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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

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

**~ Gathering before the Word ~**

**Prelude**                      *Indescribable with Morning Has Broken*                      arr. Tornquist

**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**

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the Lord surrounds God's people,  
from this time on and forevermore.**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 610**

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

**\*Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**God, the fount of every blessing,  
your streams of mercy never cease to flow.  
Why do we, at the first sign of trouble, begin to doubt you?  
We harden our hearts,  
insisting you solve the problems we put to you.  
We quarrel amongst ourselves,  
and hoard what we fear we might lose.  
We abandon hope,  
though you shower us with your love and power.  
Do not be angry with us, Lord.  
Forgive our faithless hearts and make them  
more like yours—  
steadfast and full of love.**

*(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.**

(Pre-k through 5<sup>th</sup> graders may now be excused to Sunday School. An adult will now escort the children to the Sunday School classrooms located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the education building where they will be picked up by a parent after the service.)

**~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~**

**\*Hymn of Preparation No. 641**

FOREST GREEN

*Eternal Spirit, God of Truth*

**Scripture Reading**

Philippians 1:12-26

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

God Completing His Work in You: Sacrifice

Darryl Evans

“I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.”

--Philippians 1:23-24

**~ Responding to the Word of God ~**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 69. How does holy Baptism remind and assure you that the one sacrifice of Christ on the cross avails for you?

**In this way: Christ has instituted this external washing with water and by it has promised that I am as certainly washed with his blood and Spirit from the uncleanness of my soul and from all my sins, as I am washed externally with water which is used to remove the dirt from my body.**

Q. 70. What does it mean to be washed with the blood and Spirit of Christ?

**It means to have the forgiveness of sins from God, through grace, for the sake of Christ's blood which he shed for us in his sacrifice on the cross, and also to be renewed by the Holy Spirit and sanctified as members of Christ, so that we may more and more die unto sin and live in a consecrated and blameless way.**

## Commissioning for Mexico Trip

**Offering & Offertory**

*Trust in Jesus*  
Chancel Choir

Hayes

### \*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

*O Happy Day!*

O happy day that fixed my choice on Thee, my Savior and my God!  
Well may this glowing heart rejoice and tell its raptures all abroad.

*Refrain*

*Happy day, happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away!  
He taught me how to watch and pray and live rejoicing every day;  
Happy day, happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away!*

O happy bond that seals my vows to Him who merits all my love!  
Let cheerful anthems fill His house, while to that sacred shrine I move. (*refrain*)

'Tis done, the great transaction's done—I am my Lord's and He is mine;  
He drew me, and I followed on, charmed to confess the voice divine (*refrain*)

Now rest, my long divided heart, fixed on this blissful center, rest,  
nor ever from my Lord depart, with Him of ev'ry good possessed. (*refrain*)

### \*Benediction

**Postlude**

*Send Me, Lord*    Traditional South African tune

**\*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

**The flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Caylin Elizabeth Lowder's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 10.

**Congratulations to Ryan and Rose** on the baptism of their daughter, Ivy Mae.

**There will be a Mexico Mission Trip Team meeting** in the parlor today after the worship service.

**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 lasagna and salad from Stag and Doe. The cost of supper is \$5.00 per person/\$20 per family.

**The JOY Group 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.

**A craft night to make angels out of basket weaving**, will be held on Tuesday night, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 - 8:00 in the bell room. The completed angels will be donated for missions. Please bring wire snips or hand clippers to cut the reed. If interested, please contact Kay McAllister at (704) 723-1158. We need a head count to know how many supplies to buy.

**If you are a volunteer working with children** here at First Presbyterian, please plan to attend one of the following Volunteer Training Sessions in the Fellowship Hall: Tuesday, October 16 at 6pm or Sunday, October 28 at 2pm. This includes anyone currently teaching Sunday School or Children's Church, leading Wednesday night activities or volunteering in the Church Nursery. Please let Michelle Walker know which session you will attend via email at [michellewalker@firstpresb.org](mailto:michellewalker@firstpresb.org). If you are not a current volunteer but are interested in volunteer opportunities, please see Michelle!

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.

**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.

**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**

**Congratulations to Chris & Gabby Goodnight** on the birth of their daughter, Ella!

**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..

**Russell Gardner** - friend of Mike Freeman: cancer and recurring pneumonia.

**Ernest Miller** - friend of Mike Freeman: lung cancer and PTSD (Viet Nam Vet)

**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.

### **Special Church Member of the Week**

#### **Tod Goodnight**

311 Brook Street  
Kannapolis, NC 28083-6005

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  
Director of Children's Ministries

Terri Pruett  
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates  
Organist

Irene Davis  
Nursery Director

## Servants

**Greeters:** Frank Gibson & Gip Rumble

**Elder Lock-Up:** Garrett Brady

**Videographer:** David Reed

**Nursery:** Hannah Efird

**Nursery Next Week:** Jenna Baker

**Acolytes:** Toby Caskey & Abigail Malinovsky

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

**Ushers next week:** Danny Bost, Amy Hurst, Mal McDaniel & Daniel Pless

## This Week

### TODAY

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

### FRIDAY

- 12:00 p.m. - **JOY Group Lunch**

### NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -  
Walter Goodman Class  
10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School /**  
**Children's Church**  
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**  
4:00 p.m. - **Sunday Women's Circle**



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