



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Prelude *This Is My Father's World/He's Got the Whole World* arr. Adams
Christy Heinz, alto saxophone
Kay Yates, piano

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

Welcome & Service of Friendship Pastor Darryl Evans

***Call to Worship**

--from Isaiah 49:13

Sing for joy, O heavens and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!

**For the Lord has comforted his people
and will have compassion on his afflicted.**

***Hymn of Praise No. 492**

ITALIAN HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

***Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

(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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Alleluia Ringers

Helman

Word with our Children

Alpha Barger

(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

I Thessalonians 2:13-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Orphaned

Darryl Evans

"...we were made orphans by being separated from you..."

-- I Thessalonians 2:17, NRSV

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith**

Matthew 22:34-40

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Offering & Offertory

Exultation
Alleluia Ringers

Compton

***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. 348**

FAITHFULNESS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

***Benediction**

Postlude

Fugue No. 4

JS Bach

***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.

January Financial Update

Year to date budget - \$23,619

Year to date income - \$18,176

Year to date expenses - \$20,417

Upcoming

A note of thanks: Dear Church Family,

Andrew and I will never be able to thank each of you enough for the wonderful and gracious baby shower that was given on Sunday. We are truly blessed and honored to have such giving and thoughtful people in our lives. A special thank you to the Sunday Women's Circle and Circle of Women's groups, Irene Davis, Lynn Efird, Allison Hammett and Carol Lowder for hosting and preparing for the event. Thank you again for all the support and we are eager to watch Presley grow up in FPC with the love and fellowship that you have provided us all these years.

- Andrew and Jenna Baker

If you missed the annual report, copies of it and the Gifts Inventory are located in the narthex. Pick one up and if you would also fill out the Gifts Inventory and return to the church office, we would appreciate it.

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.

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. TODAY is the deadline to sign up.

The Men's Fellowship Group will meet on Saturday, March 2, 2019. We will have sausage biscuits and coffee and juice. Please come and bring a friend or neighbor. We will discuss upcoming projects for this spring. We gather at 9:00 a.m. and will be finished on or before 10:00 a.m. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

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

Bill Hammond – health concerns.
Mike Williams – now at home.
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

Jason Gibson - Frank's son, surgery completed and went well. Now the healing begins!
Rose - sister of Ellen Little, kidney stone and liver mass.
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.
Prayer request? Please write it down on the blue pew prayer card, & place in the offering plate.

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
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

Servants

Greeters: Allison Hammett & Gip Rumble

Elder Lock-Up: Jeff Barnhardt

Children's Message: Alpha Barger

Children's Message next week: Andrew & Jenna Baker

Children's Church: Shannon & Emma Sechler

Children's Church next week: Alpha Barger & Sharon Stricker

Videographer: David Reed

Nursery: Sharon Stricker

Nursery next week: Linda Grebler

Acolytes: Amelia Caskey & Abigail Malinovsky

Acolytes next week: Toby Caskey & Will Evans

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

Ushers next week: Danny Bost, Fred Caskey, Mel Eaton & Mal McDaniel

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** -

New Connection Class

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

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



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