



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Prelude***In Remembrance*

Red

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**

God calls to us, "Return to me with all your heart."

Let us come to God with open and broken hearts.

We turn again to God, who is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.***Hymn of Praise No. 567***Here I am To Worship****Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

Loving God, You are so tender with us—so steadfast.**In your presence we may be calm and quiet****like a child with its mother, like a nursing baby.****How we long for such peace and comfort!****We worry about many things:****how to provide for those we love,****how to spend our limited time,****how to seem capable and right in a world****that judges by appearances.****Why do we worry, when you have promised to care for us?****Merciful God, put us back together****that we might rest in You.***(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 ~

First Reading

Acts 2:6-11

***Hymn of Preparation No. 840**

COMMUNION HYMN

Behold the Lamb

(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.)

Second Reading

Philippians 1:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Fellowship of Jesus

Darryl Evans

“being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

—Philippians 1:6

~ 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.

Sacrament of Communion

Offering & Offertory

In This Very Room
Chancel Choir

Harris

***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**

SHOWWALTER

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

*Leaning (leaning on Jesus),
leaning (leaning on Jesus),
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning (leaning on Jesus),
leaning (leaning on Jesus),
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. (*refrain*)
What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. (*refrain*)

***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 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

Today is communion Sunday when we traditionally collect donations for the Good Sam Fund. We have been blessed to have been able to help several of those in need this year. If you could prayerfully consider giving to this fund, we will be able to help many more of those who are in need. Thank you for your generosity!

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 from Subway. The cost of supper is \$5.00 per person/\$20 per family.

The Circle of Women will meet on Tuesday, October 9th at 2:00 p.m. in the New Connections Classroom.

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

The JOY will have lunch at Johnny's Farmhouse Restaurant in Concord on Friday, October 19 at 12:00 noon. If you would like to carpool, please meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. A signup sheet is located outside the parlor.

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 October our focus will be every day essentials. We need reusable utensil sets, small reusable cups, small containers or bowls, and small flashlights. From previous months, we are still in need of markers, colored pencils, crayons, glue sticks, small notebooks, scissors, bar soap, washcloths, lip balm, brushes/combs, & small packs of wet wipes. We will also use the first few weeks of November to catch up on deficits from previous months. 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"** Today, October 7, at 3 pm at Forest Hill UMC, [265 Union Street North, Concord](http://www.piedmontchoralsociety.org). 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

Jim Johnston - upcoming hip replacement surgery.

Iris Efird - recovering from surgery.

Mike Williams - back at home.

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 - back at home.

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

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.

Special Church Member of the Week

Juanita Holt

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Birthday was October 6

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

Michelle Walker
Youth Director

Terri Pruett
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates
Organist

Irene Davis
Nursery Director

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..

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: Frank Gibson & Gip Rumble

Elder Lock-Up: Garrett Brady

Videographer: Michael Martens

Ushers: Jason & Erin Burris and Doug & Amelia Goodnight

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

This Week

TODAY

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

Disciples 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**

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

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

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**

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Good News Class

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

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



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