



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ **Gathering before the Word** ~

Prelude

Ecce Panis

Dykes

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Pastor Darryl Evans

***Call to Worship**

--from Psalm 99

Exalt the Lord our God,
for the Lord our God is holy!

**For the Lord God bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does He withhold
from those who walk with Him.**

***Hymn of Praise No. 440**

He Leadeth Me

AUGHTON

***Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Almighty God,
We desire that your Son Jesus
have first place in everything in our lives.
Yet, we so easily relegate him to a lesser place,
trying to change our lives by taking control and working ever harder.
We often fail to seek your guidance
and be patient and still before You.
Forgive us. Free us from our anxieties and fears.
Help us to seek you first that we might see things rightly.
Open our heart to Christ's reign over all things,
for it is in his name that we pray.**

(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

Tracy Caskey

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

Anthem

He Never Failed Me Yet

Ray

Jennifer Linn, soprano
David Hamilton, tenor
Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Exodus 2:11-22

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

Sermon

Gershom-ed

Darryl Evans

“Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying,
“I have become an alien in a foreign land.”
–Exodus 2:22

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Affirmation of Faith – Isaiah 30:15-16, 18

This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says:

**“In repentance and rest is your salvation,
in quietness and trust is your strength,
but you would have none of it.**

You said, ‘No, we will flee on horses.’

Therefore you will flee!

You said, ‘We will ride off on swift horses.’

Therefore your pursuers will be swift...

**Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you;
therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.**

**For the Lord is a God of justice.
Blessed are all who wait for him!**

Offering & Offertory *I Need Thee Every Hour* Lowry

***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. 422**

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

***Benediction**

Postlude *What a Wonder* LeDoux

***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

Donations for Hurricanes Harvey and Irma - if you would like to contribute for those affected from the recent hurricanes, please make your checks payable to FPC and put "Harvey" or "Irma" in the subject line. All donations will be sent to Samaritan's Purse.

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.

The Missions Team is once again welcoming your donations for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! For the month of September, our focus will be on the everyday essentials, so we need 400 each of the following: Washcloths, Bars of soap, Comb/brush sets, girls' ponytail holders, girls' hair bows, small packs of wet wipes, small cups, small snack containers with lids, and fork/spoon sets. Of course, we'll still gratefully continue to accept school supplies previously listed. UPDATE: Thanks to the congregation's generosity, we have fulfilled the following shoebox items: pencils, crayons, pencil sharpeners, toothbrushes & facial tissues! We only need a few more (138) glue sticks to mark them off.

Wednesday Night Life continues this week. This week's meal will be catered by Stag & Doe with lasagna, salad, bread, tea and lemonade. Cost is \$5 per person over five years of age, under five are free, \$20 maximum for a family. So we can get an accurate count, please indicate on the pew pads how many in your family will be coming on Wednesday night and circle it. See this week's schedule for more details.

The JOY Group will have lunch on Friday, Sept. 29 at O'Charley's in Concord at noon. Please meet at the church at 11:30 am to carpool. A sign up sheet is located outside the parlor. Contact John and Brenda Gail Roberson with any questions.

Join us at 3:00pm on Saturday, September 30th at Vietnam Veteran's Park (on Orphanage Rd) for a "Park Pick-up and Play" day. We will pick up litter in the park (while playing a bit) then swing by Baker's Creek park for more pick up and play time and finish at 5:00pm at Village Park with a train ride, carousel ride, and ice cream. See Tracy Caskey for more details.

Fall Youth Sunday - All youth are welcomed to participate in the Worship Service this October 22nd for a fall youth Sunday. If you are interested in taking part please let Tracy Caskey know by October 15th. Rehearsal for the youth Sunday will be October 22nd at 9:30am in the Sanctuary followed by a youth breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am.

Mark your calendars for some upcoming family fun!

On October 22nd meet after church at 2:00pm at the Regal Corn Maze in Statesville for a group rate.

We will hold another Fall Fun and Vesper Service at 4:30pm on November 19th. There will be a lot of great activities for the kids.

Gingerbread House Workshop will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, December 6th from 6:30-7:30pm.

On December 15th, parents are welcome to drop off their children at the church for a Parents' Night Out from 5:30-9:00pm. This will include pizza, games, crafts, stories, etc. Registration will be required to ensure enough chaperones, food, and materials are available. More details to come!

The Christmas Covered Dish Dinner and Children's Christmas Play will be Sunday, December 3rd at 5:30pm this year. If your children or youth wish to participate in the play please let Tracy Caskey know by Wednesday, September 20th. Speaking parts will be assigned at this rehearsal. Please see the rehearsal schedule below to help determine whether you are able to participate this year. Wednesday evenings in Fellowship Hall:

6:30-7:30pm September 20-November 1

6:00-7:30pm November 8-November 29 (no rehearsal November 22)

Dress Rehearsal on Saturday, December 2, 1:00-3:00pm followed by an ice cream sundae party.

There will be a Wednesday night class from 6:30-7:30pm for children not interested in participating in the Christmas play from September 13-November 1st.

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

Peggy Barnhardt, recovering from a fall.

Brian Landis, stage 5 renal disease.

Iris Efird, recovering at home.

A friend of the church, Oct 11 court case, pray it will be dismissed with no further charges.

Connie Rary had a good one year report, and is still fighting cancer.

Sharon Stricker, recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Lynn Efird, radiation treatments.

Farrar Griggs, Restoration process after fire at Rocky Creek Presbyterian Church plus health concerns. **Emily Griggs**, back in Morocco.

Lori Holder, daughter of Sam McAllister, has MS, out of rehab and is home now.

Teresa Alexander, friend of Renée Goodnight, brain tumors.

Mark McDaniel, lymphoma (Mal's brother), making good progress.

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.



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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 Pruett
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates
Organist

Irene Davis
Nursery Director

Debby Baker, has cancer again.

Linda Bost, small, stable cerebral aneurysm.

Loretta Young, Alzheimer's is progressing and she is declining in health.

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.

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: Mike Freeman & Allison Hammett

Elder Lock-Up: Mark Goodnight

Children's Message: Tracy Caskey

Children's Message next week:

Videographer: Michael Martens

Children's Church Leader: Tracy Caskey

Children's Church Leader next week: Erin Burris

Nursery: Shannon Sechler

Nursery next week: Raegan Swaringen

Ushers: Doug & Amelia Goodnight, Todd Pless, & Bill Stricker

Ushers next week: Andrew & Jenna Baker, Jason & Erin Burris

Special Church Member of the Week

Charles Seaford

304 Larry Drive
Kannapolis, NC 28083-6144

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."

This Week

TODAY

9:00 a.m. - **Prayer Time** - parlor

All are welcome

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

New Connection Class

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

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

MONDAY

6:30 p.m. - **Saltshakers**

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

6:30 p.m. - **Children's Play**

Practice/Class

6:30 p.m. - **Adult Class**

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**

SATURDAY

3:00 p.m. - **Park Pick Up and Play**

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. - **Prayer Time** - parlor

All are welcome

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

Disciples Class

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

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



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