



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Prelude***Forest Green*

Sikes

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Dr. Bill Cain

***Call to Worship**

—from Psalm 9:1-2, NRSV

We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;
we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**We will be glad and exult in you;
we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

***Hymn of Praise No. 538**

NICAEA

*Holy, Holy, Holy!****Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Awesome and compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved you.
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
we repent in spirit and in truth,
admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.**

(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.

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Anthem

Arise, My Soul, Arise
Chancel Choir

Forrest

Word with our Children

Graham Crawford

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world!

(Four year olds through 2nd graders can 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^d floor first room on the right, where they will be picked up by a parent after the service.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11-24

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Portrait of a Father

Bill Cain

~ 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

What a Friend

Converse

*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. 739**

SURRENDER

I Surrender All

***Benediction**

Postlude

Fugue No. 4

JS Bach

***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. You are warmly invited to stop by the Welcome Center just outside the sanctuary. 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, first room on the right.

Upcoming

This morning, we welcome Dr. Bill Cain as our guest speaker while Darryl is away on study leave. Bill Cain is the recently retired pastor of Bethel Presbyterian Church in Cornelius which is part of our ECO MAG. He is heavily involved with church planting and church consulting. He will become the Transitional Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Florence, SC in June.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Landon and Noah's 5th birthday on May 23rd by mom and dad.

In response to your requests, a sheet for taking sermon notes is available in the narthex.

You are invited to join the Session for prayer between 9:00 – 9:30 on Sunday mornings in the Parlor.

Capital Campaign update: \$29,795 out of \$31,000 has been collected to date. Additionally we have applied for a Cannon Grant to cover the cost above the \$31,000.

Join us for Mighty Fortress VBS on Sunday, June 25th through Wednesday, June 28th. Dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 5:45pm and classes are from 6:30-8:00pm. Classes are available for children in grades preschool through 6th grade and an adult class will be taught in the sanctuary by Bill Jolley. A nursery will be available. Register online at www.vbsmate.com/FPCkannapolisNC. Brief volunteer training will be offered on Sunday, June 4 at 9:00 a.m. and Monday, June 5 at 6:30 pm. Volunteers only need to come to one training.

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

David Threatt, step father of Chariti Lowder, at home recovering from a respiratory infection and back issues.

Gene Griggs, cousin of Farrah Griggs, recently suffered a stroke.

Hannah Linn, friend of Carol Lowder, neurological concerns.

Donna Whitley, kidney disease.

Laura Gibson, Frank's daughter-in-law, fighting Lymphoma, completed chemo and awaiting stem cell transplant.

Sherri Bridges, mother of Danielle Byrd, friend of Laura McLain, has breast cancer and had recent double mastectomy.

Kelly Williams, Lauren Goodnight's aunt, had her second surgery and is cancer free at this time. She will receive radiation and will continue to have chemo.

Debby Baker, has cancer again.

Linda Bost, small, stable cerebral aneurysm.

Loretta Young, Alzheimer's is progressing and she is declining in health.

Connie (and Tony) Rary, as Connie is fighting two types of cancer.

Dwight Goodnight, recovering from hernia surgery; **Tod Goodnight**, son of Dwight, struggling with Parkinson's Disease.

Shirley Faust, suffered a stroke.

Emily Griggs, teaching in Morocco.

Clara Burris, atrial septal defect. She will have her procedure May 22.

Betty Sechler, kidney problems.

Flaubert & Carine Mbeunkui, please keep them in your prayers as he seeks employment.

Juanita Holt, continues to appreciate your calls, cards, and prayers while she continues to recuperate.

Christ the Word church plant in Rolesville, NC with Patrick Cherry.

Dave Viscount, friend of Mark Goodnight, suffering from ALS.

Beth Barnhardt, friend of Judy Hammond, is still having difficulty seeing clearly.

Lori Holder, daughter of Sam McAllister, has MS.

Susan (Hodge) Thomas, recovering from hip surgery.

Joyce Weaver, health issues.

Don Hamilton, Cookie's husband, is on dialysis.

Iris Efird, continued strength and increased mobility with right arm and leg.

Liam Debord, Hunters' grandson, fighting brain tumors.

Prayer request? Please write it down on the blue pew prayer card, & place in the offering plate.

Special Church Member of the Week

Charles Seaford

304 Larry Drive
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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
Sam McAllister, Clerk of Session

Class of 2017
Paul Barnhardt
Judy D. Goodnight
Ron Lisenby
Sharon Stricker

Class of 2018
Danny Bost
Peggy Gibson
Mark Goodnight
Sam McAllister

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

Servants

Greeters: Danny Bost & Mark Goodnight

Elder Lock-Up: Mark Goodnight

Acolytes: Fred Caskey & Noah Smith

Children's Message: Graham Crawford

Children's Message next week: Sharon Stricker

Videographer: Michael Martens

Children's Church Leader: Tracy Caskey

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Ushers: Jeff Barnhardt, Phil & Jill McLain, & Lynn Sechler

Ushers next week: Jason & Erin Burris and Doug & Amelia Goodnight

This Week

TODAY

- 9:00 a.m. - **Prayer Fellowship** –
Open to all; meets in the
parlor.
- 9:30 a.m. - **Koinonia Café** -
Walter Goodman 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 (NA)**

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 p.m. - **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

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

- 9:00 a.m. - **Prayer Fellowship** –
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parlor.
- 9:30 a.m. - **Koinonia Café** -
New Connection Class
- 10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**
- 11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**



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