



**FIRST**  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

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

**~ Gathering before the Word ~****Prelude***Austrian Hymn*

Haydn

**Welcome & Service of Friendship**

Pastor Darryl Evans

**\*Call to Worship**

The Lord is near to all who call on Him,  
to all who call on Him in truth.

**Therefore let us give thanks to the Lord,  
call upon His name,  
make known His deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that His name is exalted.**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 831**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

**\*Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Almighty God, you have exalted Jesus.  
He is risen and ascended,  
and has opened our hearts to know You.  
Yet, we are slow to grow up in You,  
to yearn for your voice,  
to sit in your presence.**

**Forgive us and renew us,  
that we might be united and mature as the Body of Christ.**

*(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**

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

Gabriel

Michelle Walker, soprano

David Hamilton, tenor

Brenda McCombs, piano

### **Word with our Children**

Jennifer Linn

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 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.)

### **Scripture Reading**

Ephesians 4:1-16

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

The Difference between Ascension & Resurrection Darryl Evans

"...until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

—Ephesians 4:13

## ~ Responding to the Word of God ~

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

Colossians 1:15-20

**The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.**

### **Offering & Offertory**

*Fantasia*

Pachelbel

### **\*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. 869**

*Here I Am, Lord*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*C Major Fugue*

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. 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.

## June Financial Update

Year to Date Budget - \$137,626.02  
Year to Date Income - \$134,878.90  
Year to Date Expenses - \$139,255.95

## Upcoming

**The flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Camryn Grace Lowder's third birthday on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Today, July 15, 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. Mike Ruffin, past member and writer for the newspaper, 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 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. Tracy 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 dark green 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! If anyone is interested in having a **workshop to make the dresses**, please let Kay know or sign up on the sheet located in the fellowship hall. You do not need to know how to sew. You can cut, measure, pin or press. We may also be making hair bows too!

On Sunday July 22 immediately following worship, there will be a brief meeting in the parlor for those interested in taking a **mission trip to Mexico** in September or October. Donald and Martha Wehmeyer serve as missionaries in the Yucatan and say there is always work to be done. For more information, see Steve Goodnight.

**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 home now.

**Peggy Barnhardt** - at Morningside with Dementia.

**Lynn Efird** - finished with 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** - teacher 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.

**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.

**Hope Community** - church plant in Wilmington, NC with Nate Stratman.

### Special Church Member of the Week

#### **Claudine Larson**

Bethel Assisted Living Center  
1705 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W Apt 109  
Williston, ND 58801-4148

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

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

## Servants

**Greeters:** Jeff Barnhardt & Carol Lowder

**Elder Lock-Up:** Frank Gibson

**Videographer:** Michael Martens

**Children's Message:** Jennifer Linn

**Children's Message Next Week:** Fred Caskey

**Children's Church Leader:** Allison Hammett

**Children's Church Leader next week:** Tracy Caskey

**Acolytes:** Faith & Autumn Reed

**Acolytes Next Week:** Luke Burris & Ella Sechler

**Ushers:** Todd Adams, Phil & Jill McLain, Lynn Sechler

**Ushers next week:** Mike Freeman, Tony Hunter, Daniel Pless & Todd Pless

## This Week

### TODAY

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

### THURSDAY

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

### NEXT SUNDAY

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



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