



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Prelude***Wonderful Peace*

Cooper

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Pastor Darryl Evans

***Call to Worship**

God is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a refuge in times of trouble.

Those who know your name put their trust in you.

You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Sing praises to the Lord!

Declare God's deeds among all people!

Hymn of Praise No. 533I Come with Joy*

LAND OF REST

***Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

God of life,

in our sin we fall short,

and our lives miss the mark.

**We draw the circle of your love too small,
favoring ourselves and excluding others.**

**We yearn for treasures that perish
and overlook your blessings that endure.**

**Our devotion to you ebbs and flows,
depending more on our circumstances
than on your never-failing love.**

**Only you, mighty God,
can free us from the prison of our sin.**

**Forgive us by your powerful love
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Redeem us, that we may fulfill your will
and proclaim to all the world
the wonder of your forgiving love.**

(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. 338**

I Will Trust in the Lord

Word with our Children

Tracy 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 5:18-33

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Reconciliation in the Family

Darryl Evans

“submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

--Ephesians 5:21

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith**

Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Offering & Offertory

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Gabriel

Tana Nichols, oboe

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. 590

AZMON

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*Benediction

Postlude

Presto

Moller

*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

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Sept. 3 in observance of Labor Day.

Notes of thanks: Thank you so much for the graduation money. It's so very appreciated to help with college. *Michael Eilers.*

Thank you, church family, for all the expressions of love and care that have been sent to the Bruce Davis family. Whether it was a phone call, a prayer, a visit, flowers, food, or just a thought, we thank you for your concern during this time of loss. We love you. *Judy Goodnight.*

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. Our speaker today is Jennifer Linn who will share info about her recent trip with fellow teachers to China.

Genesis Sunday will be on September 9 beginning with breakfast supplied by the Fellowship Team from 9:30 to 10:10 am. Following breakfast, Tracy will introduce the teachers for Pre K through 8th grade and students will go to their classrooms as their teachers are introduced. Danny Bost will introduce adult teachers and each teacher will give an overview of the curriculum they will be teaching this year. Adults will be dismissed for worship at 10:45 a.m.

The Circle of Women will have their first meeting of the church year starting Tuesday, September 11 at 2:00 pm in the New Connections Classroom.

Wednesday Night Life begins on September 12 with a service night as we move yard sale items to the Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship Team will once again be providing the meals for \$5.00 per person/\$20 per family. Beginning September 19, Larry Efird will be leading an adult Bible study on the Song of Solomon. Children will resume their classes as well. Choir and Handbell rehearsals will also begin on September 12 with Choir Rehearsal at 6:30 pm and Handbell Rehearsal at 7:30 pm.

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 excited to welcome Natasha Ivanova, Operation Christmas Child Shoebox recipient, to speak at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 16! We will host Natasha at a covered-dish lunch immediately following the worship service. Please bring a well-filled basket to share with the congregation (and perhaps some neighboring churches) and learn how Natasha's life was impacted by an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox.

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 continues collections for our **400 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes!** For the month of September, the focus will be toys. We need small stuffed animals, jump ropes, small containers of playdough, watercolor paint/brush sets, games or puzzles. 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) and school supplies. Facial tissue and toothbrushes are fulfilled. Thanks as always for your support!

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 6th 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.

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 **JOY Group will have a "Welcome Back" covered dish** on Friday, September 21 at 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall. Please bring your favorite covered dish to share. A sign up sheet is located outside the parlor.

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

Mary Johns - upcoming surgeries, including eye cancer.

Steve Hodge - is now a grandfather! Levi Daniel Hodges was born Sat, Aug 25.

Danny Bost - Heart procedure went well. Back at home.

Emily Griggs - is thankful for the prayers! She is back in Casablanca and getting ready to begin the school year Sept 5. She is hoping she won't need surgery for her fibula, but will know more next week.

Carla Efird - hip replacement surgery.

Iris Efird - Health concerns.

Donna Whitley - recovering from surgery, now at home.

Mike Williams - at home making good progress!

Juanita Holt - at Five Oaks.

Loretta Young - at Five Oaks.

Barbara Wise - health concerns.

Mary Johns - recovering from procedure.

Peggy Barnhardt - at Morningside with Dementia.

Lynn Efird - continuing treatment.

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.

Special Church Member of the Week

Virginia Maguire

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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 2019

Garrett Brady
Mike Freeman
Allison Hammett
Carol Lowder

Class of 2020

Jeff Barnhardt
Frank Gibson
Phil McLain
Gip Rumple

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

FAMILY OF MEMBERS

Jay - brother of Ellen Little at CMC-NE.

Dwayne - Charlene Booth's son, having surgery this week.

Zackie Moore - father of Melissa Knot, has brain tumor.

Jay McKinney - son-in-law of Jim Johnston: home safely from Afganistan!

Mark McDaniel - brother of Mal McDaniel, in remission and making great progress!

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..

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.

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.

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: Mike Freeman & Allison Hammett

Elder Lock-Up: Gip Rumble

Videographer: David Reed

Children's Message: Tracy Caskey

Children's Church Leader: Tracy Caskey

Acolytes: Amelia Caskey & Will Evans

Nursery: Lynn Efird

Nursery next week: Lynn Efird

Ushers: Mark Goodnight, Amy Hurst, 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** -
Disciples Class

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

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

MONDAY - **Labor Day** (office closed)

8:00 p.m. - **Alcoholics Anonymous**

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. - **Narcotics Anonymous**

THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. - **Thursday Morning**
Women's Bible Study Tea

12:00 p.m. - **NA**

6:30 p.m. - **Boy Scouts**

8:00 p.m. - **AA**

NEXT SUNDAY - **Genesis Sunday**

9:30 a.m. - **Breakfast** -
Fellowship Team

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

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



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