



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Prelude *Ecce Panis* Dykes

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

Welcome & Service of Friendship Pastor Darryl Evans

Moment for Missions Chariti Lowder

***Call to Worship**

The Lord is my shepherd;
I have everything I need.

**Even when I walk through death's shadow,
I fear no evil, for you are with me.**

Surely goodness and mercy will follow us forever.

We dwell now and always in the house of the Lord!

***Hymn of Praise No. 501**

GOTT SEI DANK DURCH ALLE WELT

*Lord, our Lord, Your Glorious Name****Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Gracious God,
you have given us a sure word,
sealed by your Spirit in the free gift of your Son.
In Christ you have set us free from bondage,
bound up and healed our wounds,
and led us into paths of peace.
But still we listen to other voices,
as though your word were just one among others.
God, in your mercy forgive us.
Enable us by your Spirit.**

(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. 627**

WOODWORTH

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

(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 6:10-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Armor of God

Darryl Evans

“Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”

—Ephesians 6:11

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2, 8-11

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night...

And since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Offering & Offertory

He Never Failed Me Yet

Ray

Jennifer Linn, soprano

Chancel Choir

***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. 934**

DIX

God of Mercy, God of Grace

***Benediction**

Postlude

I Love to Tell the Story

Fischer

***All who are able please stand.**

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To Our Guests

Welcome! We are delighted that you are worshipping 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

Wednesday Night Life continues this week with children's classes and an adult class on Song of Solomon taught by Larry Efird. This week's menu will be hot dogs. The cost of supper is \$5.00 per person/\$20 per family. All proceeds from dinner this week will go towards missions.

On October 14, we will have a commissioning service for those going on the Mexico Missions Trip.

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! The Missions Team has reserved a time to serve at the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Processing Center in Charlotte. Our group will process shoeboxes on Saturday, December 1 from 1pm - 6pm. Volunteers must be at least 13 years old. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

The 50 voice **Piedmont Choral Society** presents its **9th annual "Old Fashioned Hymn Sing"** on Sunday, October 7 at 3 pm at Forest Hill UMC, [265 Union Street North, Concord](#). Joseph Judge, Associate Professor of Choral Music at Pfeiffer University is director and Dr. Don Simmons, organist/music director at Kimball Lutheran in Kannapolis and adjunct keyboard instructor at Pfeiffer University is accompanist. This free program features older, traditional beloved hymns, hymn stories, anthems by the choir and lots of favorite hymns chosen by the

audience. Please bring canned goods for CCM to help feed our hungry. Since this event began, through the generosity of concert goers, over one-half ton of food has been donated locally. All are welcome. Info: kayy2000@gmail.com, 704-699-6053, find us on Facebook or www.piedmontchoralsociety.org.

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

Iris Efird - recovering from surgery last week.

Our sympathies for Sheila Gray and family - on the death of her brother, Lamar Coward.

Mike Williams - back in hospital.

Alpha Barger - surgery was successful!

Sharon Stricker - broken knee.

Mary Johns - upcoming surgeries, including eye cancer.

Emily Griggs - teacher in Casablanca.

Donna Whitley - recovering from surgery, now at home.

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

Our sympathies for Dave Viscount's family, who was a dear friend of Mark Goodnight, who passed away.

Landra Goodnight Staab - daughter of Steve & Judy Goodnight: Bone Marrow and blood work all clear! Thanks for the prayers!

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.

Chuck Rogers - friend of Judy Hammond: suffered stroke following surgery.

Shelia & Steve Dobson - friends of Judy Hammond: Steve had brain surgery..

Special Church Member of the Week

Donna Whitley

2755 Cannon Farm Rd
China Grove, NC 28023

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 Ruple

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

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.

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.

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 Ruple

Videographer: David Reed

Ushers: Andrew & Jenna Baker, Todd Pless, and Bill Stricker

Ushers next week: Jason & Erin Burris and Doug & Amelia Goodnight

This Week

TODAY

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

Drummond Class

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

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**

6:15 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**

NEXT SUNDAY

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

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

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



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