



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Prelude *I Know a Fount* Cooke

Welcome & Service of Friendship Pastor Darryl Evans

Moment for Missions Steve Goodnight

***Call to Worship**

God is great and greatly to be praised.

We praise the great and awesome name of God.

Our God is a lover of justice, who executes justice and righteousness.

Holy is our God!

***Hymn of Praise No. 551**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*All Creatures of Our God and King****Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

Holy God, our Ruler and Deliverer:

**You have loved us and called us,
and we have disappointed you.**

**We have forgotten your good works on our behalf
and failed to trust your promises.**

**Our world shows little evidence
of the justice and righteousness you love;
our governments are corrupt
and our economies brutal.**

We do not honor you with our lives.

O Lord, be gracious, and show mercy to us.

**Lead us and sustain us by your presence,
that we may know you and find favor in your sight.**

(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 67

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A Psalm of Thanksgiving

God of mercy and compassion,
Lord of love, redeeming grace;
Let the brightness of Your glory
Shine upon us in this place.
Show all nations Your salvation,
End our dark, long-suff'ring days;
Cause our hearts with joy to greet You;
Fill the earth with songs of praise!

Sing with joy, the Lord is coming!
God with us, Immanuel,
Brings in triumph our salvation,
Death shall die, and life prevail.
In the wisdom of God's justice
Righteousness shall conquer scorn;
On God's head, the crown of nations;
In God's heart a crown of thorns.

Come, Almighty, now and bless us,
Your great covenant renew;
May creation yield its increase,
Find its greatest gift in You.
Ev'ry tongue shall call You blessed,
Ev'ry voice a welcome bring
To the Word of God incarnate;
Earth shall bow, and heaven sing!

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with our Children

Adam 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

It Is Finished
Chancel Choir

Papa

Once and for all, once and for all
You offered up your life
For one and all, for one and all
The perfect sacrifice
Atoning blood was shed
Love conquered when You said
It is finished, it is done
To the world Salvation comes

Hallelujah, we're alive!
Hell was silent when you cried:
It is finished, it is finished
Who is this King, who is this King
So mighty and so strong
He is the One, he is the One
The earth has waited for

God's remedy for sin
With mercy for all men

It is finished, It is done
To the world Salvation comes
Hallelujah, we're alive!
Hell was silent when you cried:
It is finished, it is finished

The earth shook and trembled
The sun bowed it's head
The veil of the temple was open for men
As Jesus went down in the cold of the grave
Defeated the darkness when He overcame
The keys of the Kingdom were placed into hands
Of children and priests and of fishers of men
Through all generations His voice will be heard

Creation resounds the victorious words!

It is finished, it is done
To the world Salvation comes
Hallelujah, we're alive!
Hell was silenced when you cried:

It is finished, it is done
Now completed, the work of Love
Hallelujah, He's alive!
Join the song of the ransomed Bride
It is finished
It is finished
It is finished!

Scripture Reading

Exodus 34:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The New Reality

Darryl Evans

"The Lord said to Moses, 'Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones, and I will write on them the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke.'"

-Exodus 34:1

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Affirmation of Faith – Ephesians 1:4-10

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

Offering & Offertory

The Father's Love

arr. Tornquist

*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 363** *Blessed Assurance*

***Benediction**

Postlude

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Williams

***All who are able please stand.**

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To Our Guests

Welcome! We are delighted that you are worshipping 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 Piedmont Choral Society will present its annual spring concert TODAY, 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.

The Circle of Women will meet at Editions Coffee Shop on Monday, May 14 at 2:00 p.m.

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.

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:

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.

(Tear off and place in offering plate)

Sign up for Habitat for Humanity or Supper at Hope Night Shelter

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

I would like to help with: Habitat for Humanity _____ Supper at Hope Night Shelter _____

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.12

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.



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The Session

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Sam McAllister

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Allison Hammett
Carol Lowder

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Pastor

David Hamilton
Director of Music

Tracy and Adam Caskey
Youth Directors

Terri Pruett
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates
Organist

Irene Davis
Nursery Director

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 - back at CMC-NE.

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

Sheila Grey - health concerns, including kidney.

Peggy Barnhardt - at Morningside with Dementia.

Donna Mauldin - 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.

Tink Wade - friend of Jill McLain: Breast cancer - good pathology report.

Special Church Member of the Week

Loretta Young

Five Oaks Manor
Room 302 Bed A
413 Winecoff School Road
Concord, NC 28027

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."

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: Danny Bost & Mark Goodnight

Elder Lock-Up: Mark Goodnight

Videographer: Michael Martens

Children's Message: Adam Caskey

Children's Message Next Week: Alpha Barger

Children's Church Leader: Raegan Swaringen

Children's Church Leader next week: Tracy Caskey

Acolytes: Ella Sechler & Caroline Smith

Acolytes next week: Faith Reed & Luke Burris

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

Ushers next week: Paul Barnhardt, John Hammond, Tony Rary & Bill Stricker

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**

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

WEDNESDAY

4:00 p.m. - **CE team Meeting**

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

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

Good News Class

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

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

3:00 p.m. - **Janet Paschal Concert**

