



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Prelude *When In Our Music God Is Glorified* Stanford

Welcome & Service of Friendship Pastor Darryl Evans

Moment with the Boy Scouts John Hammond

***Call to Worship** Darryl Evans

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

**Your name, O God, like your praise,
reaches to the ends of the earth.**

We consider your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of our worship.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

***Hymn of Praise No. 264** *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

***Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, giver of strength,
be gracious to us in our need,
for we confess to You our sin.**

**Forgive us—
for ignoring the struggles of our neighbors;
for turning from You in times of trial;
for relying on our power instead of your grace;
for keeping to ourselves the news of your love.**

**Transform us by your saving power.
Free us from the sin that clings so closely.
Guide us by the Spirit of Jesus Christ
to live new lives in joyful service
to the glory of your holy name.**

(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.

*Psalm 31a

WAREHAM

A Psalm of Trust

O Lord, in whom my soul confides;
My refuge sure amid the strife;
O let me not in shame reside,
But through Thy grace reclaim my life.

Be Thou my rock, my sure defense,
My fortress which no force can break;
Remain my guide, and lead me forth
To praise Thee for Thy mercy's sake.

My life, my days, are in Thy hand,
Naught can the threat of death remove;
Turn now to me Thy shining face,
And save me through Thy steadfast love.

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Moment for Missions

Michelle Walker

Word with our Children

Tracy Caskey

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

When You Call
Chancel Choir

Schram

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 2:41-47

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Conceiving the Commission

Pastor Patrick Cherry

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Affirmation of Faith – Luke 24:46-53

Darryl Evans

[Jesus] told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Offering & Offertory

Cross Medley

arr. Edwards

*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 427 *How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

*Benediction

Patrick Cherry

Postlude

Jesus Shall Reign

Hatton

*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

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Frank and Peggy Gibson's 35th anniversary.

This morning, we welcome Patrick Cherry, pastor of Christ the Word Church in Rolesville, NC. Patrick Cherry grew up in Southern Virginia and earned his undergraduate degree from James Madison University. Upon graduation with a Master of Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas, he served churches in San Antonio, Texas and Findlay, Ohio before arriving in North Carolina in May of 2015 to become the pastor at Christ the Word. Patrick and his wife, Kate, are passionate about seeing people find their place in the larger story that God is writing. They love music (singing it & listening to it!), good food, and the occasional board game. Kate and Patrick have two young sons. Patrick loves building relationships and talking about the intersection of faith and life. He is known to cook a mean dish of Chicken Marsala that is gluten-free, dairy-free, egg-free, and surprisingly good!

The men's fellowship will meet on Saturday May 5th at 8:00 am for breakfast in the fellowship hall (\$5.00). Our project for that morning will be repainting the parking spaces in the church parking lot and changing out some light bulbs. Please plan to join us.

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.

The entire congregation is invited to a luncheon honoring Christian Education disciples on Sunday, May 20 following worship. Ryan Walker will be preparing grilled chicken, salad, green beans, roasted red potatoes, bread, tea, and dessert. Please RSVP by filling in the form below and placing in the offering plate or by calling the church office. Deadline to RSVP is May 13.

RSVP for church-wide luncheon on May 20, 2018 honoring Christian Education disciples

Number attending lunch: _____

Names of attendees: _____

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.

Mission Committee update - On May 16 from 6pm-8pm, we will express our gratitude to our area first responders with our annual **First Responders Meal**. Ryan Walker has generously agreed to prepare the meal but could use help. If you can assist Ryan, please let him know.

We have contacted **Habitat for Humanity of Cabarrus County** to volunteer in building a house. Historically our church has been involved in this ministry and the committee hopes to make this a regular volunteer opportunity again. Details are: Saturday, June 23; 8am-3pm; siding is what is scheduled for this date but could change; the address is 95 Hemlock Ave., Concord, about a block or two from the courthouse.

During the week of Sept 23-29, we need volunteers to make and serve food at the **Salvation Army's Center of Hope Night Shelter**. This can be done through Sunday School classes, circles, families, committees, etc. We will need to prepare an evening meal to serve approximately 30 people and take two gallons of milk and cereal for breakfast the next morning. We need to arrive by 7pm, begin serving at 7:30pm, the kitchen closes at 8:30 then there is clean up. We would like our church to take one week each year to serve the homeless.

Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now) meals that we packed on a Wednesday night have arrived in Malawi and the Dominican Republic.

We will be holding a **yard sale again this year** to raise money for the Mission Committee. The date is September 15, 8am-1pm. We will also sell sausage biscuits and hot dogs.

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.

Sheila Grey - health concerns, including kidney.

Peggy Barnhardt - at Morningside with Dementia.

Donna Mauldin - at home, recovering from broken hip.



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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

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.

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.

Special Church Member of the Week

Mike Williams

204 E. 3rd Street
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."

Servants

Greeters: Garrett Brady & Carol Lowder

Elder Lock-Up: Sam McAllister

Videographer: David Reed

Children's Message: Tracy Caskey

Children's Message Next Week: Adam Caskey

Children's Church Leader: Alpha Barger

Children's Church Leader next week: Raegan Swaringen

Nursery: Laura McLain

Acolytes: Faith Reed & Amelia Caskey

Acolytes next week: Ella Sechler & Caroline Smith

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

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

This Week

TODAY

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

9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -
Drummond 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**

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**

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. - **Men's Fellowship**

**Breakfast/parking lot
painting**

NEXT SUNDAY

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

9:15 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -
Disciples Class

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

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

