



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Prelude *Rejoice in God's Saints* Wren

Choral Call to Worship *Sanctuary* Scruggs
Chancel Choir

Welcome & Service of Friendship Pastor Darryl Evans

***Call to Worship**

Beloved in Christ, let love be genuine;
hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good.

**Love one another with mutual affection;
out do one another in showing honor.**

For in this way God's glory will be made known
and all people will praise God.

***Hymn of Praise No. 252**

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Church of God, Elect and Glorious****Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

"Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

**So we pray, Lord; yet we confess
our lives show forth little mercy.**

We pass judgment on others.

Fear and pain create barriers in our relationships.

Merciful God, again we ask your forgiveness.

**Teach us and guide us to extend to others
what you have offered so abundantly to us.**

Form us into the people you have created us to be.

(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 and Blessing of the OCC Boxes

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

Son of the Saints
Chancel Choir

Choplin

Scripture Reading

Exodus 5

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Problem

Darryl Evans

“Moses returned to the Lord and said,
‘O Lord, why have you brought trouble upon this people?’”
-- Exodus 5:22

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Affirmation of Faith – Philippians 1:27-29

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him.

Offering & Offertory

What Are These Arrayed in White?

Wesley

***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. 254**

SINE NOMINE

For All the Saints

***Benediction**

Postlude

For All the Saints Who've Shown Your Love

Bell

***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.

October Financial Update

Year to date budget - \$237,733
Year to date income - \$222,902
Year to date expenses - \$223,648

Upcoming

A note of thanks: Dear church family, thank you so much for the wonderful “pastor and family” appreciation reception last Sunday! I was so touched. It brought joy to my heart. The cake is almost gone, and the flowers are beautiful. We appreciate you too! Love, *Darryl, Mary Lee, Will and Addie*

No Wednesday Night Life this week. We will start up again in January for another 8 week session. (Children’s play practice continues - no supper served).

The Missions Team has once again reserved a time for our Church to process Shoeboxes at the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Charlotte. Our assigned slot is on Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 5-10pm. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please see Michelle Walker if you have questions.

Mark your calendars for some upcoming family fun!

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.

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:

6:00-7:30pm 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.

To the congregation: Once again everyone is invited to celebrate **Thanksgiving Day with a dinner** in the fellowship hall on November 23, around 1:00 pm. Turkey, dressing, and rolls will be provided; come and bring a favorite dish or two to share. Please feel free to bring family, friends, and neighbors, especially those who will be alone on that day. Use the tear off at the bottom of the page and place in the offering plate so we will know how many are attending. For more information contact Frank or Peggy Gibson (704-938-5865).

Register for Thanksgiving Dinner

Family Name: _____

How Many: _____

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!

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

Sharon Cranford, surgery on Nov. 9.

Ron Barger, recovering from surgery last week.

Jennifer Williams, Ulcerative Colitis.

A friend of the church, Nov. 11 court case, pray it will be dismissed with no further charges.

Betty Overcash, at CMC-NE.

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.

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.

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

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: Mike Freeman & Carol Lowder

Elder Lock-Up: Allison Hammett

Children's Message: Tracy Caskey

Children's Message next week: Jennifer Smith

Videographer: Michael Martens

Children's Church Leader: Mary Lee Evans

Children's Church Leader next week: Allison Hammett

Nursery: Erin Burris

Nursery next week: Lynn Efird

Ushers: Paul Barnhardt, John Hammond, Tony Rary, & Bill Stricker

Ushers next week: Mel Eaton, Mike Freeman, Todd Pless, & John Roberson

This Week

TODAY

9:00 a.m. - **Prayer Time** - parlor

All are welcome

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

Disciples 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

6:00 p.m. - **Children's Play
Practice**

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**

Good News Class

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

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



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