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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

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

## ~ Gathering before the Word ~

**Prelude***Come Into His Presence*

Baird

**Welcome & Service of Friendship**

Larry Efird

**Update from Session**

Jeff Barnhardt

**\*Call to Worship**

Exalt the LORD our GOD,  
for the LORD our GOD is holy!

**For the LORD GOD bestows favor and honor.  
No good thing does He withhold  
from those who walk uprightly.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

MORECAMBE

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart:  
Wean it from earth, thro' all its pulses move.  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,  
and make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;  
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear  
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King?  
All, all Thine own soul, heart and strength and  
mind.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame:  
The baptism of the heav'n descended Dove  
my heart an altar and Thy love the flames. Amen.

I see Thy cross there teach my heart to cling;  
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Eternal GOD,**

**In whom we live and move and have our being,  
whose face is hidden from us by our blindness of our hearts:  
Cleanse us from all our offenses,  
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to  
You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You,  
our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son. Amen.**

*(In silent prayer, let us offer GOD our confession and our hope)*

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.

## **Thanksgiving & Prayers of the People**

**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.**

(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.)

## **~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~**

### **Anthem**

*Come Alive (Dry Bones)*

Daigle/Farren

David Hamilton, tenor

Kay Yates, piano

### **Scripture Reading**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

A Garden of Life: Ezekiel's Vision Statement

Larry Efird

## **~ 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.**

### **Sacrament of Communion**

## Offering & Offertory Hymn

MANNA

### *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know that it's the presence of the Lord.

Refrain: Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love;  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise:  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,  
when we shall leave this place.

## \*Doxology Hymn No. 964

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

## \*Hymn of Commitment

TRENTHAM

### *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what Thou dost love,  
and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure  
Until my will is one with Thine,  
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly Thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with Thee the perfect life  
of Thine eternity. Amen.

## \*Benediction

Postlude

*Dry Bones*

Traditional

\*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. Please sign the attendance pad located at the end of each pew. If you have a prayer request, please fill out the blue prayer card or call the church office 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 "Word with Our Children," they will be escorted to their Children's Church in our Educational Building. 4-year-olds will meet in the nursery, where they are learning from the Gospel Light Preschool unit entitled "Thank You, God!" Parents should report to their child's classroom after worship to pick them up.

## Upcoming

**Today is communion Sunday** when we traditionally collect donations for the Good Sam Fund. We have been blessed to have been able to help several of those in need this year. If you could prayerfully consider giving to this fund, we will be able to help many more of those who are in need. Thank you for your generosity!

**Elder on call this week** for prayer requests and concerns is Debbie McDaniel.

**The Christian Education and Missions Teams have once again partnered to bring you "A Call to Action" during Sunday School this summer!** All adult classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00a.m. following our regular breakfast. Please join us for special speakers. The schedule for August is as follows:

- August 4 - Jim Bramlett of Living Waters for the World
- August 11 - Back-to-School outreach
- August 18 - Renee Goodnight on Daniel Plan Follow-up
- August 25 - Cut shoe material for Sole Hope

**The Missions Team will meet** on Monday, August 5 at 6:30 pm.

**Saltshakers is holding a prayer meeting** on Monday, August 12 at 6:00 pm at the church to pray for our church. All women are invited.

**We are in the process of updating our database** and providing an updated church directory. If there are any changes to your address, home phone, cell phone, or email address, please list any updates below and tear off and place in the offering plate.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**The JOY Group will have an End of Summer Lunch** on Friday, August 16 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring sandwiches and chips and dips. Ice Cream will be provided. No cooking required! Signup sheet outside of Parlor. See you there!

**It's time once again to start our collection for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes!!!** As in years past, we will pack 400 boxes - 200 boy and 200 girl - this year for ages 10-14. In an effort to be more consistent and produce better quality boxes, the Missions Team humbly suggests that you make a financial donation to go towards shopping for and shipping the boxes. (Just write "shoeboxes" on your check or offering envelope memo). Alternatively, if you would like to go shop, you may see Michelle Walker for a date to go shopping or a list of specific items to "adopt"! Thanks as always for your support of this special project!

**The Circle of Women** will resume its monthly meeting on Monday, September 9 at 2:00 pm at Editions Coffee Shop and Book Store. We will continue our study of Women of the Bible. All women are invited. We continue monthly meetings through May, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month.

