



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Prelude *More Love to Thee* Doane

Choral Call to Worship Traditional South African
Come Bring Your Burdens to God
Chancel Choir

Welcome & Service of Friendship Pastor Darryl Evans

***Call to Worship**

The Lord is our light and our salvation;
whom then shall we fear?
The Lord is the strength of our lives;
of whom shall we be afraid?

***Hymn of Praise No. 351**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

***Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Loving God,
You have formed a covenant with us,
committing yourself to us
and inviting us to walk with you.
Yet we resist:
wanting our own way,
complaining about your children,
thinking we know best.**

**Have mercy on us.
Stir our hearts that we might walk in your ways
and in your mighty strength
that You have extended to us in Jesus.**

(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. 528**

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

Come and Fill Our Hearts

(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 6:10-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Fight for Reconciliation

Darryl Evans

“Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power”

-Ephesians 6:10

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith**

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

Offering & Offertory

Wolfe

Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

David Hamilton, tenor

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. 251

AURELIA

The Church's One Foundation

*Benediction

Postlude

Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Williams

***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

Today, the Missions Team is excited to welcome Natasha Ivanova, Operation Christmas Child Shoebox recipient. We will host Natasha at a covered-dish lunch immediately following the worship service today. 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.

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 **Cynthia Clawson concert** originally scheduled for this afternoon at Revolution Church has been postponed due to the anticipated weather. A new date will be scheduled soon.

The yard sale has been rescheduled for next Saturday, September 22 from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Sausage biscuits and hot dogs will also be for sale.

The women's Sunday Circle will resume meeting on Sunday, September 23rd from 4 to 5:30pm. We would love to have any women interested join us. We spend time connecting with each other, praying, doing outreach, and learning from Scripture. We will meet in Fellowship Hall and enjoy some snacks as well. We plan to meet the third Sunday of every month, and child care is provided by some special volunteers! If you have any questions about this group, please contact Michelle Walker (704) 223-1778 / lowderms@yahoo.com or Mary Lee Evans at (252) 944-6264 / marylee.evans@gmail.com.

Wednesday Night Life continues this week with an adult class on Song of Solomon taught by Larry Efird and children's classes. The menu is Stag n Doe Chicken Alfredo, garlic bread, and salad \$5.00 per person/\$20 per family.

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. We are excited to have Kathy Walker (a friend of Kay's) as our guest speaker. Kathy will tell us all about her mission trip experiences. A sign up sheet is located outside the parlor.

There will be a **Mexico Missions Trip meeting** on Sunday, September 23rd in the parlor immediately following worship. All those going on the Mexico Missions Trip and members of the Mission Team are asked to attend.

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!

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

Alpha Barger - surgery was successful!

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.

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

Amy Ritchie - friend of Jane Jacobs, dealing with stage 4 Breast Cancer.

Nancy Barger - friend of Jane Jacobs, dealing with cancer.

Jay - brother of Ellen Little, home from hospital and awaiting update for surgery.

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.

Special Church Member of the Week

Peggy Barnhardt

507 Queens Gate Dr.

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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 Rumble

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Darryl Evans
Pastor

David Hamilton
Director of Music

Tracy and Adam Caskey
Youth Directors

Terri Pruett
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates
Organist

Irene Davis
Nursery Director

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

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

Ushers next week: Paul Barnhardt, Mel Eaton, Mike Freeman & Ron Lisenby

This Week

TODAY

- 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**
- 12:00 p.m. - **Covered dish lunch and**
Natasha Ivanova

MONDAY

- 7:00 p.m. - **Saltshakers**
- 8:00 p.m. - **Alcoholics Anonymous**

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- 5:45 p.m. - **Wednesday Supper**
- 6:15 p.m. - **Adult Class**
Song of Solomon
- 6:15 p.m. - **Children's Classes**
- 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**

FRIDAY

- 12:00 p.m. - **JOY Group Covered Dish**

SATURDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -
New Connection Class
- 10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**
- 10:00 a.m. - **Children's Church**
- 11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**
- 4:00 p.m. - **Sunday Women's Circle**



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