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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

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

~ **Gathering before the Word** ~

**Prelude**

*Offertorium*

G. Young

**Welcome & Service of Friendship**

Pastor Darryl Evans

**Moment for Missions**

Renée Goodnight

**\*Call to Worship**

Sing to God a new song,  
for God has done marvelous things.

**All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of God.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!  
Break forth into joyful song and sing praises!

**God judges the world with righteousness.  
Let the earth resound with the praise of God!**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,  
That calls me from a world of care,  
And bids me at my Father's throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known:  
In seasons of distress and grief  
My soul has often found relief,  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare  
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer  
Thy wings shall my petition bear  
To Him whose truth and faithfulness  
Engage the waiting soul to bless:  
And since He bids me seek His face  
Believe His Word, and trust His grace,  
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care,  
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Patient and loving God,  
in our sin we get it all wrong.  
We see your commandments as burdens, not gifts.  
We look at the needy and fail to see Christ's face.  
We work frantically to earn your favor  
instead of being still and enjoying your love.  
We set our hearts on the wrong goals  
and our feet on the wrong paths.  
Even in our best deeds we do for ourselves more than for you.  
Forgive us, gracious and loving God.  
Cleanse our hearts of all sin,  
and let the Spirit of Jesus Christ renew us.**

**So may we grow in the gracious knowledge  
of your love made clear in Christ our Lord.**

*(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 47**

CWM RHONDDA

#### *A Psalm of Praise*

Clap your hands, O faithful people!  
Shout to God a song of praise!  
From the dust of conquered nations,  
God a realm of grace shall raise.  
In appointed courts of glory  
Faithful to God's name always,  
May we prosper all our days.

With a shout, and blast of trumpet,  
God shall mount a throne on high;  
Let our praise, as finest incense,  
Rise to meet God in the sky.  
Fill the world with glad rejoicing,  
Heav'n shall sing, and earth reply,  
All God's works to glorify.

Let your hearts be filled with gladness,  
As the Lord your life shall bless;  
Live as heirs of God's great justice,  
Wear the cloak of righteousness.  
God will grant us earth's dominion,  
All things good, and nothing less,  
For our gift of faithfulness.

### **~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~**

#### **Word with our Children**

Alpha Barger

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the education building, where they will be picked up by a parent after the service.)

**Anthem**

*Clap Your Hands*  
Chancel Choir

Johnson

**Scripture Reading**

Exodus 31:1-11

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Bezalel & Oholiab

Darryl Evans

"I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts"

--Exodus 31:3

## **~ Responding to the Word of God ~**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith – Romans 8:28-34**

**And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.**

**What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus who died — more than that, who was raised to life —is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.**

**Offering & Offertory**

*In Christ Alone*

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### **\*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 869**

*Here I Am, Lord*

### **\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Promises*

Carter

**\*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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the education building.

### April Financial Update

Year to date budget - \$91,751

Year to date income - \$91,561

Year to date expenses - \$90,554

### Upcoming

**The plant on the altar** is given to the glory of God and in honor of Bill & Sharon Stricker's 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Debby Baker's father and longtime dear member** of First Presbyterian Church, Sonny White, died last Saturday. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Congratulations to Anna Victoria Jacobs** for graduating from Appalachian State University with a B.S. on May 11, 2018. We love you, Anna Victoria! Congratulations!

**Join us TODAY 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 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 TODAY.

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

Number attending lunch: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of attendees:

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**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.

**Our summer Youth Sunday** will be June 3rd as we honor our high school graduate, Michael Eilers. Please see Tracy Caskey by May 27th if your youth is interested in participating. Youth Sunday rehearsal will be at 9:00am in the sanctuary followed by a youth breakfast at 10:15am in the fellowship hall on June 3rd.

**Vacation Bible School** is right around the corner! Mark your calendars for VBS 2018 as we join Psalty and the Praise Kids on a camping adventure on June 24-June 27. Dinner will be at 5:45pm with classes for children and adults from 6:30-8:00pm. Registration information will be available soon. Please see Tracy Caskey if you would like to volunteer.

**Love Bags and Boxes** filled with nonperishable food items and other necessities are available for anyone to take and share with someone who is in need. These bags and boxes can be found in the church office, fellowship hall, and narthex closets.

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.

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(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.

**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 would 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

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 Pruet  
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

**Debby Baker & family** - on the death of her father, Sonny White.

**Mary Johns** - ill and at home. Is able to have visitors.

**Mike Williams** - back at CMC-NE.

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

**Sheila Grey** - health concerns, including kidney, received a good interim report recently.

**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, went to Duke specialist last week.

**Debby Baker** - participating in a cancer clinical trial.

**Emily Griggs** - missionary in Morocco.

### FAMILY OF MEMBERS

**Ernest Miller** - friend of Mike Freeman, lung cancer and PSD (Viet Nam Vet)

**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.

**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.

### Special Church Member of the Week

#### **Joe Crawford**

Black Mountain Neuro-Medical  
Treatment Center  
932 Old US Hwy 70  
Black Mountain, NC 28711

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."

**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:** Danny Bost & Mark Goodnight  
**Elder Lock-Up:** Mark Goodnight  
**Videographer:** David Reed  
**Children's Message:** Alpha Barger  
**Children's Message Next Week:** Jennifer Linn  
**Children's Church Leader:** Tracy Caskey  
**Children's Church Leader next week:** Jennifer Smith  
**Acolytes:** Faith Reed & Luke Burris  
**Acolytes next week:** Abigail Malinovsky & Caroline Smith  
**Ushers:** Paul Barnhardt, John Hammond, Tony Rary & Bill Stricker  
**Ushers next week:** Mel Eaton, Mike Freeman, Todd Pless & John Roberson

## This Week

### TODAY

9:30 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**

### MONDAY

2:00 p.m. - **Circle of Women (Editions  
Coffee Shop)**  
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**

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:15 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -  
New Connection Class  
10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**  
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**  
12:00 p.m. - **Christian Ed Disciples  
Appreciation Dinner**

