



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Prelude

Beach Spring

The Sacred Harp, 1844

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Pastor Darryl Evans

***Call to Worship**

**O God, you are our God;
eagerly we seek you.
Our souls thirst for you,
our flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land,
where there is no water.**

***Hymn of Praise No. 667**

LUX PRIMA

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

***Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Patient God,
How trying we must be.
You have told us,
You have shown us,
You have come among us.
Still, we look away,
ignoring, forgetting, rejecting
Your purposes for us.
Have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us for what we have done,
and for what we have not done.
Tell us again.
Show us again.
With grace anew, come among us again,
so that we might start fresh,
and receive the life you have given us in Jesus Christ.**

(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

Darryl Evans

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.)

Anthem

I'll Fly Away
Chancel Choir

Bramley
arr. by Courtney

Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:16-4:17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Cloud
"But Moses said, 'O Lord, please send someone else.'"
-Exodus 4:13

Darryl Evans

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith – from Psalm 42**

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"

These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng.

By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life. I say to God my Rock, “Why have you forgotten me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?”

Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Offering & Offertory

Westminster Chimes
Alleluia Ringers

Wagner

***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. 615**

THOMPSON

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

***Benediction**

Postlude

My Redeemer

McGranahan

***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.

September Financial Update

Year to date budget - \$213,960

Year to date income - \$199,355

Year to date expenses - \$201,529

Even though spending is under budget, we have received \$2,000 less than we have spent.

Upcoming

A note of thanks: Thanks for all the good wishes on my retirement and thanks to all my wonderful friends and family! *Pat Hill*

Wednesday Night Life continues this week. This week's meal will be catered by Stag & Doe with grilled chicken, baked potato, Caesar 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.

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.

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 today, 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.

Irene Sacks from the City of Kannapolis will speak about the changes coming to downtown. The presentation will be this Thursday, Oct 19, from 5:30-6:30 in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

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.

8th Annual "Old Fashioned Hymn Sing" presented by the 50 voice Piedmont Choral Society - Sunday, October 22 at 3 pm at Forest Hill UMC, 265 Union Street North, Concord. Older traditional hymns and anthems, hymn stories, audience participation and hymn requests. Special recognition of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. All are invited and the event is free. Please bring canned goods for CCM. Info: kayy2000@gmail.com or 704-699-6053.

On Saturday November 4, the Missions Team will hold a yard sale in the church parking lot to raise funds for shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The Missions Team has asset a goal to fill 400 shoeboxes this year. Shipping has increased to \$9.00 per box which totals \$3,600 to ship the 400 boxes. Proceeds from the yard sale and bake sale will go towards this project. Members are urged to bring priced items to the handbell room for the sale.

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-October 25

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-October 25th.

Just a reminder - if you would like to be added to the email list to receive twice weekly updates from the church and/or the Phonetree list to received weekly announcements, please email Terri at TerriPruett@FirstPresb.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 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

Betty Overcash, at CMC-NE.

Ron Barger, upcoming tests and surgery in November.

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.

Connie Rary had a good one year report, and is still fighting cancer.

Sharon Stricker, recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Special Church Member of the Week

Charles Seaford

304 Larry Drive

Kannapolis, NC 28083-6144

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

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: Darryl Evans

Children's Message next week: Youth Sunday

Videographer: David Reed

Children's Church Leader: Ali Craft

Children's Church Leader next week: Amelia Goodnight

Nursery: Hannah Efirid

Nursery next week: Laura McLain

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

Ushers next week: Jeff Barnhardt, Tony Hunter, Lynn Sechler, & Tony Sherrill

This Week

TODAY

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**

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**
New Connection Class

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

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

2:00 p.m. - **Corn Maze**



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