**The Missions Team is once again spotlighting Jackson Park Elementary School** as the 2019-2020 school year approaches!

- We are asking the congregation to contribute the following items to provide to teachers and students: backpacks, pencils, crayons, marble (not spiral) notebooks, Expo whiteboard markers, erasers, markers, glue sticks, boxes of tissue, and disinfectant wipes. Collection bins are in the Narthex or the Fellowship Hall. **Deadline to contribute is Friday, August 9**, so that bags can be packed during Sunday School and Backpacks dedicated during worship on Sunday, August 11. If you prefer, you may make a monetary donation - just specify JPES in the memo line on your check or offering envelope.
- Collection continues for the Jackson Park Elementary food pantry and clothing closet. See an information sheet in the Narthex for specific needs. Donations may be placed on the bookshelf in the Youth Room.
- Volunteers are needed for the Big Brother/Big Sister program, which allows adults to meet monthly with a child during lunch at the school. A background check is required - please fill out the form (found in the Narthex) and return to Jenna Baker or a Missions Team Member.

**Our Annual Yard Sale and Bake Sale for Missions will be held on Saturday, September 14 (rain date Saturday, September 21).** Donations of clean household items and clothes, gently used books and toys, furniture, and other items can be placed in the room beside the Choir Room. Please do not include used bedding, undergarments or swimsuits, or items that are stained or in disrepair. If you need pick-up or assistance with moving larger items, please see a Missions Team member. Proceeds will go towards Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

**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.



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## The Session

Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk of Session

### Class of 2020

Jeff Barnhardt  
Frank Gibson  
Phil McLain  
Gip Rumble

### Class of 2021

Reneé Goodnight  
Debbie McDaniel  
Bill Stricker  
Ryan Walker

## Church Staff

Pastor Heath Burchett  
Supply Pastor

David Hamilton  
Director of Music

Michelle Walker  
Director of Children's Ministries

Terri Pruett  
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates  
Organist

Irene Davis  
Nursery Director

## Prayer Concerns

*New Prayer requests will be placed in the bulletin for two weeks.  
Please help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly  
updates emailed to [firstpresb@firstpresb.org](mailto:firstpresb@firstpresb.org).*

### HOMEBOUND

**Peggy Barnhardt** - at  
Morningside

**Iris Efird**

**Juanita Holt**

**Loretta Young** - at Five Oaks

### MEMBERS

**Mike Williams** - at Tucker  
Hospice House

**Mary Johns** - stomach cancer

**Bill Hammond**

**Lynn Efird**

**Connie Rary**

**Debby Baker**

### FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

**Carine and Flaubert Mbeunkui** - Their house is under contract! Please continue to pray for a smooth move and smooth transition as they relocate.

**Barbara Coffey** - friend of Judy Hunter, chemo treatments.

**Tommy Caldwell** - brain injury, member at Bethel Presbyterian.

**Jay Burgess** - Mike Lowder's brother-in-law, now at Hospice House.

**Mark McDaniel** - Mal's brother, radiation treatments.

**Lori Holder** - daughter of Sam McAllister, suffering with MS.

**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

**Dwight Goodnight**

311 Brook Street  
Kannapolis, NC 28083-6005

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."

## Servants

**Greeter:** Ryan Walker

**Elder Lock-Up:** Gip Rumble

**Children's Message:** None

**Children's Message next week:** Chris & Chariti Lowder

**Children's Church:** Shannon & Emma Sechler

**Children's Church next week:** Chris & Chariti Lowder

**Videographer:** Michael Martens

**Acolytes:** Keira Brady & August Williams

**Acolytes next week:** Amelia Caskey & Erica Efird

**Nursery:** Lynn Efird & Amelia Caskey

**Nursery next week:** Hannah Efird

**Ushers:** Danny Bost, Fred Caskey, Bobby Hallman, & Amy Hurst

**Ushers next week:** Paul Barnhardt, Doug & Amelia Goodnight, C.J. Semcho

## This Week

### TODAY

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

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

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

### MONDAY

6:30 p.m. - **Missions Team Meeting**

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

### TUESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

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

12:00 p.m. - **NA**

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

8:00 p.m. - **AA**

### NEXT SUNDAY

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

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

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



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