



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Prelude***Fairest Lord Jesus*

Traditional

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Pastor Darryl Evans

***Call to Worship**

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

**Our souls long for your courts,
where we yearn to sing your praises.**

Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
who are always praising you.

**Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrim's way.**

***Hymn of Praise No. 521**

NETTLETON

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

David Hamilton

God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

A sinner in the company of sinners.

**Too often, we hide beneath the veil of religion
or trust in the good things we do.**

**Seemingly safe in our pews,
we look down on those not here,
thankful we are not like them.**

Yet, the truth is, we are.

We have all sinned.

We have all fallen short of the people you call us to be.

Cleanse us and restore us,

for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

(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 ~

***Hymn of Preparation No. 641**

FOREST GREEN

Eternal Spirit, God of Truth

Word with our Children

Adam Caskey

(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 Reading

Ephesians 4:25-32

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Reconciliation in the Church

Darryl Evans

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,
with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

-Ephesians 4:30

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith**

Romans 8:28-31

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Offering & Offertory

Ashokan Farewell

Jessica Bell, violin

Kay Yates, piano

*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. 934

DIX

God of Mercy, God of Grace

*Benediction

Postlude

Robed in Majesty

Hintze

*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.

July Financial Update

Year to date budget - \$160,563.69

Year to date income - \$159,452.90

Year to date expenses - \$158,055.75

Upcoming

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Opal and Bob Hallman's 55th wedding anniversary.

Today, 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 19: Kim Jones & Dyana Bostian from Habitat for Humanity; August 26: Holly Teeter with Sole Hope; September 2: Jennifer Linn will share info about her recent trip with fellow teachers to China. 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.

The first workshop for making hair bows for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be held this Wednesday, August 22 at 12:30 pm in the fellowship hall. We will be making the hair bows with leftover fabric that matches the pillow case dresses. A glue gun and a good pair of fabric scissors would be greatly appreciated. Come on out and share the fun!

There will be a mission trip to Mexico from October 20-27. The Deadline to commit is TODAY, 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 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!

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): _____

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 _____



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The Session

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David Hamilton
Director of Music

Tracy and Adam Caskey
Youth Directors

Terri Pruett
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates
Organist

Irene Davis
Nursery Director

We hope everyone in the “**Bad Girls**” **Thursday Morning Bible Study** has had a restful and relaxed summer, but now its time again to learn more what God has to teach us. We will kick off on September 5th with a tea. Everyone, please bring a small platter of goodies and your favorite tea cup. We will be studying “Anxious about Nothing” by Max Lucado. Books will be handed out then. The price of the book is \$14.00. Please make checks payable to Frank Gibson. We welcome anyone new who would like to join us. Please contact Kay McAllister at (704) 723-1158. Deadline for ordering books is August 25th.

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.

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 - Hernia surgery tomorrow at CMC-Main.
Mike Williams - back at CMC-NE.
Juanita Holt - at Five Oaks.
Loretta Young - 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.

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."

FAMILY OF MEMBERS

Barbara Coffey - friend of Judy Hunter: stage 4 Breast Cancer.
Thomas Dishman - friend of Judy Hunter: problems with LVAD.
Lamar Coward - brother of Sheila Grey: terminal lung disease.
Chuck Rogers - friend of Judy Hammond: suffered stroke following surgery.
Shelia & Steve Dobson - friends of Judy Hammond: Steve had brain surgery last week.
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.
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: Adam Caskey

Children's Message Next Week: Sharon Stricker

Children's Church Leader: Erin Burris

Children's Church Leader next week: Emma & Shannon Sechler

Acolytes: Amelia & Toby Caskey

Acolytes Next Week: Luke Burris & Abigail Malinovsky

Ushers: Andrew & Jenna Baker, Jason & Erin Burris

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

This Week

TODAY

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

Walter Goodman 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** -

New Connection Class

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

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



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