



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Prelude***Amazing Grace*

Virginia Harmony

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Pastor Darryl Evans

Discipleship Moment

Tracy Caskey

***Call to Worship**

—Psalm 24:1-4, NRSV

The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

**for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

***Hymn of Praise No. 521**

NETTLETON

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing****Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Eternal and merciful God,
you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.
Yet we have strayed from your way;
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone.**

**As we remember the lavish gift of your grace
we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.
Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin,
and to rise daily to new life in Christ,
who lives and reigns with you,
and in whose strong 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 ~

Word with our Children

Darryl Evans

(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

Your Grace Still Amazes Me
David Hamilton, tenor

Craig/Harrington

Scripture Reading

Luke 16:1-9

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

Sermon

The Wise and Dishonest Manager

Darryl Evans

“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted wisely”
-Luke 16:8

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith – Luke 16:10-15**

“Whoever is faithful in very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they ridiculed him. So he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of others; but God knows your hearts; for what is prized by human beings is an abomination in the sight of God.”

Offering & Offertory

Gabriel's Oboe
Amanda Fink, flute
Kay Yates, piano

Morricone

***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. 770**

In Christ Alone

***Benediction**

Postlude

God of the Ages

Warren

***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 so much for the wonderful food you all prepared for me and my extended family here at the church. It was very much enjoyed by all. *Love, Richard Griggs*

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Bob and Opal Hallman's 54th anniversary.

Summer Sunday School continues with Summer Stories for adults 7th grade and up through August 20. 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. The final two weeks of Summer Sunday School, the adults (7th grade and up) will once again come together in the fellowship hall for joint classes. August 27 will be led by Sharon Cranford and September 3 will be led by Bill Jolley. Genesis Sunday will be on September 10.

The Missions Team is once again welcoming your donations for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! For the month of August, our focus is school/craft supplies. We need 400 each of the following: small notebooks, packs of skinny markers, packs of colored pencils, packs of 24ct crayons, kids scissors (blunt end), glue sticks, pencil sharpeners, pencils, and watercolor paints case w/brush. This week's shopping tips:

- Target - colored pencils \$.99
- Office Depot - pencil sharpeners \$.25, 4 pack glue sticks \$.01 with a \$5 purchase
- Walgreens - 20 pack pencils \$.99
- Staples - 12 pack pencils \$.50, 24 ct crayons \$.50, colored pencils \$.97, skinny markers \$.97
- Dollar Tree also has 12 pack pencil sharpeners, packs of pencils, 2 pack kids scissors & watercolor paints case w/ brush.

Happy shopping!

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: _____

Birthdate: _____

Anniversary: _____

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

Interests:

Circle of Women will resume its monthly Bible Study beginning Monday, September 11 at 2:00 p.m. They will meet in the fellowship hall on the 2nd Monday of each month, September through May, as they continue their study of John, especially looking at chapters 15 through 21-- the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God. All women of the church are invited and are encouraged to invite a friend.

Saltshakers Women's Bible Study will resume on Monday, September 25th from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. They will meet at the church, weekly, September through April, taking a break during the month of December and other holidays. Look for the registration cards located around the church to sign up.

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

Lynn Efird, radiation treatments.

Sharon Stricker, upcoming hip replacement surgery.

Emily Griggs, as she prepares to return to Morocco.

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

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

Farrar Griggs, Restoration process after fire at Rocky Creek Presbyterian Church plus health concerns.

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.

Clara Burris, atrial septal defect. Recovering from surgery.

Gene Griggs, cousin of Farrar Griggs, suffered a stroke, is home with family in Charlotte & responding to rehab.

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.

Special Church Member of the Week

Charles Seaford

304 Larry Drive

Kannapolis, NC 28083-6144

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

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.

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: Garrett Brady & Sam McAllister

Elder Lock-Up: Sam McAllister

Children's Message: Darryl Evans

Children's Message next week: Mary Lee Evans

Videographer: Michael Martens

Children's Church Leader: Ali Craft

Children's Church Leader next week: Brian & Hannah Efird

Ushers: Andrew & Jenna Baker; Jason & Erin Burris

Ushers next week: Danny Bost, Mel Eaton, Todd Pless & Tony Rary

Summer Stories Facilitators: Frank Gibson & Carol Lowder

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

Summer Stories Story Tellers next week: Jenna Baker, Malaina Meeks & Tanner Adams,
David Hamilton & Jim Johnston

This Week

TODAY

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

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** -

Walter Goodman Class

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

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



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