



Third Sunday  
in  
**Lent**

**March 24, 2019**

**11:00 a.m.**

**First Presbyterian Church**

**Kannapolis, North Carolina**

Our Mission is to Know Christ, Serve Him, and Make Him Known

## ~ Gathering before the Word ~

**Prelude** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Runyan

**Choral Call to Worship** *Teach Us the Wisdom of God* Hausen  
Chancel Choir

**Welcome & Service of Friendship** Pastor Darryl Evans

### \*Call to Worship - Week 3 - Suffering

During Lent, we reflect on the meaning of suffering.

**Through suffering, we become aware of God's presence.**

All around us we see sorrow, brokenness and pain.

**Through suffering, we come aware of God's power.**

We struggle with our own trials and search in vain for answers.

**Through suffering, we learn to trust God's promises.**

We think of the magnitude of Christ's suffering on the cross.

**Through suffering, we deepen our faith.**

We cry out helplessly when our burdens seem unbearable.

**Through suffering, we learn to comfort others.**

**Merciful God, grant us strength and courage to face the trials in our lives, and keep us grateful for all the joys. Cheer us in our sorrow and sustain us through our suffering. Keep us aware of our weakness and dependent upon your strength. Remind us of Christ's suffering on the cross, and renew us by your Holy Spirit that we may follow your commands and proclaim your love to a suffering world. Amen.**

## Teach Us the Wisdom of God

Words and Music by  
MARTY HAUGEN

Congregation:

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: 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.

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 521**

NETTLETON

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**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 ~**

**\*Hymn of Preparation No. 138**

WEARY LAND

*Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land*

**10 Cents a Meal**

Sharon Stricker

(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.)

**Scripture Reading**

Revelation 8:1-13

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Jesus Knows Your Path

Darryl Evans

“The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand.”

-- Revelation 8:4

**~ 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**

*Down to the River to Pray*  
Allison McGee, soprano

Traditional

**\*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. 604**

*To God Be the Glory*

**\*Choral Benediction**

*Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now*

McDaniel

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Sojourner*

Spiritual

**\*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.

## **Upcoming**

**Attention, Attention, Attention! The Crafty Ladies Need your help!** "Adopt a T-shirt Dress" project has officially started. The mission team has given The Crafty Ladies the challenge of making 200 dresses again this year in a size 14. This year we chose the T-shirt dress. **LET THE GAMES BEGIN!** Please look for me in the narthex before and after church on Sunday. A table will be set up with instructions on how you can help. Thanks ahead of time for your generosity. Thanks! *Kay McAllister*

**Please join us for a time to pray for our church through Lent.** We will meet every Thursday from 12:30 – 1:15pm in the sanctuary through the Lenten season until April 18th. This will be an intentional time of prayer facilitated by Mary Lee Evans. It is a time to ask God to move among us and open us up to His ways as a congregation. If you have a heart for prayer, are wanting to pray more with others, or even are a little intimidated by the idea of praying out loud, this is a great opportunity to join together as His Body in being open to how God moves mysteriously and powerfully through prayer. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary Lee (252) 944-6264, marylee.evans@gmail.com.

**The Missions Team is proud to support the Cabarrus Women's Center's Baby Bottle Campaign!** Several have had questions regarding the mission and services of the Cabarrus Women's Center. The center is 100% pro-life and provides counseling AGAINST abortion. They are there to minister to the mother and father and to encourage them to make Christ pleasing decisions. The baby bottles are a way to remind people to pray and spread awareness. You may take a bottle from the Narthex to fill with change or to use to ask others for donations. Then bring your bottle back on Palm Sunday, April 14. Proceeds will be donated to the Cabarrus Women's Center. Thank you as always for your support!!

**Wednesday Night Life continues this week.** Dinner will be served from 5:45pm - 6:30pm. Dinner will be Daniel Plan compliant. Chancel Choir rehearsal will be at 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 continue to work on another wonderful video project. All children's classes meet on the 3rd floor. Adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall 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.

**Men's fellowship will meet again on Saturday April 6th @ 8:00 am.** A light breakfast will be served. Our projects for the that morning will be to put new mulch in the playground area and do some hedge trimming and flowerbed clean up around the church. We have also been asked to start replacing some of the rubber feet on the chairs in the fellowship hall. We will need men to bring the following tools for the workday: shovels, pitchforks, rakes, wheelbarrows, hedge trimmers and plastic tarps. We will also need them to bring tools to remove the rubber feet on the chairs. That will include hammers, pliers and maybe electric drills with drill bits. Our hope is to be done by 12:00. If we have enough help we could split up and be working on multiple projects at one time.

**The JOY Group** will meet at Long Horn Steakhouse at 351 Copperfield Blvd, Concord on Friday, March 29 at 12:00 noon. A sign up sheet is located outside the parlor.

