



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Prelude

Low in the Grave

Lani Smith

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Rev. Michael Krauter

***Call to Worship**

One: What shall we return to God for all God's bounty to us?

All: **We will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Holy One, our God.**

***Hymn of Praise No. 202**

VRUECHTEN

This Joyful Eastertide

***Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

Risen Lord, how often you come to us,
and we do not recognize you.
In friends and strangers,
who seek and offer kindness;
in words that make sense of our lives
and the world around us;
in living, enduring promises
that we have all but forgotten,
you come, O God,
but our hearts are slow to see and honor you.

Forgive us, we pray.
Do not leave us, but stay with us,
and awaken us to your presence.
Kindle within us deep and genuine love for you,
and for the brothers and sisters you give to us.

(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!**

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

Garrett Brady

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.)

*Hymn No. 351

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Scripture Reading

John 20:24-29

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Doubters Welcome

Michael Krauter

~ 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

Amazing Grace

Gordon Young

*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. 327

TRUST AND OBEY

When We Walk with the Lord

*Benediction

Postlude

Lift High the Cross

Donald Busarow

*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 "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.

March Financial Update

Year to date budget - \$68,813

Year to date income - \$63,096

Year to date expenses - \$66,688

Upcoming

This morning, we welcome Rev. Michael Krauter as our guest speaker while Darryl is on study leave. Darryl will return tomorrow.

The Circle of Women will meet on Monday, April 9 at 2:00 pm, at Editions Coffee Shop.

Wednesday Night Life continues this week. This week's dinner will be chicken strips catered by Bojangles. Cost for dinner 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. This week, we begin a new series of workshops designed for the PreK-4th graders to learn about God's Big World through classes on stars, oceans, and seasons. Our older youth are invited to alternate between assisting as helpers in these classes and participating in their own classes this spring focusing on communion and prayer. The classes will run April 11th-May 16th with a final Wednesday of fellowship, games, and food on May 23rd. See Tracy for an exact schedule of classes. The adults will continue with their Hebrew Class, taught by Darryl which meets in the Fellowship Hall. See this week's schedule for more details.

The Men's Fellowship Group will meet on Saturday, April 14 at 8:00am for breakfast in the fellowship hall followed by projects around the church. For more information call Ryan Walker at 704-223-5255.

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.

Everyone is invited to dinner and a Family Painting Class led by local art instructor, Lori Burroughs, in the Fellowship Hall on April 14th. Dinner is at 5:00pm and painting begins at 6:00pm. The cost is \$20 per family and will cover painting supplies and dinner. RSVPs are necessary and need to be made by April 11th. Each member of the family will be able to paint an individual canvas to be joined in a multi canvas work of art. See Tracy Caskey for more information and to RSVP. Friends are welcome!

Join us on Sunday, April 15 for special music and a concert! At 11:00 a.m. we welcome Michael Morgan as our guest organist. Michael is Director of Music at Edenton Baptist Church. A native of Shawboro, NC, he attended College of The Albemarle and Campbell University, studying sacred music with an emphasis in organ under a number of accomplished professors and musicians. Prior to coming to Edenton, Michael served as Director of Music Ministries and Organist for more than twelve years at First Presbyterian Church of Washington, NC. He has played the organ since he was sixteen, and believes that "music is the universal language that touches all, regardless of race, creed, or color." He has two children, Macy Wade and Michael. At 3:00 p.m. join us for an organ and vocal concert featuring Michael along with Addrian Wilson, baritone and David Hamilton, tenor.

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.

The JOY Group will have a covered dish lunch on Friday, April 20 at 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall. Please bring your favorite dish or dishes to share. A sign up sheet is located outside the parlor. Please see Alpha Barger for more information.

You are invited to the Kannapolis Bible Teaching Association's Fundraising Banquet on May 7, 2018 from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm at Shoe Show Headquarters. The evening will consist of dinner along with a short program that will allow people to learn more about the Bible classes taught in our public schools. There is NO cost to attend the banquet, however, this is a fundraising event, and you will be asked to consider giving a contribution. There is no minimum or maximum gift, and all gifts are tax deductible. For more information and/or to confirm your attendance, please see Bill and Janice Jolley or Steve and Judy Goodnight for reservations.

The Piedmont Choral Society will present its annual spring concerts on Friday, May 4 at 7 pm and Sunday, May 6 at 3 pm at Forest Hill UMC, 265 Union Street N, Concord. First Presbyterian has had the pleasure of hosting this talented community group several times in the last few years. Our organist, Kay Yates, is president of the group, which consists of 50 auditioned, volunteer singers from all around our area. PCS is directed by Joseph Judge, professor of music at Pfeiffer University, and accompanied by Dr. Don Simmons, who currently serves as organist at Kimball Lutheran. The May concerts will celebrate American composers and American poets through music. A wonderful collection of American pieces will be performed, including Shenandoah, America, the Beautiful, several spirituals and many others. Please make plans to come. Concerts are free and no ticket is required. A free will offering will be accepted to help offset costs. For more info, contact Kay at 704.699.6053 or kayy2000@gmail.com. Please come support your local arts group.

Join us on Sunday, May 13 at 3:00 pm for a concert featuring Janet Paschal. When Janet was a little girl she had a dream - to become a professional Christian Music artist. Her family's musical background helped spark her love of singing, and she did indeed begin singing professionally after high school. A native of Reidsville, NC, Janet has been a member of the southern gospel group, The LeFevres and the Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Team. Always a featured favorite on the Gaither's Homecoming stage, she has received numerous vocal awards, released many successful albums and received Grammy and Dove nominations. In addition to her solo recordings and live events, she has authored two books and hosts a radio show on JoyFM. Diagnosed with breast cancer in 2005 but now cancer free, she uses her radio show to highlight stories of people whose lives have been impacted by cancer. Be sure to attend this very special event, and bring a friend. All are welcome. No charge and no tickets required.

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

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

MEMBERS

Donna Mauldin - at Pruett Center in Harrisburg, recovering from broken hip.

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

Linda Bost - at home recovering from broken hip.

Lynn Efird - undergoing chemo.

Ellen Little - please continue to pray for 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.

Special Church Member of the Week

Betty Overcash

1438 Oak Pond PI NW
Concord, NC 28027-4187

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

Emily Griggs - missionary in Morocco

FAMILY OF MEMBERS

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: Tumor has grown, currently doing whole-brain radiation and then will begin localized radiation treatments.

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.

Prayer request? Please write it down on the blue pew prayer card, & place in the offering plate.

Servants

Greeters: Garrett Brady & Carol Lowder

Elder Lock-Up: Sam McAllister

Videographer: Michael Martens

Children's Message: Garrett Brady

Children's Message Next Week: Malaina Meeks

Children's Church Leader: Tracy Caskey

Children's Church Leader next week: Jenna Baker

Nursery: Shannon Sechler

Nursery next week: Chariti Lowder

Acolytes: Abigail Malinovsky & Caroline Smith

Acolytes next week: Faith Reed & Ella Sechler

Ushers: Andrew & Jenna Baker; Jason & Erin Burris

Ushers next week: William Baker, Mike Freeman, Tony Rary & John Roberson

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 Coffee Shop)

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

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

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

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

6:30 p.m. - **Hebrews Class**

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**

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

8:00 p.m. - **AA**

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m. - **Family Dinner &**

Painting Class

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**

3:00 p.m. - **Concert** w/Mike Morgan,

Addrian Wilson & David

Hamilton

4:30 p.m. - **New Women's Circle**



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