



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ **Gathering before the Word** ~

Prelude

What Makes the World
Catawba Praise Band

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Pastor Darryl Evans

***Call to Worship**

Keep awake, for God comes to us
when we least expect Him.

**Listen to God's voice;
God speaks and we know His voice.**

Share God's teaching with one another;
do not keep God's word a secret.
Tell of God's wondrous deeds.

We hope in God.

Let us worship the God of hope.

***Hymn of Praise No. 174**

I Stand Amazed

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

***Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**O God of mercy and goodness, you have asked us
to serve you in sincerity and in faithfulness.**

**We confess that we have often gone through the motions
without meaning what we have said and done.**

You are a holy God and You forgive our sins.

**Forgive us for neglecting your word and not spending
time with You.**

Forgive us for not being ready when you call to us.

Wake us up, O God, and forgive us in your mercy.

(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.

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 ~

Anthem

Back to You
Catawba Praise Band

10 Cents a Meal

Mary Lee Evans

(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 of Preparation No. 175**

HAMBURG

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Scripture Reading

I Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

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

Sermon

The Coming of Christ

Darryl Evans

“We do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep,
or to grieve like those who have no hope.”

I Thessalonians 4:13

~ 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

Sanctuary
Catawba Praise Band

*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. 193

DUKE STREET

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

*Congregational Meeting

*Benediction

Postlude

Lift High the Cross

Nicholson

*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

There will be a congregational TODAY, Sunday April 28 to elect our elders. The nominees are Renee Goodnight, Debbie McDaniel, Bill Stricker, and Ryan Walker.

Today we welcome The Catawba Praise Band from Catawba College. Please welcome Luke Motley, Neha Sudhakar, Makayla Wales, Amber Wright, Rebekah Jones, Bailey Shumate, and Madison Smith.

Congratulations to Andrew and Jenna Baker on the birth of their daughter, Presley Layne, born on April 24! Proud grandparents are William and Debby Baker. 7 lbs. 10 oz., 21 inches.

Bob Hallman would like to thank his church family for the love shown to him during the death of sister, Carrie Lee.

The JOY Group will meet on Wednesday, May 1 at 12:00 noon at O'Charley's. A sign-up sheet is located outside the parlor.

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!** See Kay McAllister if you would like to help.

Jackson Park Elementary School - Giving Back. The Missions Team would like to continue our support to Jackson Park Elementary School throughout the school year. They have a year-round food pantry and clothing closet available for donations. Please find a handy printout outside the sanctuary (under the TV screen) with more information on colors/sizes. Please drop off all donations in the Youth Room in the designated bookshelves.

Big Brother/Big Sister Program. We are looking for volunteers in the congregation that are willing to partner with Jackson Park Elementary School for a Big Brother/Big Sister Program. You will be paired with a student and encouraged to meet during lunch time on a monthly basis. If interested, please find a volunteer background check form outside the sanctuary (under the TV screen). Return all forms to Jenna Baker or a Missions Team Member.

Our Missions partner Sole Hope is sponsoring a Sole Hope Denim Dash 5K and 1/2 Mile Kids Fun Run on Saturday, June 1 in Salisbury from 9am - 12pm. Any youth or adults interested in participating, please let Michelle Walker know by Wednesday, May 22nd. You can find more information at: www.runsignup.com/solehope.

The Missions Team is looking into options for an Eastern NC Mission Trip, as many of you have expressed a desire to assist with hurricane relief. So that we can better plan an appropriate trip, please complete the form below if you are interested in serving. Place it in the offering plate by Sunday, May 19. A meeting of those interested will follow in the weeks to come. Thank you as always for supporting your Missions Team!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Best time of year to travel: _____

Any accommodations you will require: _____

ALL YOUTH interested in participating in a musical for Youth Sunday (June 2nd), please plan to attend the following rehearsals:

- Wednesday, May 1 from 6:00pm - 7:00pm
- Wednesday, May 8 from 6:00pm - 7:00pm
- Wednesday, May 15 from 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Dinner will be provided from 5:30pm - 6:00pm for all youth and families participating. In addition to songs, there are parts for speakers and narrators. Please let Michelle Walker know if your child(ren) want to participate as soon as possible!

There will be a final rehearsal for ALL YOUTH participating in Youth Sunday on Wednesday, May 29th in the Sanctuary from 6:00pm - 7:00pm. Dinner will be served from 5:30pm-6:00pm for youth & families in the Fellowship Hall. Please let Michelle Walker know as soon as possible if your child(ren) want to participate in leading the worship service (other than in the musical).

The congregation is invited to a Wednesday Night Life Year-End Celebration on Wednesday, May 22nd!!! Our youth (and anyone else who wants to help!) will deliver gift bags to the Kannapolis Police Department at 5:30pm. We will be given a brief tour and some information from officers there. Then, we will gather at the church for a cookout, fun, and games! Please RSVP by Sunday, May 19 to Michelle Walker, or place this form in the offering plate:

Family Name: _____

Phone: _____

No. Attending: _____

Allergies: _____

Piedmont Choral Society, your 65 voice community choir, presents its free spring concerts on Friday, May 17th - 7pm at Calvary Lutheran Church, 950 Bradley Street (off Branchview Drive NE) and Sunday, May 19th - 3 pm at Forest Hill UMC, 265 Union Street North, Concord. Info: kayy2000@gmail.com or 704.699.6053.

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

The Baker Family - on the birth of Presley Layne!

Carla Efird - recovering from hip surgery.

Juanita Holt - health issues.

Jean Roberts - recovering from shoulder surgery.

Bill Hammond - health concerns.

Mike Williams - back in hospital.

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 - finishing cancer clinical trial and changing treatment.

FAMILY OF MEMBERS

Mark McDaniel - Mal's brother, cancer is back and is currently undergoing radiation treatments.

Landra Staab - that a change in leukemia meds will be successful and that she would gain strength.

Teresa Alexander - friend of Renee Goodnight: now under hospice care.

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

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

Special Church Member of the Week

Mike Williams

204 E 3rd St

Kannapolis, NC 28083-3509

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 Pruett
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates
Organist

Irene Davis
Nursery Director

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.

Amy Ritchie - friend of Jane Jacobs, dealing with stage 4 Breast Cancer.

Nancy Barger - friend of Jane Jacobs, dealing with cancer.

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.

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: Garrett Brady & Carol Lowder

Elder Lock-Up: Phil McLain

Children's Message: Mary Lee Evans

Children's Message next week: Jennifer Linn

Children's Church: Sharon Stricker & Alpha Barger

Children's Church next week: Chris & Chariti Lowder

Videographer: Michael Martens

Nursery: Allison Hammett

Nursery next week: Sharon Stricker

Acolytes: Amelia Caskey & Ella Sechler

Acolytes next week: Toby Caskey & Will Evans

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

Ushers next week: Fred Caskey, Mark Goodnight, Bobby Hallman, & 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

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- 6:00 p.m. - **Youth Musical Rehearsal**
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**
4:15 p.m. - **CE Team**
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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