



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Prelude***Candler*

Scottish Melody

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Pastor Darryl Evans

Moment for Missions**Eagle Scout Presentation*****Call to Worship**

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

We will praise the Lord as long as we live;**we will sing praises to our God while we have our being.**Blessed are they who have the God of Jacob for their help;
whose hope is in the Lord their God;**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;****who keeps faith forever!**

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!***Hymn of Praise No. 538**

NICAEA

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty****Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

Compassionate God,**your touch heals and your word saves,****yet we look for salvation in other places.****We long to know the fullness of your love,****but our sin gets in the way.****What we say seldom matches how we live.****Help us make our confession.****Hear us as we pray.****Hold us in your mercy.****Touch us again,****so that we may live this day in joy and praise,****for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.***(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

(Pre-k through 5th graders may now be excused to Sunday School. An adult will now escort the children to the Sunday School classrooms located 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 & Marriage

Darryl Evans

“This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.”

-Ephesians 5:32

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith**

Philippians 2:5:11

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Offering & Offertory

Gabriel's Oboe
Tana Nichols, oboe
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. 863

HENDON

Take My Life and Let It Be

*Benediction

Postlude

The Church's One Foundation

Wesley

*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.

Upcoming

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 55th anniversary of Bobby and Opal Hallman.

Today is Genesis Sunday. We will begin 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. Danny Bost will introduce adult teachers and each teacher will give an overview of the curriculum they will be teaching this year.

This fall we are trying **something new for children's Sunday School!** During the worship service children in grades PreK-5th grade will be escorted upstairs to the Education Building's third floor for age specific Sunday School classes. This has traditionally been the time we have used in the past for our Children's Church of combined ages. Children's Church will now meet before the worship service in the 10:00-10:45am time slot. This is for children ages PreK-5th grade and will consist of Bible lessons, songs, and crafts. Middle School and High School classes will meet during the traditional Sunday School time of 10:00-10:45am. So where do all the kids go? Children's Church meets on the third floor in the first room on the right. The PreK-K Sunday School class meets in the classroom area of the nursery. The 1st-2nd grade Sunday School class

meets on the third floor, second room on the left. The 3rd-5th grade Sunday School class meets on the third floor, second room on the right. All children will need to be picked up by a parent or guardian after the worship service on the third floor. The Sunday School classes are marked on the third floor to help you find your way. If you have questions please see Tracy Caskey or any member of the Christian Education Team. We are excited about this opportunity to share God's Word with your children!

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 THIS week 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. The menu this week is Cici's Pizza and salad. 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.

On Sunday, September 16 at 3:30pm, **Cynthia Clawson will be live in concert** at Revolution Church at 310 Brookdale Street, Kannapolis. Cynthia is a Billboard Magazine Grammy Award winning artist with five Dove Awards. She has been a guest on Bill & Gloria Gaither's Homecoming Series and she is a vocalist, songwriter and musician with over 25 recordings, and a career spanning over five decades. All are invited to attend the FREE concert!

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!

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

Sharon Stricker - broken knee.

Mary Johns - upcoming surgeries, including eye cancer.

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

Emily Griggs - teacher in Casablanca.

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.

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.

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.

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

Barbara Coffey - friend of Judy Hunter: stage 4 Breast Cancer.

Special Church Member of the Week

Dwight Goodnight

311 Brook Street
Kannapolis, NC 28083-6005

Birthday is September 15

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 Rumble

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

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: Michael Martens

Nursery: Lynn Efirid

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

Ushers next week: Bobby Hallman, Tony Hunter, Phil & Jill McLain

This Week

TODAY - Genesis Sunday

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

Fellowship Team

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

Fellowship hall

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

2:00 p.m. - **Circle of Women**

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

WEDNESDAY

5:45 p.m. - **Wednesday Supper**

6:15 p.m. - **Service Night -**

Yard sale item prep

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

7:30 p.m. - **Handbell Rehearsal**

THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. - **Thursday Morning**

Women's Bible Study

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

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

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

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. - **Missions Yard Sale**

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Walter Goodman Class

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

10:00 a.m. - **Children's Church**

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



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