

*"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...*



*and to the ends of the earth."*

*Acts 1:8, NRSV*

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**~ Gathering before the Word ~****Prelude***Joyful Acclamation*  
Alleluia Ringers

M. Eithun

**Welcome & Service of Friendship**

Pastor Darryl Evans

**\*Call to Worship**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

**How majestic is Your name, in all the earth!**Praise be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
one God who calls us to be one people!**O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!****\*Hymn of Praise No. 538**

NICAEA

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty***\*Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**God of grace, love, and communion,  
we confess that we have failed to love you  
with all our heart, soul, and mind;  
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.  
We ignore your commandments,  
stray from your way, and follow other gods.****Have mercy on us.****Forgive our sin and raise us to new life  
that we may serve you faithfully  
and give honor to 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 104b**

*A Hymn to God: Sustainers* sung to the tune ST. PETER

O Lord, how marvelous Your works;  
Your wisdom, without peer!  
The richest blessings heav'n can boast  
You deign to show us here.

The sea is filled from shore to shore  
With creatures great and small;  
The minnows teem the tide with whales;  
God's care extends to all.  
They wait for God to give them food,

Who dwell across the land;  
And in the season of God's grace  
They feed from God's own hand.

The absence of the Lord gives rise  
To stubborn, faithless fears;  
God's Spirit, feeble life renews;  
God's breath can dry our tears.

**~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~**

**Word with our Children**

Jennifer Linn

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**

*Nothing but the Blood of Jesus*  
Chancel Choir

Courtney

**First Reading**

Genesis 11:1-9

**Second Reading**

Jeremiah 19:3-9; 20:4-6

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Longing to Belong

Darryl Evans

“That is why it was called Babylon —because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.”

– Genesis 11:9

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

**\*Affirmation of Faith – Acts 2:1-12**

**When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them**

were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?"

**Offering & Offertory**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Hugh Livingstone

**\*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 237**

TRURO

*Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*God of Our Fathers*

Robert Hughes

**\*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.

## Upcoming

**The flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Pentecost by Mark & Jennifer Linn.

**The new Women's Circle is meeting again** TODAY, May 20th from 4 to 5:30pm. We had a great start to it last month, and would love to have any women interested join us today. We spend time connecting with each other, praying, doing outreach, and learning from Scripture. We will meet in Fellowship Hall and enjoy some snacks as well. We plan to meet the third Sunday of every month, and child care is provided by some special volunteers!

**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.

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 \_\_\_\_\_



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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  
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Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates  
Organist

Irene Davis  
Nursery Director

**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.

Steve Goodnight is interested in taking a **Missions Trip to Mexico!** Donald and Martha Wehmeyer serve as missionaries in the Yucatan and say there is always work to be done. Please let Steve know if you are interested in going!

**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 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.

## 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

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

**Mike Williams** - about to leave CMC-NE.

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

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

## Special Church Member of the Week

**Virginia Maguire**  
223 Ashmont Drive  
Kannapolis, NC 28081-7139  
Birthday is May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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."

**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**

**Russell Gardner** - friend of Mike Freeman, cancer and recurring pneumonia.

**Ernest Miller** - friend of Mike Freeman, lung cancer and PTSD (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.

**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:** Michael Martens

**Children's Message:** Jennifer Linn

**Children's Message Next Week:** Jennifer Smith

**Children's Church Leader:** Jennifer Smith

**Children's Church Leader next week:** Brian & Hannah Efird

**Acolytes:** Abigail Malinovsky & Caroline Smith

**Acolytes next week:** Amelia Caskey & Ella Sechler

**Ushers:** Mel Eaton, Mike Freeman, Todd Pless & John Roberson

**Ushers next week:** Tony Hunter, Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel & Daniel Pless

## This Week

### TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour -**  
Walter Goodman Class  
10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**  
10:00 a.m. - **Elder Training**  
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**  
12:00 p.m. - **Christian Ed Disciples**  
**Appreciation Dinner**

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

- 12:00 p.m. - **Narcotics Anonymous**  
6:00 p.m. - **Missions Meeting**

### 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**



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