



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Prelude *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Zundel

Welcome & Service of Friendship Pastor Darryl Evans

***Call to Worship**

Give thanks to God, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Who can declare all of God's praise?

**Happy are those who observe justice
and do righteousness at all times.**

***Hymn of Praise No. 601**

CORONATION

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

***Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

Eternal God,

**as our ancestors exchanged the glory of the Lord
for the image of a golden calf,**

**so we exchange the blessings of covenant relationship
for temporal pleasures and seeming security.**

**We exchange the intimacy of prayer
for the diversion of things and activities that can
overwhelm us.**

God of mercy, forgive us.

**Guide us to respond to you in faith
and to live as your chosen people.**

(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.

A Song of Trust

As faithful shepherds tend their flocks,
So God will care for me;
And from God's store of grace my needs
Are met abundantly.
In pastures green, by waters still,
My soul new life doth take;
And in the paths of righteousness
I follow, for God's sake.

When death surrounds I will not fear,
God's strength dispels my dread;
I hold God's blessing in my heart
And face my fear instead.
For as a lamb, my comfort rests
Upon the Shepherd's rod,
To bring me home, where'er I stray
Into the fold of God.

A bounteous feast for me is placed
In the presence of my foes;
My head with oil the Lord anoints,
My cup with grace o'erflows.
The loving-kindness of the Lord
Is mine for all my days;
And in God's house for evermore
I'll join the songs of praise.

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

10 Cents a Meal

Sharon Stricker

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.)

Anthem

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Chancel Choir
Kania Mills, flute

arr. Wilberg

Scripture Reading

From Exodus 32

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Golden Calf

Darryl Evans

“So I told them, ‘Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.’ Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!”

– Exodus 32:24

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Affirmation of Faith – 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

Offering & Offertory

Jesus Paid It All

Grape

*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. 772

SOLID ROCK

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*Benediction

Postlude

Lasst Uns Erfreun

from Geistliche Kirchengesding, 1623

*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.

Upcoming

Alpha and Ron Barger would like to let the church family know their new home phone number (704) 925-3541. Email is still acbarger62@gmail.com.

Wednesday Night Life with supper and the adult class has ended for this semester, however Choristers and Children will continue classes through May 23.

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

Mike Williams - at Brian Center.

Linda Bost - home from hospital and recovering from broken hip.

Addie Evans - broken ankle.

Sheila Grey - health concerns, including kidney.

Peggy Barnhardt - at Morningside with Dementia.

Donna Mauldin - at home, recovering from broken hip.

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

Lynn Efird - undergoing chemo.

Ellen Little - continued prayers for the health issues of Ellen and family.

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

Debby Baker - participating in a cancer clinical trial.

Emily Griggs - missionary in Morocco.

FAMILY OF MEMBERS

Chris & Gabby Goodnight - son of Connie Rary, for a healthy pregnancy.

Jay McKinney - son-in-law of Jim Johnston, a captain in Afghanistan.

Ben Brooks - friend of Jim Johnston, stage 4 lung cancer.

Alex Deal - Joyce Deal's grandson: Doing very well now - beginning to walk without crutches and doing physical therapy.

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.

Special Church Member of the Week

Charles Seaford

304 Larry Dr.

Kannapolis, NC 28083-6144

Birthday is April 24

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

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: Sharon Stricker

Children's Message Next Week: Tracy Caskey

Children's Church Leader: Michelle Walker

Children's Church Leader next week: Alpha Barger

Nursery: Mary Lee Evans

Nursery next week: Laura McLain

Acolytes: Luke Burris & Caroline Smith

Acolytes next week: Faith Reed & Amelia Caskey

Ushers: Danny Bost, Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel & Daniel Pless

Ushers next week: Jeff Barnhardt, Tony Hunter, Lynn Sechler & Tony Sherrill

This Week

TODAY

9:00 a.m. - **Prayer Fellowship** – Parlor
All are welcome

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 Bible Study**

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

TUESDAY

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

6:00 p.m. - **Missions Team**

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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** -
Drummond Class

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

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



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