**Calling all Choristers!** Any youth interested participating in an Easter Cantata on Sunday, April 21 during worship service, please plan to attend the following rehearsals with David Hamilton and Kay Yates:

- Sunday, March 31, 10:00-10:50 am in the Choir Room (parents please pick up your children from the Choir Room, as they will not be allowed to leave on their own)
- Sunday, April 14 from 10:00-10:30 in the Choir Room
- Sunday, April 21 from 10:00-10:30 in the Sanctuary

Come help us make a joyful noise this Easter!!!

**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 (of four). If you wish to nominate someone, please fill out the form below and place in offering plate.

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

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Tear off and place in offering plate

**Ladies, join us for a time to gather in community and fellowship** with one another, focusing on the hope we find through Christ alone! Come to the ECO Women's "Spring Awakening", featuring guest speaker and worship leader, Ashley Collins, to be held on Saturday, March 30th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church of Mooresville, 249 West McLelland Avenue, Mooresville NC. A delicious salad lunch will be served and childcare is provided for small children. For more information and/or to RSVP for childcare, contact First Presbyterian Church of Mooresville at (704) 664-5275. We encourage you to invite your friends as well as your nieces and neighbors, daughters and granddaughters to share in this wonderful event! A sign up sheet is located outside the parlor, or you may let Mary Lee know if you will be going. Deadline is March 26.

**All youth and families are invited to a "Walk with Jesus"** Easter celebration on Saturday, April 13 at 10:00am! Together, we will visit 5 key stations from Holy Week that point us to the hope of Easter morning - Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, The Garden of Gethsemane, The Cross, and The Empty Tomb. The festivities will end with an Easter egg hunt and lunch outside, weather permitting. Feel free to invite your friends, family, and neighbors! Please RSVP to Michelle Walker by Sunday, April 7, 2019, so we will have adequate food and supplies. Registration cards are in the Narthex and outside the Fellowship Hall. Anyone willing to help with setup, the egg hunt, or lunch, please see Michelle!

**You're invited to the Kannapolis Bible Teaching Association fundraising banquet** on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Shoe Show headquarters, 2202 Trinity Church Road. There will be dinner and a short program giving information about Bible teaching in Kannapolis City Schools. There is no cost, but you will be given an opportunity to contribute if desired. We would love for you to join us at our table. Please see Bill Jolley, Sam McAllister or Steve Goodnight by Thursday April 25 if you would like to attend.

**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

### MEMBERS

**Bill Hammond** - health concerns.  
**Mike Williams** – back in hospital.  
**David Grey** - recovering from shoulder surgery.  
**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.  
**Connie Rary** - still fighting cancer, went to Duke specialist.  
**Debby Baker** - participating in a cancer clinical trial.

### FAMILY OF MEMBERS

**Annabelle** - The Barger's youngest granddaughter, now home from the hospital without oxygen.

### 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."



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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 Pruet  
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates  
Organist

Irene Davis  
Nursery Director

**Janna Kiger** - Edward Bell's colleague, is on life support at Duke due to complications from the flu.

**Amelia's mom** is home from the hospital, recovering from pneumonia.

**Arthur Fu** - Jessica is very thankful for all the prayers for her brother, who has cancer.

**John Bostian** - foster son of Ron & Alpha, at home with home healthcare now.

**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.

**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.

## Servants

**Greeters:** Jeff Barnhardt & Mike Freeman  
**Elder Lock-Up:** Frank Gibson  
**Children's Message:** Sharon Stricker  
**Children's Message next week:** Dave Argabrite  
**Children's Church:** Amelia Goodnight & Debbie McDaniel  
**Children's Church next week:** No Children's Church  
**Videographer:** Michael Martens  
**Nursery:** Sharon Stricker (10:00 am) & Chariti Lowder (11:00 am)  
**Nursery next week:** Ali Craft (10:00 am) & Mary Lee Evans (11:00 am)  
**Acolytes:** Toby Caskey & Will Evans  
**Acolytes next week:** Amelia Caskey & Abigail Malinovsky  
**Ushers:** Paul Barnhardt, Mel Eaton, Mike Freeman, & Ron Lisenby  
**Ushers next week:** Doug & Amelia Goodnight, Todd Pless & Bill Stricker

## This Week

### TODAY

9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -  
New Connection 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)**  
6:00 p.m. - **Missions Team Meeting**

### WEDNESDAY

5:45 p.m. - **Wednesday Supper**  
6:30 p.m. - **Children's Classes**  
6:30 p.m. - **The Daniel Plan**

6:30 p.m. - **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**  
7:30 p.m. - **Handbell Rehearsal**

### THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. - **Thursday Morning**  
**Women's Bible Study**  
12:00 p.m. - **NA**  
12:00 p.m. - **Lenten Prayer Time**  
6:30 p.m. - **Boy Scouts**  
8:00 p.m. - **AA**

### NEXT SUNDAY

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



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