



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Prelude***Meditation on "Evan"*

Paxton

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Pastor Ron Tippens

***Call to Worship**

One: We come to you God in this time of worship.

All: In our days of trouble, we seek the living God.

One: We ask for His presence through continuing prayer.

All: God seeks to comfort His beloved children.

One: God encourages us to ask for blessings only He can provide.

All: His Loving Spirit fills us with peace.***Hymn of Praise No. 19**

DIX

*For the Beauty of the Earth****Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Holy God, we stand before you as broken people –
broken in mind and spirit.****By our action, or inaction,
we have left a trail of hurt, anger, and grief.****We have put our own desires ahead of those we say we love,
most especially you.****We seek to make amends, but we cannot do it on our own.****Create a yearning in our hearts for you
and the desire to walk in your ways.****We ask your forgiveness,
and we ask to be made whole 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 ~

Word with our Children

Garrett Brady

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.)

Old Testament Readings

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Psalm 46

Anthem

Steal Away
Quartet

arr. by Rentz

New Testament Reading

Luke 10:25-37

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Master's Masterpiece

Ron Tippens

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Affirmation of Faith – the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Offering & Offertory

He Is Lord

Sewell

*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

SHAKER

Lord of the Dance

Sydney Carter, 1963

19th Century Shaker Tune

Unison G Em Bm Em Am

1. I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, and I danced in the moon and the
2. I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but they would not dance and they
3. I danced on the sab - bath when I cured the lame, the ho - ly peo - ple
4. I danced on a Fri - day and the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that 'll

stars and the sun, and I came down from heav - en and I
would not fol - low me; I danced for the fish - er - men, for
said it was a shame; they whipped and they stripped and they hung
dev - il on your back; they bur - ied my bod - y and
nev - er, nev - er die; I'll live in you if you'll

Refrain Bm Em Am D7 C G G Bm

danced on the earth, At Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
James and John; they came to me and the dance went on.
me high; and they left me there on a cross to die. Dance, then, wher -
they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on.
live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

- ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wher - ev - er you may be, And I'll

C D7 G C G

lead you all in the dance, said he.

*Benediction

Postlude

from "Stralsund Gesangbuch"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*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

Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Ron Tippens. Ron is the pastor of a fellow ECO church, Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. Darryl is preaching there today and presiding over the congregational meeting to dissolve Ron's call, per Presbytery policy.

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 Circle of Women Bible Study will meet tomorrow, October 9 at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

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 Stag & Doe with Chicken Alfredo, salad, dessert, 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.

The JOY Group will celebrate Fall with a covered dish lunch on Friday, October 20 at 12:00 p.m. Please make plans to join us. A sign up sheet is located outside the parlor.

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.

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, at Transitional with broken foot.

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.

Special Church Member of the Week

Loretta Young

Five Oaks Manor

Room 302, Bed A

413 Winecoff School Road

Concord, NC 28027

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 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

Sharon Stricker, recovering from hip replacement surgery.

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.

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.

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

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: Garrett Brady

Children's Message next week: Darryl Evans

Videographer: Michael Martens

Children's Church Leader: Sam & Kay McAllister

Children's Church Leader next week: Ali Craft

Nursery: Lynn Efirid

Nursery next week: Hannah Efirid

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

Ushers next week: Danny Bost, Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel & Daniel Pless

This Week

TODAY

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**

MONDAY

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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**

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. - **Prayer Time** - parlor
All are welcome

9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour**
Walter Goodman Class

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

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



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