



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Prelude *Amazing Love* arr. Tornquist

Welcome & Service of Friendship Rev. Michael Krauter

Moment for Missions Michelle Walker

***Call to Worship**

God is a stronghold for the oppressed,
A refuge in times of trouble.
Those who know your name put their trust in you.
You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.
Sing praises to the Lord!
Declare God's deed among all people!

***Hymn of Praise No. 859** *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

***Prayer of Confession** David Hamilton

**God our Savior,
we confess the weakness of our faith.
When danger lurks,
we focus more on the threat
than upon you, our hope.
We call on you anxiously, not confidently.
We forget your promised power.
Lord, help our unbelief!
In your mercy, O God, forgive us.
May we claim your power in love and trust,
living freely and joyfully in the security of your eternal love
granted through our savior, Jesus 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 ~

Word with Our Children

Jennifer Linn

(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 in the Fellowship Hall, where they will be picked up by a parent after the service.)

Anthem

Redeemed

arr. The Martins

Ryan & Michelle Walker

Robert Johnson

Mark & Jennifer Linn

Kay Yates, piano

Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 13:1-3

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Three Ways to Be a Better Lover

Rev. Michael Krauter

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Affirmation of Faith – Apostle's 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

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Gordon

*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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
that calls me from a world of care
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known:
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet of prayer, sweet hour of prayer
Thy wings shall my petition bear
to Him whose truth and faithfulness engaged the waiting soul to bless:
and since He bids me seek His face, believe His word, and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer

*Benediction

Postlude

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Teschner

*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 in the fellowship hall.

Upcoming

Please welcome Rev. Michael Krauter who will be speaking today while Darryl is on vacation. Michael was born in Canton, Ohio and became a follower of Jesus when he was 16 years old. He has lived and served in racially and ethnically diverse neighborhoods in Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Boston before moving to Charlotte in 2010. He is married to his loving wife Ashley and has three wonder-filled daughters. Michael serves as an ECO pastor at large in the Charlotte area helping build a non-profit network called ForCharlotte (<http://www.forcharlotte.org/>), which connects local churches across denominations, races, economics, and languages to be a church united for the good of the city. For his day-job, he serves as the manager over the three Nothing But Noodles restaurants in Charlotte.

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.

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:

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

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, out of rehab and is home now.

David Threatt, lymphoma and radiation treatments. Please pray for physical weakness and other side effects.

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.

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.

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.

Special Church Member of the Week

Joe Crawford

Black Mountain Neuro-Medical
Treatment Center
932 Old US Hwy 70
Black Mountain, NC 28711

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 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 Pruet
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates
Organist

Irene Davis
Nursery Director

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 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.

Servants

Greeters: Peggy Gibson & Carol Lowder

Elder Lock-Up: Danny Bost

Children's Message: Jennifer Linn

Children's Message next week: Communion

Videographer: David Reed

Children's Church Leader: Amelia Goodnight

Children's Church Leader next week: Jenna Baker

Ushers: Paul Barnhardt, Doug & Amelia Goodnight, & Michael Martens

Ushers next week: William Baker, Mike Freeman, John Roberson, & Bill Stricker

Summer Stories Facilitators: Frank Gibson & Judy Goodnight

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Summer Stories Story Tellers: Wren Philpot, Jennifer Smith, Lee Efird & Matt Pless

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This Week

TODAY

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



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