



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Prelude**

Can't Even Walk
Dustin Chapman, Dylan Smith

Croft

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Pastor Darryl Evans

Moment for Missions

Sharon Stricker

***Call to Worship**

O Lord, You have searched us and known us.
You know when we sit down and when we rise up.
You discern our thoughts from far away.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for us.
It is so high that we cannot attain it.**

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

Hymn of Praise No. 202This Joyful Eastertide*

VRUECHTEN

***Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Father in Heaven, thank You for Your grace,
and for the deep change Your grace brings.
Forgive us when we try to follow a path other
than the one that You have laid out before us.
Forgive us when we simply follow our own desires –
and resist maturing in our faith.
Renew us, for You are the source of all Hope.**

(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 & 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 ~

Anthem

Lead the Way
Dustin Chapman, Dylan Smith

Chapman

Word with our Children

Jennifer Linn

(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. 204**

HYMN TO JOY

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna

Scripture Reading

II Thessalonians 1

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Character by Grace

Darryl Evans

"We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."

--II Thessalonians 1:12

~ 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

Swing Low Sweet Chariot
Dustin Chapman, Dylan Smith

Traditional Spiritual

***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. 206**

TRURO

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

***Benediction**

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 "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!" Parents should report to their child's classroom after worship to pick them up.

Upcoming

Today we welcome Dustin Chapman and Dylan Smith, vocalists from Catawba College.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Chris & Chariti Lowder's 11th anniversary.

The Circle of Women will meet on Tuesday, May 7 at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Jane Jacobs.

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: _____

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: _____

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

- 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. 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).

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

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.

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.

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.

Special Church Member of the Week

Claudine Larson

PO Box 56

Alamo, ND 58830

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

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: Gip Rumble & Frank Gibson

Elder Lock-Up: Gip Rumble

Children's Message: Jennifer Linn

Children's Message next week: Malaina Meeks

Children's Church: Chris & Chariti Lowder

Children's Church next week: Ryan & Michelle Walker

Videographer: David Reed

Nursery: Sharon Stricker

Nursery next week: Linda Grebler

Acolytes: Toby Caskey & Will Evans

Acolytes next week: Amelia Caskey & Abigail Malinovsky

Ushers: Fred Caskey, Mark Goodnight, Bobby Hallman, & Bill Stricker

Ushers next week: Paul Barnhardt, John Hammond, Ron Lisenby, & C.J. Semcho

This Week

TODAY

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

2:00 p.m. - **Circle of Women**
At the home of Jane Jacobs

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**

6:30 p.m. - **Boy Scouts**

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

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -
Good News Class

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

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



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