



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Prelude****Welcome & Service of Friendship**

Pastor Darryl Evans

Moment for Missions

Michelle Walker

Women's Ministry Moment

Judy Goodnight

***Call to Worship**

—from Psalm 89:1-4, NRSV

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;
**with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness
to all generations.**

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:
'I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'"

Praise the Lord!***Hymn of Praise No. 17**

ST. ELIZABETH

*Beautiful Savior****Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**All praise and glory are yours, Almighty God,
for you are slow to anger and abound in mercy—
and on your mercy our lives depend:**

**For we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.
We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts,
and have not resisted evil as we ought:**

**Too often we have allowed anger to triumph over love;
Too often we have judged some by the color of their skin;
Too often we have forgotten that all people are made in your image;
Too often we have ignored our savior, who gave his life for people
of every tongue and tribe and nation.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**And by your Spirit, renew our lives,
that we may serve your will and purposes, now and forever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 ~

10 Cents a Meal & Blessing of the Backpacks

Jennifer Smith

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship his holy name.

(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 3d floor of the education building, where they will be picked up by a parent after the service.)

***Hymn of Preparation No. 757**

MUNICH

O Word of God Incarnate

Scripture Reading

3 John

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

Sermon

Known by God

Darryl Evans

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

-3 John 4

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Affirmation of Faith – from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

My only comfort in life and in death is
that I am not my own, but belong—
body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Offering & Offertory

*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. 691

NEW BRITAIN

Amazing Grace

*Benediction

Postlude

*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 on the 3rd floor of the education building.

Upcoming

The Chancel Choir and Alleluia Ringers will resume rehearsals on Aug 30. The chancel choir will rehearse at 6:30 pm and the Alleluia Ringers will rehearse at 7:30 pm.

Summer Sunday School continues with the adults, 7th grade and up, coming together for a joint class in the fellowship hall. Today, the class will be led by Sharon Cranford and September 3 it will be led by Bill Jolley. Children (through 6th grade) will all meet together for Hymns and Psalms. Genesis Sunday will be on September 10.

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.

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 you 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: _____

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

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.

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. We still need:

- 24 ct crayons: 348
- Glue sticks: 324
- Markers: 398
- Colored pencils: 398
- Small notebooks: 374
- Scissors: 303
- Pencils: need at least 490
- Pencil sharpeners: 370
- Watercolor paint/brush: 396

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

Sharon Stricker, recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Laura Gibson, Frank's daughter-in-law, fighting lymphoma, now in remission after treatment.

Lynn Efird, radiation treatments.

Emily Griggs, back in Morocco.

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, at Duke Hospital. Please pray for physical weakness and other side effects.

Teresa Alexander, friend of Renée Goodnight, brain tumors.

Mark McDaniel, lymphoma (Mal's brother).

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

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.

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.

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: Jennifer Smith

Children's Message next week: Alpha Barger

Videographer:

Children's Church Leader: Alpha Barger

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

Ushers: Mark Goodnight, Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel & Tony Sherrill

Ushers next week: Todd Adams, John Hammond, Lynn Sechler, C.J. Semcho

This Week

TODAY

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

6:30 p.m. - **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

7:30 p.m. - **Alleluia Ringers**

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** -
Disciples Class

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

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



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