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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

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

**~ Gathering before the Word ~**

**Welcome**

Dr. Stuart Bond

**Prelude**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Mason

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**\*Call to Worship**

(Psalm 8, The Message)

**God, brilliant Lord,**

**Yours is a household name.**

**Nursing infants gurgle choruses about You;**

**toddlers shout the songs**

**That drown out enemy talk,**

**and silence atheist babble.**

**I look up at Your macro-skies, dark and enormous,**

**Your handmade sky-jewelry,**

**Moon and stars mounted in their settings.**

**Then I look at my micro-self and wonder,**

**Why do You bother with us?**

**Why take a second look our way?**

**Yet we've so narrowly missed being gods,**

**bright with Eden's dawn light.**

**You put us in charge of Your handcrafted world,**

**repeated to us Your Genesis-charge,**

**Made us lords of sheep and cattle,**

**even animals out in the wild,**

**Birds flying and fish swimming,**

**whales singing in the ocean deeps.**

**God, brilliant Lord,**

**Your name echoes around the world.**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 538**

NICAEA

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

## **\*Prayer of Confession**

**Compassionate God,**

**Greet us with Your grace this day, for we need You. We cannot save ourselves. Though we may be frantic with activity, our efforts do not yield peace, peace as only You can give. Today we would be quiet enough to hear Your voice. Today we would be still enough to feel Your touch. Help us to find that place where we can receive as well as give, wait as well as act, and listen as well as speak. And it is not just us. Our whole world needs Your peace. Let the nations come before You and learn Your ways, laying down weapons and lifting one another up. Come to us now, through Jesus the Christ.**

*Silent confession (Amen.)*

Friends, hear God's word:

**If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, renewed and restored.

## **\*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.

## **Moment for Stewardship**

Frank Gibson & Gip Rumble

## **Thanksgiving & Prayers of the People**

**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 ~**

### **10 Cents a Meal**

Amelia Caskey

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High.

Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in You our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is

The Name of Jesus Christ my King, what a beautiful Name it is.

Nothing compares to this, what a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

(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**

*Teach Me Your Way, O Lord*

Larson

Chancel Choir

Teach me Your way, O Lord; teach me thy way!  
 Your guiding grace afford; teach me Your way!  
 Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight;  
 lead me with heav'nly light; teach me Your way!

When I am sad at heart, teach me Your way!  
 When earthly joys depart, teach me Your way!  
 In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,  
 in failure or success, teach me Your way!

When doubts and fears arise, teach me Your way!  
 When storms o'erspread the skies, teach me Your way!  
 Shine thro' the cloud and rain, thro' sorrow, toil, and pain;  
 make my pathway plain; teach me Your way!

Long as my life shall last, teach me Your way!  
 Where'er my lot be cast, teach me Your way!  
 Until the race is run, until the journey's done,  
 until the crown is won, teach me Your way!

**Scripture Reading**

Colossians 3:1-11

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

**Sermon**

Taking it All Off

Dr. Stuart Bond

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

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
 and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy  
 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
 dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from  
 the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the  
 Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of  
 saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life  
 everlasting.**

**Offering & Offertory**

*Arise/Restoration*

Southern Harmony, 1835

**\*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. 521**

NETTLETON

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Blessed Assurance*

Knapp

**\*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. Please sign the attendance pad located at the end of each pew. If you have a prayer request, please fill out the blue prayer card or call the church office 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. Parents should report to their child's classroom after worship to pick them up.

## Upcoming

Today is the deadline for the **Cabarrus Women's Shelter Baby Bottle Campaign**. Please place your filled bottles in the collection bin in the Narthex.

**Saltshakers is taking a break this week.** They will resume on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Please join us for a special Ash Wednesday service** on February 26 at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. There will be no meal that evening.

**If anyone is interested in joining our new Security Team**, please contact Ryan Walker at 704-223-5255.

**The Middle/Senior High Youth want you to get creative!** They are starting a "Creative Kids" drive to collect items that they will bag up and deliver to the Salvation Army Homeless Shelter and CVAN for kids who enter those residences. Our goal is 50 bags – 25 girl and 25 boy. Please place the following items in collection bins outside the Narthex and Fellowship Hall: crayons, markers, pencils, coloring/activity books, puzzle books, blank paper, watercolor paint trays, stickers, play doh, puzzles, and small boxes of building bricks. See Emma Sechler if you have questions. Thank you for your support!

**Collection continues for the Jackson Park Elementary food pantry and clothing closet.** See an information sheet in the Narthex for specific needs. Donations may be placed on the bookshelf in the Youth Room.

**Mark your calendar for Women without Reservations upcoming events!**

- Friday, March 27 **\*\*\*note date change\*\*\*** - Outing to Barn Dinner Theatre in Greensboro for "9 to 5: The Musical".

All women of the church are invited to join us! Please see Tracy Casey or Michelle Walker for more information.

**The Youth of First Presbyterian will host a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Fundraiser** on Tuesday, February 25 from 5-7pm. They will serve all-you-can-eat pancakes with fruit toppings and syrup, along with bacon and sausage. Tickets are \$7.00 and may be purchased from a member of the Middle/Senior High Youth or Michelle Walker. **TODAY is the deadline for tickets.**

**A CPR/ AED training is being scheduled for Saturday March 7th** 9 am - 12 pm in the fellowship hall. This training will be open to anyone in the congregation who wishes to attend at no cost. A signup sheet will be placed in the narthex so please sign up so we know how many to plan for.

**The Missions Team is sponsoring a second trip to Southport, NC on April 15 - 19.** We will continue Hurricane Recovery work in the area. Please see Debbie McDaniel or Michelle Walker if you are interested in going with us!

**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.



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## **The Session**

Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk of Session

### Class of 2020

Jeff Barnhardt  
Frank Gibson  
Phil McLain  
Gip Rumble

### Class of 2021

Renée Goodnight  
Debbie McDaniel  
Bill Stricker  
Ryan Walker

## **Church Staff**

Dr. Stuart Bond  
Transitional 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**

**Greeter:** Renée Goodnight

**Elder Lock-Up:** Ryan Walker

**Children's Message:** Amelia Caskey

**Children's Message next week:** Michelle Walker

**Children's Church:** Ryan & Michelle Walker

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

**Videographer:** Michael Martens

**Acolytes:** Landon & Noah Walker

**Acolytes next week:** Erica Efird & Caylin Lowder

**Nursery:** Lynn Efird & Amelia Caskey

**Nursery next week:** Chariti Lowder (11:00)

**Ushers:** Jeff Barnhardt, Fred Caskey, Mike Freeman & Tony Hunter

**Ushers next week:** John Hammond, Phil & Jill McLain, Tony Sherrill

## This Week

### TODAY

9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour**  
Missions Team  
10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**  
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**

### MONDAY

6:00 p.m. - **Saltshakers**

### TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. - **Narcotics Anonymous**  
5:00 p.m. - **Pancake Supper**  
8:00 p.m. - **Alcoholics Anonymous**

### WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. - **Ash Wednesday Service**

### 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**  
Disciples Class  
10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**  
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**



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