



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Prelude *The Lamb of God's Self-Offering* Geneva Psalter, 1551

Welcome & Service of Friendship Pastor Darryl Evans

Choral Call *Teach Us the Wisdom of God* Marty Haugen
arr. by Joel Raney

*Call to Worship - Week 4 - Lament

During the season of Lent, we ponder the frail, fallen conditions of our world.

The Lord is near the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

We feel a deep sorrow and awareness that something is not right.

The Lord is near the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

We wonder if God's hand has been removed from our lives.

The Lord is near the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

We recall the words of Jesus: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

The Lord is near the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

Merciful God, we are bewildered by the chaos of our world. We sometimes wonder where you are, and how you could allow so much pain and sorrow. Draw near us, Lord, and grant us a sense of your steadfast love. Restore us through your grace. We bring our anxieties to you, and trust in your Holy Spirit's guidance. Amen.

Teach Us the Wisdom of God

Words and Music by
MARTY HAUGEN

Congregation:



Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has



read-y for those who love him; Spir - it of



love, come, give us the mind of Je - sus,



teach us the wis-dom of God.

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.

***Psalm 32**

sung to the tune of MUNICH

A Psalm of Thanksgiving

How blest those whose transgressions
The Lord forgives through grace;
Who, as the heirs of mercy,
Find peace before God's face.
The heart with guilt so heavy
It bends to bear the strain
Can yield God its affliction
And claim its strength again.

The Lord with absolution
Will greet the penitent,
And send the dawn of mercy
Before the night is spent.
God to the meek and lowly
A hiding place shall be;
In danger, their salvation;
From sin, their liberty.

Instill in me Your wisdom,
Instruct me in Your ways;
Grant but a word of pardon
And I respond with praise.
God's steadfast love surrounds me,
And doubts shall soon depart;
Redeemed, my soul rejoices,
And gladness fills my heart.

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with our Children

Alpha Barger

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul,
for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

(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

My Life Flows On in Endless Song
Alleluia Ringers

Eithan

Scripture Reading

Exodus 18:1-12

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

Sermon

The Family of God

Darryl Evans

“Jethro, Moses’ father-in-law, together with Moses’ sons and wife, came to him in the desert, where he was camped near the mountain of God.”

-Exodus 18:5

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Affirmation of Faith – Apostles’ 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

Ah, Holy Jesus

Cruger

*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. 825

Beneath the Cross

*Benediction

Postlude

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Teschner

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.

Upcoming

On behalf of the Hammond and Troutman families, we appreciate all the prayers, cards, phone calls and support we have received in the last two weeks. It is the prayers and love that softens the burden of losing Jacob. The love of Jesus Christ and the Lord will continue to strengthen us. May God bless our church family and we love you all.

The Circle of Women will meet on Monday, March 12 at 2:00 pm at Editions Book Store/Coffee Shop.

Wednesday Night Life continues this week. This week's meal will be catered by Subway. 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. Classes are held for all ages, including an Adult Hebrew Class, taught by Darryl which meets in the Fellowship Hall.

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. The last class will be held on March 21.

Join us for an Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24th from 10:00-11:30am on the playground of First Presbyterian Church, Kannapolis. Together we will reflect on Jesus' resurrection, share refreshments, make crafts, play games and enjoy an egg hunt. The egg hunt will be held at 11:00am. Mark your calendars and invite a friend! If weather is uncooperative that day we will move our celebration into the Fellowship Hall. Candy donations for eggs are appreciated and can be dropped off in the basket outside Fellowship Hall.

The Last Supper presentation will be on Palm Sunday, March 25 at 8:00 pm. Invite your friends! Next rehearsal will be next Sunday, March 18 at 4:00 p.m. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, March 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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



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The Session

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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

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.

