freely in the example of Jesus.***(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 112**

Sung to the tune of HANOVER

A Wisdom Psalm

How happy are they, whose eager delight
Is none but to praise and serve Thee aright;
Who make, Lord, Thy will their
unquestioned decree,
And nurture their children in reverence to Thee.

Forever the Lord will honor the race
Which worships in awe, and prospers in grace;
In darkness, the godly a radiance shall find,
And equal compassion for those who are kind.

In presence of foes, the just shall not fear,
For peace is God's vow, and ever is near;
To those who in confidence rest on God's will,
God's unmeasured mercies their vict'ry fulfill.

From bountiful stores, God's generous hand
Shall scatter its good far over the land;
The poor shall inherit the wealth of the proud,
And tongues of the righteous sing praises aloud!

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 ~

***Hymn of Preparation No. 837**

Let Us Break Bread Together

(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

from Exodus 12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Passover

Darryl Evans

"When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood [of the lamb] on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down."

-Exodus 12:23

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith – Luke 22:7, 14-20**

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed...

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

Upcoming

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!

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.

Today is the Souper Bowl of Caring. 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 today or to Wednesday Night Life on February 7 and place in the bins provided.

ATTENTION SALTSHAKERS: There will be no Saltshakers on Monday, February 5th. Continue to do the lessons as shown in the notebook (complete lessons 13 and 14 before February 12).

Wednesday Night Life resumes this week on February 7, with a Stop Hunger Now Meal Packing event in the fellowship hall at 6:15 pm. This year, we are packaging over 10,000 meals at a cost of \$2,945. **We ask everyone who will attend the event to please go online to <http://events.stophungernow.org/1PresKannapolis> and register as a volunteer. This will cut down on the traffic jam at the registration table the day of the event and allow us to save paper.** 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. **Pizza supper will be at 5:45 p.m.** Cost is \$5 per person over five years of age, under five are free, \$20 maximum for a family. So we can get an accurate count, please indicate on the pew pads how many in your family will be coming on Wednesday night and circle it. See this week's schedule for more details. From February 21 through March 28 we will have classes for the kids as well as an adult class on Hebrews taught by Darryl.

Sisters in Christ Gathering! Come join us for the closing event of our partnering. We are meeting Saturday, February 10 10am-11:30am. This will be a special time for connecting with our pairs and sharing about our experiences together. Please reach out to your partner and plan to come! It also will be a time to make Love Buckets and Bags! These buckets will be a way to reach out to those in need in our community. When we see folks on the side of the road with a sign asking for help, we can keep these bags handy in our car to hand out to them. Please bring items to fill these bags. Here are some suggestions:

- Packs of crackers or any kind of individual snack packs
- Cans of fruit
- Vienna sausages with a pull tab
- Water bottles
- Chapstick
- Hard candy

- Small devotional packet or small Bible

Feel free to be creative with what you bring. It just needs to be small sized, easily opened and something you think others would enjoy.

All children and youth are invited to participate in a service project on Saturday, February 10th from 11:30-1:00. We will make cards of encouragement to add to the Love Buckets and Bags made by the Sisters in Christ as well as assemble a few buckets and bags of our own. Lunch will be provided. Bring a friend!

The Circle of Women will meet on Monday, February 12 at 2:00 pm in the parlor.

On February 14, there will be an Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm (no supper will be served).

All volunteers who work with the children and youth at First Presbyterian and are not currently CPR/AED certified are invited and encouraged to participate in a CPR/AED certification class on February 20th at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please let the office or Tracy Caskey know if you plan to attend by February 11th. Sign-up is required for participation as there are only twelve available spots and the class cost is covered. If you have any questions please see Tracy Caskey.

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.

***The Last Supper* presentation** will be on Palm Sunday, March 25 at 8:00 pm. Invite your friends!

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.

Ellen Little, multiple family health issues; salvation of friends.



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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

Mike Williams, now at home.

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

Sue Edwards, friend of Mike
Freeman, 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.

Iris Efird, at home.

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

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.

Donna Whitley, kidney disease.

Debby Baker, participating in a clinical trial.

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.

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

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

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."

Servants

Greeters: Mark Goodnight & Allison Hammett

Elder Lock-Up: Peggy Gibson

Videographer: David Reed

Children's Message: Communion

Children's Message Next Week: Malaina Meeks

Children's Church Leader: Erin Burris

Children's Church Leader next week: Sam & Kay McAllister

Nursery: Shannon Sechler

Nursery next week: Laura McLain

Acolytes: Luke Burris & Ella Sechler

Acolytes next week: Abigail Malinovsky & Caroline Smith

Ushers: Paul Barnhardt, Doug & Amelia Goodnight, & Michael Martens

Ushers next week: William Baker, Amy Hurst, John Roberson & Bill Stricker,

This Week

TODAY - Souper Bowl of Caring

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

9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -
Disciples Class

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

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

MONDAY

No Saltshakers Bible Study

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

4:30 p.m. - **CE Team**

5:45 p.m. - **Wednesday Supper**

6:15 p.m. - **Stop Hunger Now Meal
Packing**

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
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9:15 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -
Good News Class

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

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



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