



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Prelude

Light Divine

Gotta Hall

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Pastor Darryl Evans

Moment for Missions

Michelle Walker

***Call to Worship**

-Psalm 18:1-3

I love you, Lord, my strength.

**The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

***Hymn of Praise No. 579**

ST. DENIO

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

***Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Have mercy on us, Lord:
You have set your way before us,
and we tremble to see it.
It is not just suffering we are afraid to bear,
but also the weight of your call:
Your command to excel in love,
rejoice in hope, and live peaceably with all--
your appeal to overcome evil with good.
Who are we to live in such a way?**

**Merciful God, forgive our fear and faithlessness.
Help us to see what you see,
to follow where you go,
to trust in your strength,
to live in all your presence,
which is our help and encouragement.**

(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 ~

Word with our Children

Adam 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.)

***Hymn of Preparation No. 252**

ABBOTTS LEIGH

Church of God, Elect and Glorious

Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

From Stillness to Sturdiness

Darryl Evans

“Then he said, ‘I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.’ At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.”

–Exodus 3:6

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith – John 10:27-30**

[Jesus said] “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one.”

Offering & Offertory

Franzen

Russell

***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. 627**

WOODWORTH

Just as I am, Without One Plea

***Benediction**

Postlude

Holy Manna

Moore

***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

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Pat Hill's retirement after 25 years of service to the state of North Carolina, given by Mike & Carol Lowder, Ryan & Michelle Walker family, and Chris & Chariti Lowder family.

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.

The Missions Team is once again welcoming your donations for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! For the month of October, our focus will be fun/toy items, so we need 400 each of: Watercolor paints w/brush, small containers modeling clay (ie Play-Doh), jump ropes, small stuffed animals or dolls, cars for boys, toys for girls, and small plastic animals. And we'll try to catch up on any deficits from previous months. Reminder of general shoebox info: we are collecting 400 boxes only for 2-4 year old age group this year. Still no liquids & only new items. New rules this year say no toothpaste & no hard candy. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mark "Shoeboxes" on your check or envelope.

Wednesday Night Life continues this week. This week's meal will be catered by CiCi's Pizza with pizza, salad, ice cream, 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.

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. Please see the rehearsal schedule below. 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.

Special Church Member of the Week

Joe Crawford

Black Mountain Neuro-Medical
Treatment Center
932 Old US Hwy 70
Black Mountain, NC 28711

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."

Prayer Concerns

Ron Barger, Oct. 3 tests and upcoming surgery.

Tink Wade, friend of Jill McLain, breast cancer, facing chemo, surgery and radiation.

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.

Debby Baker, has cancer again.

Linda Bost, small, stable cerebral aneurysm.

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



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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

Dwight Goodnight, and his son, **Tod Goodnight** who is struggling with Parkinson's Disease.

Flaubert Mbeunkui, is planning on beginning work soon with a new startup.

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: Danny Bost & Mark Goodnight

Elder Lock-Up: Garrett Brady

Children's Message: Adam Caskey

Children's Message next week: Garrett Brady

Videographer: David Reed

Children's Church Leader: Tracy Caskey

Children's Church Leader next week: Sam & Kay McAllister

Nursery: Raegan Swaringen

Nursery next week: Lynn Efird

Ushers: Andrew & Jenna Baker, Jason & Erin Burris

Ushers next week: William Baker, Mike Freeman, Tony Rary & John Roberson

This Week

TODAY

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**

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**

NEXT SUNDAY

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

All are welcome

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

Good News Class

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

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



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