



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Prelude***'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Kirkpatrick

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Pastor Darryl Evans

***Call to Worship**

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."
**The Lord looks upon humankind
to see if there are any who seek after God.**
But God is with the company of the righteous.
**When God restores their fortunes,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel will be glad!**

***Hymn of Praise No. 575**

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty****Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**God our purifier,
acknowledging our sinful ways we confess
how narrow is our vision of your world.
We have looked at our health
and seen our illness instead of your wholeness.
We have looked at our resources
and seen their scarcity instead of your abundance.
We have looked at our crises and seen threats to us
instead of opportunities for you.
We have looked at our neighbors in need
and seen only their demands upon us
instead of the face of your love in each one.**

**You alone can change our hearts, O God.
Forgive us, we pray, through Jesus Christ.
By your Spirit help us to live rightly,
obedient to your gracious rule
and grateful for your saving love.**

(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 ~

***Hymn of Preparation No. 503**

As the Deer (Psalm 42:1)

Word with our Children

Alpha Barger

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

(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.)

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Mystery

Darryl Evans

“His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms”

- Ephesians 3:10

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith**

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Offering & Offertory

Ashokan Farewell
Jessica Bell, violin
Kay Yates, piano

***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. 325**

MARYTON

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

***Benediction**

Postlude

God Is Our Refuge

Scottish Psalter, 1650

***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 "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 flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Billy Philpot's birthday.

Today, July 8, our **adult "Call to Action" Sunday School** will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM following our continental breakfast at 9:30 AM. Emily Griggs, missionary in Morocco, will be our guest speaker today. Both men and women are invited to join together for Summer Sunday School. Please invite a friend or neighbor to join us. Upcoming speakers are July 15: Mike Ruffin Past member and writer for the newspaper; July 22: Ron Lisenby; July 29: Ed Hossack, CCM. If you are not a regular participant in Sunday School, this is a wonderful time to strengthen your Faith and support our missions. Please come and bring your children for their regular classes upstairs! Mrs. Tracey has wonderful plans for the summer for them.

Supplies are needed to make Pillowcase Dresses for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Each dress requires one yard of child print material; one package of 1/2" wide double fold Bias Tape that matches background of material; and three yards of 7/8" Grosgrain Ribbon in a contrasting color. There is a box located in front of the kitchen to drop off supplies. We are seeking people who can sew a straight seam or are willing to furnish a sewing machine. Please contact Kay McAllister at (704) 723-1158. If you can't buy supplies, donations are always welcome!

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 our **annual yard sale** to raise money for the Mission Committee. The date is September 15, 8am-1pm. We will also sell sausage biscuits and hot dogs. The room next to the choir room is available now for donations.

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

Loretta Young - at CMC-NE

Barbara Wise - health concerns.

Amanda Rose Grebler - during her pregnancy.

Jennifer Williams - at home recovering.

Mary Johns - recovering from procedure.

Mike Williams - at Brian Center getting stronger and improving.

Peggy Barnhardt - at Morningside with Dementia.

Lynn Efird - undergoing chemo

Ellen Little - continued prayers for the health issues of Ellen and family.

Connie Rary - still fighting cancer, went to Duke specialist.

Debby Baker - participating in a cancer clinical trial.

Emily Griggs - missionary in Morocco.

FAMILY OF MEMBERS

Jamin Hodge - Steve's son, great first month in rehab.

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.

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, completed radiation and tumor is gone! Undergoing PT and OT to regain strength.

Arthur Fu - brother of Jessica Bell: Fighting cancer.

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.

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.

Special Church Member of the Week

Juanita Holt

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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
Wren Philpot, 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

Tracy and Adam Caskey
Youth Directors

Terri Pruett
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates
Organist

Irene Davis
Nursery Director

Servants

Greeters: Jeff Barnhardt & Carol Lowder

Elder Lock-Up: Frank Gibson

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: Allison Hammett

Acolytes: Autumn Reed & Ella Sechler

Acolytes Next Week: Faith & Autumn Reed

Ushers: Jeff Barnhardt, Danny Bost, Mel Eaton & John Hammond

Ushers next week: Todd Adams, Phil & Jill McLain, Lynn Sechler

This Week

TODAY

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

THURSDAY

12:00 p.m. - **NA**
6:30 p.m. - **Boy Scouts**
7:00 p.m. - **Stewardship**
8:00 p.m. - **AA**

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -
Walter Goodman Class
10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**



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