



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Prelude

Panis Angelicus

Franck

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Pastor Darryl Evans

***Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to God with my whole heart.

Great are the works of God!

The Lord has sent redemption to God's people.

Holy and awesome is God's name.

The Lord's name be praised!

***Hymn of Praise No. 579**

ST. DENIO

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

***Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

Eternal God,

as the Christ, you showed us

that love looks not to its own interest,

but to the interests of others.

We lament how little we resemble you

in your humility, dedication and love.

We defend our views,

arguing without patience.

We speak of love,

but resist the sacrifices love requires.

Gracious God, you are at work in us.

Fill us and shape us with your spirit,

that we may will and work for your pleasure,

loving our neighbors as ourselves.

(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. 859

SLANE

Be Thou My Vision

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Jesus: The Center of it All

Darryl Evans

Jesus, who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped.

-Philippians 2:6

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith**

Ephesians 4:2-5

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Offering & Offertory

God is So Good

Sewell

***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. 897**

CONVERSE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

***Benediction**

Postlude

Majestic Postlude

Williams

***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. 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 Circle of Women will meet this Tuesday, November 13 at 2:00 p.m.

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.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party is this Wednesday, November 14!!! Pizza will be served beginning at 5:45, followed by a short program and shoebox packing at 6:15. The cost of supper is \$5.00 per person/\$20 per family. 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 next Sunday, November 18. As always, thank you for your support of this very special ministry, now in its 25th year!

The Women's Sunday Circle will meet next Sunday, November 18 at 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday night activities will continue for our children and youth in November and December! For your convenience, meals will be provided each Wednesday beginning at 5:30. Parents are welcome to stay and help, too. Please join us for these fun activities!

Wed., Nov. 28 - Choristers (K-8) rehearse with choir 6:15-6:30. All youth make gift baskets for shut-ins until 7:30. Meal: Grilled Hamburgers & Hot Dogs.

Wed., Dec. 5 - Choristers (K-8) rehearse with choir 6:15-6:30. Gingerbread House Workshop for all youth and families beginning at 6:30. (Please register with postcard, available in Narthex or Fellowship Hall foyer). Meal: Baked Potato & Salad Bars.

Wed., Dec. 12 - Choristers (K-8) rehearse with choir 6:15-6:30. All youth make gifts baskets for shut-ins until 7:30. Meal: Tacos.

Wed., Dec. 19 - All youth go Christmas caroling with Chancel Choir and deliver gift baskets to shut-ins. Meal: Country Ham, Pinto Beans, Cabbage/Greens; Dessert on return from caroling.

To the congregation: Once again everyone is invited to celebrate **Thanksgiving Day with a dinner** in the fellowship hall on November 22, 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: _____

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.

FAMILY OF MEMBERS

Jason Gibson - youngest son of Frank, suffers from Crohn's Disease and is facing major surgery for the third time. Surgery will take place at Vanderbilt University Hospital in February.
Travis Boan & Family - friend of Chariti Lowder, recent cancer diagnosis and trying to determine treatment plan.
Brenda Park - friend of Carol Lowder, facing a serious colon surgery.
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.

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
Jeff Barnhardt, 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

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: Mike Freeman & Carol Lowder

Elder Lock-Up: Allison Hammett

Videographer: David Reed

Nursery: Jennifer Williams

Nursery Next Week: Chariti Lowder (10:00am) & Mary Lee Evans (11:00am)

Acolytes: Toby Caskey & Abigail Malinovsky

Acolytes Next Week: Will Evans & Ella Sechler

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

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

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**
2:00 p.m. - **Circle of Women**

WEDNESDAY

- 5:45 p.m. - **Wednesday Supper**
6:15 p.m. - **OCC Shoebox Packing**
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** -
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**



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