



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Prelude***O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

Peace

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Pastor Darryl Evans

***Call to Worship**

The Lord has done great things for us!

And we are filled with joy!

Our God has turned our weeping into singing,

our tears into songs of joy!

O Christ of God, come anew in our hearts this day,

and remain in us forever.***Hymn of Praise No. 831***Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

***Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

Joyous God,**we are anxious about many things,****and stressed with too much to do.****We struggle to have times of genuine peace.****Forgive us for devoting ourselves to the wrong things.****Show us anew that our entire****lives are found in You.****Day by day, may we be still in your presence.****Day by day, may we be guided by your tender love.****Day by day, may we become more and more****like Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord in whose name we pray.***(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

God Is My Shepherd

Dvořák

David Hamilton, tenor

Kay Yates, piano

Word with our Children

Tracy Caskey

(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 first room on the right, where they will be picked up by a parent after the service.)

Scripture Reading

Psalm 126

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Practicing Joy

Darryl Evans

“The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.”

–Psalm 126:3

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith – Philippians 4:4-9**

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Offering & Offertory

Shepherd Lead Us

arr. Berry

***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. 581**

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

***Benediction**

Postlude

St. Peter

Reinagle

***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

Monthly Finance Update as of June 2017: Budget: \$142,640

Income: \$130,931

Expenses: \$136,314

Summer Sunday School continues through August 20. Adults (7th grade and up) will have Summer Stories. The men will meet in the Session Room and the women will meet in the Drummond Classroom. Children (through 6th grade) will all meet together with Tracy and a rotating assistant for Hymns and Psalms.

Sisters in Christ - Please join us in this new opportunity to get to know each other. We welcome all women (from teenager to eldest members and visitors) to participate in being paired with another woman of the church for three months (mid-September to mid-December). This is an experience of connecting together with another woman for monthly face-to-face visits, regular check-ins, and prayers with and for one another. We will open this window of connection on Saturday, September 16 with a brunch at which time we will be given your pairing. We will close this experience on December 9 with a Christmas gathering. You can register by completing the registration card and giving it to Terri Pruett in the church office. Please contact Mary Lee Evans with any questions. (252) 944-6264. Please pray and ask Jesus: Lord, is this something you would like me to do? We would love to have you!

Tear off and return to church office

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Birthday: _____

Anniversary: _____

Age Range (circle one): 18-29 30-44 45-60 61+

Interests:

All ladies of the community are invited to the Annual Women's Prayer Breakfast sponsored by Kimball Memorial Women on Saturday, August 5 at 9:00 am at Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church. The event speaker will be Rev. Lucille "CeCee" Mills, a passionate and powerful Lutheran minister who is committed to being available to do God's work wherever it takes her. Come and enjoy the fellowship of old friends and meet new friends while enjoying a message of inspiration and hope. A buffet breakfast will be served. Donations from the event will be given to Kimball's Women in Need fund and G.W. Carver Elementary School "Scholarships for Field Trips". Please call Kimball Memorial church office at 704-933-4101 by July 31 to register.

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

Fumiko Griggs (and Richard), as she goes home with Hospice Care.

John Allen, Wren Philpot's son, broken ankle.

Betty Sechler, at home recovering from her stay in ICU for blood clots in her lungs.

Rocky Creek Presbyterian Church, caught fire on July 2. Please pray for Pastor Farrar Griggs as he ministers, as needed, for his church.

Lori Holder, daughter of Sam McAllister, has MS, at Gaston County CCU. No Visitors please.

David Threatt, had biopsy.

Teresa Alexander, friend of Renée Goodnight, brain tumors.

Mark McDaniel, lymphoma (Mal's brother).

Ron Lisenby, leg and knee issues.

Lynn Efird, recovering from surgery.

Clara Burris, atrial septal defect. Recovering from surgery.

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

Donna Whitley, kidney disease.

Laura Gibson, Frank's daughter-in-law, fighting lymphoma, recently in hospital now recovering from chemo.

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

Debby Baker, has cancer again.

Special Church Member of the Week

Loretta Young

Five Oaks Manor, Room 416
413 Winecoff School Road
Concord, NC 28027

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 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 Pruett
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates
Organist

Irene Davis
Nursery Director

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, and his son, **Tod Goodnight** who is struggling with Parkinson's Disease.

Emily Griggs, teaching in Morocco.

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.

Susan (Hodge) Thomas, recovering from hip surgery.

Joyce Weaver, health issues.

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

Iris Efirid, 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.

Servants

Greeters: Peggy Gibson & Carol Lowder

Elder Lock-Up: Danny Bost

Children's Message: Tracy Caskey

Children's Message next week: Jennifer Smith

Videographer:

Children's Church Leader: Emma & Shannon Sechler

Children's Church Leader next week: Erin Burris

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

Ushers next week: Fred Caskey, Todd & Daniel Pless, & Tony Hunter

Summer Stories Facilitators: Frank Gibson & Sharon Stricker

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Summer Stories Story Tellers: Linda Bost, Peggy Gibson, Adam Caskey & Darryl Evans

Summer Stories Story Tellers next week: Emily Davis, Cindy Griggs, Larry Efird & Bill Stricker

This Week

TODAY

9:30 a.m. - **Koinonia Kafe** -
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

10:30 a.m. - **Women's Bible Study**

12:00 p.m. - **Narcotics Anonymous**

6:30 p.m. - **Boy Scouts**

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

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. - **Koinonia Kafe** -

New Connection Class

10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**

11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**



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