Easter morning, April 1 at the 11 am service, the chancel choir will perform *Upon this rock* by Pepper Choplin. This cantata is an up tempo, rhythmic, African inspired piece which celebrates the resurrection of our Lord and Savior through the eyes of Peter. It also celebrates the early church's desire for unity and relevance.

ECO Presbyterian Women's Event - Come experience "Beauty from Ashes", our annual *Spring Awakening* on Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 11am-1pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Mooresville. We will be joining with our sisters from local area ECO Presbyterian Churches for the opportunity to fellowship with some new faces. Guest speaker and artist is Melanie Spinks. Join us for a time to gather with food and friends, focusing on how God blesses us with talents...empowers us with His gifts...and continues to grow each of us in every season of our lives. A delicious salad lunch will be served and childcare will be provided. The event is free, however reservations are required. For more information, to sign up to attend, or to reserve childcare please contact Mary Lee Evans at marylee.evans@gmail.com or the church office.

A new women's circle is taking shape! Starting Sunday, April 15th, this circle will meet from 4:30 to 6pm on the 3rd Sunday of each month. This is a great group for any woman, particularly working moms and for anyone else that has a difficult schedule through the week. This group will meet to encourage, connect, and do outreach activities together. If you have any questions about this group, please contact Michelle Walker (704) 223-1778 / lowderms@yahoo.com or Mary Lee Evans at (252) 944-6264 / marylee.evans@gmail.com.

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 would 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

New Prayer requests will be placed in the bulletin for two weeks. Please help us keep **Prayer Concerns** current with weekly updates.

MEMBERS

Please pray for a healthy, happy delivery for a pregnant, unsure church member.

Linda Bost - at Big Elm for rehab.

Lynn Efird - will begin chemo soon.

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

Jennifer Williams - recovering from surgery.

Connie Rary - one-year report; still fighting cancer.

Debby Baker - participating in a cancer clinical trial.

Emily Griggs - missionary in Morocco

FAMILY OF MEMBERS

Heather Egger - cousin of Sharon Stricker, grateful for negative test results last week.

Alex Deal - Joyce Deal's grandson: Serious skiing accident; 12 week recovery but progressing well. Appreciative of all the prayers and cards.

Landra Goodnight Staab – daughter of Steve & Judy Goodnight: Receiving treatment for Leukemia and is involved in a clinical study.

Lori Holder - daughter of Sam McAllister: Suffering with MS.

Mark McDaniel - brother of Mal McDaniel: Making good progress fighting lymphoma.

Don Hamilton - husband of Cookie Hamilton: (On permanent nightly dialysis at home).

Arthur Fu - brother of Jessica Bell: Fighting cancer.

Sue Edwards - friend of Mike Freeman: Fighting brain cancer.

Tink Wade - friend of Jill McLain: Breast cancer - good pathology report.

Teresa Alexander - friend of Renee Goodnight: Diagnosed with brain tumors.

Dave Viscount - friend of Mark Goodnight: Suffering with ALS.

Christ the Word - church plant in Rolesville, NC with Patrick Cherry.

Special Church Member of the Week

Tod Goodnight

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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."

Servants

Greeters: Mike Freeman & Peggy Gibson

Elder Lock-Up: Danny Bost

Videographer: Michael Martens

Children's Message: Alpha Barger

Children's Message Next Week: Jennifer Linn

Children's Church Leader: Mary Lee Evans

Children's Church Leader next week: Allison Hammett

Nursery: Allison Hammett/Malaina Meeks

Nursery next week: Sharon Stricker

Acolytes: Abigail Malinovsky & Faith Reed

Acolytes next week: Luke Burris & Faith Reed

Ushers: Todd Adams, John Hammond, Lynn Sechler & C.J. Semcho

Ushers next week: Bobby Hallman, Tony Hunter, Phil & Jill McLain

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 (Editions
Bookstore/Coffee Shop)**

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

6:30 p.m. - **Children's Classes**

6:30 p.m. - **Adult Class (Hebrews)**

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

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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