



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Prelude

The Old Rugged Cross

Bennard

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**

—Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

***Hymn of Praise No. 776**

EIN FESTE BURG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

***Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

Almighty God,

you have raised Jesus from death to life,

and crowned him Lord of all.

We confess that we have not bowed before him,

or acknowledged his rule in our lives.

We have gone along with the ways of the world,

and failed to give him glory.

Forgive us,

and raise us from sin,

that we may be your faithful people,

obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who rules the world

and is head of the church, his body.

(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 ~

10 Cents a Meal

Sharon Stricker

(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.)

***Hymn of Preparation No. 737**

ADELAIDE

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Scripture Reading(s)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Trip Reflections

The Faithfulness of God

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith**

Revelation 22:1-5

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

Offering & Offertory

Sometimes a Light Surprises

arr. by Hill

Chancel Choir

Melanie Misenheimer, oboe

1. Sometimes a light surprises
The Christian while he sings;
It is the Lord Who rises
With healing in His wings:
When comforts are declining,
He grants the soul again
A season of clear shining,
To cheer it after the rain

2. In holy contemplation
We sweetly then pursue
The theme of God's salvation,
And find it ever new;
Set free from present sorrow,
We cheerfully can say,
Let the unknown tomorrow
Bring with it what it may.

3. Tomorrow can bring us nothing,
But He will bear us through:
Who gives the lilies clothing
Will clothe His people, too:
Beneath the spreading heavens
No creature but is fed;
And He Who feeds the ravens
Will give His children bread.

4. Though vine nor fig tree neither
Their wonted fruit should bear,
Though all the fields should wither,
Nor flocks or herds be there
Yet, God the same abiding,
His praise shall tune my voice;
For, while in Him confiding,
I cannot but rejoice.

***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.251**

AURELIA

The Church's One Foundation

***Benediction**

Postlude

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Kirkpatrick

***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 Pastor Appreciation Month. Thank you to Rev. Dr. Darryl Evans and family for your spiritual leadership and your dedication to our church family!

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 TODAY, 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 today, 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!

There will be no Wednesday Night Life this week. Wednesday Night Life will resume on November 7th.

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 _____

The Missions Team continues collections for our **400 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes!** Items still needed are: crayons (273 packs), glue sticks (232), colored pencils/markers (276 packs), Notebooks/coloring books (310), small play-dough (162), washcloths (20), bar soap (157), brushers/combs (204), Jump ropes (60), misc. toys for girls (360), misc. toys for boys (343), small stuffed animals (243), or money donations for items and also shipping which is \$9.00/box (mark OCC on your check or envelope). Thanks as always for your support!

Mark your calendars for our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party on Wednesday, November 14!!! Pizza will be served beginning at 5:45, followed by a short program and shoebox packing at 6:15. Come join the fun as we pack 400 shoeboxes and excitedly await their destination! Of course, we'll cover the boxes in prayer at our party and also at a special dedication the following Sunday, November 18. As always, thank you for your support of this very special ministry, now in its 25th year!

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.
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.

Special Church Member of the Week

Claudine Larson
Bethel Assisted Living Center
1705 3rd Ave W Apt 109
Williston, ND 58801-4148

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

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.

Servants

Greeters: Frank Gibson & Gip Rumble

Elder Lock-Up: Garrett Brady

Videographer: David Reed

10 Cents a Meal: Sharon Stricker

Nursery: Lynn Efirid

Nursery Next Week: Raegan Swaringen

Acolytes: Amelia & Toby Caskey

Acolytes Next Week: Will Evans & August Williams

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

Ushers next week: Todd Adams, Fred Caskey, Mark Goodnight & Bobby Hallman

This Week

TODAY

- 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**
2:00 p.m. - **Children's Volunteer**
Training

MONDAY

- 6:30 p.m. - **Saltshakers**
8:00 p.m. - **Alcoholics Anonymous**

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- 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** -
Disciples Class
10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School /**
Children's Church
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**



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