



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Prelude***Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Bradbury

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Rev. Dr. Ron Tippens

Moment for Missions***Call to Worship**

Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength!
That we may sing and praise your power.

**Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints,
and give thanks to His holy name.**

Hymn of Praise No. 831Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

***Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to the world
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
to the glory of your holy name.**

(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

Bodin de Boismortier

Prelude from Sonata in G minor

Tana Nichols, oboe

Melanie Misenheimer, english horn

(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 Readings

Psalm 100

1 Corinthians 11:17-26

Luke 14:15-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Great Banquet: Don't Miss the Joy

Ron Tippens

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith**

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:

That Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

Hymn No. 837

Let Us Break Bread Together

Hymn No. 540

Behold the Lamb

Offering & Offertory

Lamb of God
Tana Nichols, oboe
Melanie Misenheimer, piano

Twila Paris

***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. 604**

To God Be the Glory

***Benediction**

Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Oliver Holden

***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

Today we welcome the Reverend Dr. Ron Tippens as our guest speaker while Darryl is away.

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!

Today, August 5, 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. 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 August 5: Frank Gibson; August 12: Adam Stricker, SonServants and other missions; August 19: Habitat for Humanity; August 26: Holly Teeter with Sole Hope. 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.

We have all the supplies we need for the pillowcase dresses, but if you would like to help make the dresses, contact Kay McAllister at (704) 723-1158. 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!

There will be a mission trip to Mexico from October 20-27. The Deadline to commit is August 19. If you are interested in going on this mission trip to Mexico, please see Steve Goodnight or call the church office by August 19. Also, **Sunday, August 26 has been designated as Missions Sunday**, when a special offering will be collected during worship for our upcoming Mexico Missions trip.

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.

The Missions Team is seeking our talented church members to donate their goods, time or services for a **Missions Auction!** If you make specialty items, can cook a meal, offer babysitting, clean someone's house, do landscaping, teach a skill, or offer other services that you think we can auction off, please fill out your proposal and place in the offering plate. Auction time is to be determined. Proceeds will support our Missions Fund.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Auction Item(s): _____



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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 Pruet
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates
Organist

Irene Davis
Nursery Director

The Missions Team continues collections for our **400 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes!** For the month of August, the focus will be school supplies. We need packs of 24-count crayons, packs of markers and colored pencils, pencils and pens, erasers, pencil sharpeners, glue sticks and scissors. Collection bins are in the Narthex and outside the Fellowship Hall. Of course, we will still gladly accept donations of hygiene items (bar soap, wash cloths, wet wipes, lip balm, brushes & combs). Facial tissue and toothbrushes are fulfilled. Thanks as always for your support!

Saltshakers Ladies Bible Study of First Presbyterian Church opens its registration beginning August 5 and runs through September 10, 2018. The Bible study will begin on September 17, 2018 and end on April 15, 2019 (with scheduled breaks). A calendar and notebook will be provided at the first Monday evening meeting. The study will meet on Monday evenings from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the church. Sarah Knott is the lecturer. The title of this year's study is "KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE AND WHY" based on the book of Romans. Registration forms can be found in the narthex and various places around the church. Please place your form in the offering plate, place in the church office, or give to Judy Goodnight. This is a life-changing study that you won't want to miss. Invite a friend and join us on Monday evenings beginning in September.

The Missions Team has planned a week for First Presbyterian to staff the **Salvation Army Hope Night Shelter** Sept. 23 - 29. Volunteers are needed each night by 7pm to provide dinner for approximately 30 people, serve, and clean up. 2 gallons of milk and cereal will also be needed for the following morning's breakfast. Deadline to volunteer is August 31. Please return the following form to the Church Office by August 31 if you would like to help:

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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.

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

Carla Efird - hip replacement surgery.

Iris Efird - Health concerns.

Donna Whitley - health issues including hernia.

Mike Williams - back at Brian Center.

Juanita Holt - at Five Oaks.

Loretta Young - back at Five Oaks.

Barbara Wise - health concerns.

Jennifer Williams - at home recovering.

Mary Johns - recovering from procedure.

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

Bruce Davis - father of Judy Goodnight, battling lung cancer.

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

Loretta Young

Five Oaks Manor

Room 302 Bed A

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."

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

Servants

Greeters: Garrett Brady & Phil McLain

Elder Lock-Up: Phil McLain

Videographer: David Reed

Children's Message: Communion

Children's Message Next Week: Malaina Meeks

Children's Church Leader: Michelle Walker

Children's Church Leader next week: Alpha Barger

Acolytes: Amelia Caskey & Ella Sechler

Acolytes Next Week: Luke Burris & Abigail Malinovsky

Ushers: Paul Barnhardt, Doug & Amelia Goodnight, and C.J. Semcho

Ushers next week: William Baker, Amy Hurst, John Roberson & Bill Stricker

This Week

TODAY

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

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

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



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