



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ **Gathering before the Word** ~

Prelude

Union Seminary

Friedell

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Pastor Darryl Evans

***Call to Worship**

God is my strength and my might.

Praise God for all God's greatness and power.

God is majestic in holiness and awesome in splendor.

Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall give praise to God.

***Hymn of Praise No. 426**

OLIVET

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

***Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Eternal and merciful God,
you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.
Yet we have strayed from your way;
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone.**

**As we remember the lavish gift of your grace
symbolized in baptism,
we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.
Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin,
and to rise daily to new life in Christ,
who lives and reigns with you,
and in whose strong name we pray.**

(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 50**

Sung to the tune of ELLACOMBE

A Psalm of Judgement

The Mighty One, the LORD of Hosts,
Speaks and the world obeys;
From dawn until the setting sun,
God's wonder earth displays.
The perfect beauty all around

From Zion's height shines forth;
And stars across the firmament
So brightly beam their worth.

God comes, not with a silent form,
But riding on the winds;
Before God's face, the raging storm
Its blasts of thunder sends
All hail the Judge, in bold array,
Who weighs our righteousness
Against all sin, and with whose grace
Deigns faithful hearts to bless.

The heav'ns declare Thy justice, LORD,
As endless as the sky;
Against the taunts of disbelief,
Our God will testify.
Receive my heartfelt gift of thanks
As honor to Thy might;
Refresh my faith with each new day;
Protect me through the night.

Sacrament of Baptism

Cierstyn Lowder

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

Adam Caskey

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

Consider
Chancel Choir

Martin

Scripture Reading

Exodus 14

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

“Pharaoh will say of the Israelites, ‘They are wandering aimlessly in the land;
the wilderness has closed in on them.’”

-Exodus 14:3

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Affirmation of Faith – Genesis 1:1-10

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

Offering & Offertory

What a Friend

Converse

*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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father’s throne
Make all my wants and wishes known:
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter’s snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless:
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His word, and trust His grace,
I’ll cast on Him my every care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Postludium

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 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.

January Financial Update

Year to date budget - \$22,937.67

Year to date income - \$15,878.00

Year to date expenses - \$22,579.99

Upcoming

Today we celebrate the baptism of Cierstyn Lowder, daughter of Chris and Chariti Lowder, granddaughter of Mike and Carol Lowder.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Thyra Roberts, by Ginger Pack.

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

Join us on February 14, for an Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm (no supper will be served).

Time is approaching for our officer elections. Members of the congregation are invited to submit names of persons to be considered for elders to serve in our next class. If you wish to nominate someone, please fill out the form below and place in offering plate.

I wish to nominate the person/persons below for the office of elder:

Tear off and place in offering plate

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.

Youth in 4th grade and up mark your calendars for the 2018 Progressive Dinner on Saturday, March 10th. We will meet at the church at 6:00pm to carpool to our hosts' homes for three different courses. If you are interested in attending or in opening your home as a host for the appetizer/salad course please see Tracy Caskey. Thank you to those hosting our main course and dessert!

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

Lynn Efird, health concerns and upcoming procedure.

Gip Rumble's father passed away last week. Please keep the Rumples in your prayers.

Joyce Deal's grandson, Alex, had a serious skiing accident.

Landra Goodnight Staab, beginning treatments.

Ralph Caskey, Adam's dad, hip surgery.

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

Special Church Member of the Week

Charles Seaford
304 Larry Drive
Kannapolis, NC 28083-6144

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

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

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, making progress; awaiting pathology report.

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.

Servants

Greeters: Mark Goodnight & Allison Hammett

Elder Lock-Up: Peggy Gibson

Videographer: Michael Martens

Children's Message: Adam Caskey

Children's Message Next Week: Malaina Meeks

Children's Church Leader: Sam & Kay McAllister

Children's Church Leader next week: Ali Craft

Nursery: Laura McLain

Nursery next week: Raegan Swaringen

Acolytes: Abigail Malinovsky & Caroline Smith

Acolytes next week: Amelia Caskey & Ella Sechler

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

Ushers next week: Andrew & Jenna Baker, Jason & Erin Burris

This Week

TODAY

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

All are welcome

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

Good News Class

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

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

MONDAY

2:00 p.m. - **Circle of Women**

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

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

TUESDAY

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

7:00 p.m. - **Session**

WEDNESDAY - Ash Wednesday

6:30 p.m. - **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

7:00 p.m. - **Ash Wednesday Service**

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

All are welcome

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

Walter Goodman Class

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

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



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