



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Prelude *I Am the Holy Vine* Ireland

Choral Call to Worship Traditional South African
Come Bring Your Burdens to God
Chancel Choir

Welcome & Service of Friendship Heath Burchett

***Call to Worship**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

**Wait for the Lord; be strong,
and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!**

***Hymn of Praise No. 223**

DIADEMATA

*Crown Him with Many Crowns****Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**God of compassion,
in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.
We confess that we speak when we should listen,
and act when we should wait.**

**Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.
Grant us wisdom to live in your light
and to follow in the way of your beloved Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

(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 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.)

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

***Hymn of Preparation No. 659**

Nearer, Still Nearer

Scripture Reading

Acts 3:1-12

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Living Beyond Our Abilities

Heath Burchett

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith**

John 15:5-9

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love."

Offering & Offertory

At the Cross
Chancel Choir

Zschech

***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** *I Danced in the Morning*

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came from heaven and I danced on earth;
at Bethlehem I had My birth.

Refrain

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow Me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with Me and the dance went on. (*refrain*)

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung Me high,
And left Me there on a cross to die. (*refrain*)

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried My body and they thought I'd gone:
but I am the dance and I still go on. (*refrain*)

They cut Me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me:
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He. (*refrain*)

***Benediction**

Postlude

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

McGranahan

***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

This morning we welcome Heath Burchett who will be speaking while Darryl is on the mission trip. Heath Burchett is the Founder and Director of Ministries along with his wife, Amanda Burchett of Habit Missions Ministry, Inc., a non-profit that outreaches to homeless and youth in Charlotte, NC, Belize & Trinidad. Heath is a graduate of Vintage Bible College & Seminary in Winston-Salem, NC, where he received a Master of Ministry.

The flowers on the altar are given by Bob and Shirley Faust to the glory of God and in memory of Judy Faust Goodnight (Bob's sister).

The **Sunday Women's Circle** will meet today at 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

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 soup and salad. The cost of supper is \$5.00 per person/\$20 per family.

A craft night to make angels out of basket weaving, will be held on Tuesday night, October 23rd 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.

In honor of Pastor Appreciation Month and in appreciation to Darryl and his family for their service, the congregation is invited to join in a covered dish luncheon on Sunday, October 28 immediately following the worship service. Please bring a well-filled basket to share with the congregation in the Fellowship Hall. Drinks and dessert will be provided. We will also welcome home our Mexico Mission Trip team and enjoy a slideshow of their trip.

If you are a volunteer working with children here at First Presbyterian, please plan to attend the final Volunteer Training Session in the Fellowship Hall on 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. 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.

First Presbyterian is proud to welcome Vladimir Prokhnevskiy, a former Operation Christmas Child Shoebox recipient, to speak at our church on Sunday, November 4! Vladimir will give a presentation during a combined Sunday School at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall, and then share briefly with the congregation during our Worship Service. Please mark your calendar and join us for this special event, beginning with breakfast at 9:30!

Fall Vespers will take place during the evening of Sunday, November 4. The fun will begin outside at 4:30 with hayrides and games for our children, followed by a delicious meal at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will consist of barbecue, baked beans, slaw, bread, chips, dessert and drinks. After a devotional led by Darryl, the Efird family of China Grove will provide musical entertainment. Come join in the fun! So that we will make enough food for everyone, please fill out the form below and place in the offering plate.

Family name _____

Number attending _____

With the help of volunteers, **a Habitat Cabarrus home is built,** and it is almost time for Zula to establish her home. Habitat for Humanity is making plans now to prepare for Zula's dedication and we hope you'll save the date and make plans to attend. **Tuesday, November 13, 2018 - 6:00pm,** 95 Hemlock Street, SW Concord, NC 28025. Parking is street parking so please allow extra time.

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 - recovering from 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.



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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

Juanita Holt - back at home.

Loretta Young - at Five Oaks.

Peggy Barnhardt - at Morningside with Dementia.

Lynn Efirid - 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

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 and staph infection.

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

Mike Williams

204 E. 3rd Street
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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."

Servants

Greeters: Frank Gibson & Gip Rumble

Elder Lock-Up: Garrett Brady

Videographer: Michael Martens

Nursery: Jenna Baker

Nursery Next Week: Lynn Efird

Acolytes: Will Evans & Ella Sechler

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

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

This Week

TODAY

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. - **Women's Sunday Circle**

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

6:00 p.m. - **Mission Team Meeting**

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**

NEXT SUNDAY

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

New Connection Class

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

Children's Church

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

12:00 p.m. - **Covered Dish Lunch**



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