



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Prelude***Sing to the King*

Foote

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Pastor Darryl Evans

***Call to Worship**

What shall I return to God for all of God's bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on God's name.

If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them:

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.***Hymn of Praise No. 492***Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

***Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

Eternal God,**Whose covenant with us is never broken,****we confess that we fail to fulfill your will.****Though you have bound yourself to us,****we will not bind ourselves to you.****In Jesus Christ you serve us freely,****but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others.****We do not love you fully or love one another as you command.****In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us.****Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ,****who is the bread of life****and the vine from which we grow in grace.***(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.

(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.)

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision
Chancel Choir

Slane
arr. Shepherd

Scripture Reading

John 13:31-38

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

New Love

Darryl Evans

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples: If you love one another.”
-John 13:34-35

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Sacrament of Communion

Communion Hymn No. 815 *Gift of Finest Wheat*

BICENTENNIAL

***Affirmation of Faith – I John 4:7-12**

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

Offering & Offertory

Darmstadt

Fritsch

***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. 840**

COMMUNION HYMN

Behold the Lamb

***Benediction**

Postlude

Take Up Your Cross

Everest

***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

A note of thanks: Thank you for your prayers and concerns during my son Clint's passing. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. *Mike Freeman*

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:

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

Mike Freeman, on the death of his son, Clint, last week.

Emily Griggs, on the death of her grandmother, Nancy Link, last week.

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 Efirm, 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.

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."



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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

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: Garrett Brady & Sam McAllister

Elder Lock-Up: Sam McAllister

Children's Message: Communion

Children's Message next week: Darryl Evans

Videographer:

Children's Church Leader: Jenna Baker

Children's Church Leader next week: Ali Craft

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

Ushers next week: Andrew & Jenna Baker; Jason & Erin Burris

Summer Stories Facilitators: Frank Gibson & Sharon Stricker

Summer Stories Facilitators next week: Frank Gibson & Carol Lowder

Summer Stories Story Tellers: Emily Griggs, Jennifer Linn, Hank Cranford & Steve Goodnight

Summer Stories Story Tellers next week: Mel Eaton, Phil McLain, Jessica Bell, & Charlene Booth

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**
7:00 p.m. - **Session**

WEDNESDAY

4:30 p.m. - **CE Team**

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** -
Good News Class
10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**



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