



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Prelude***Adoration*
Alleluia Ringers

Handel

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Pastor Darryl Evans

***Call to Worship**

—I Peter 1:3-4

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
**In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.
This inheritance is kept in heaven for us.**

***Hymn of Praise No. 543**

NUN DANKET

*Now Thank We All Our God****Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Gracious God,
You have told us to love our neighbor as ourselves.
We confess that love is hard for us.
We are too selfish or too pessimistic,
too hollow or too hardened,
or just too tired to give ourselves to love's demands.
Help us live as You call us to live.
Help us live in true community with one another and with You.
Forgive our sins and direct our hearts
that we may find the strength to meet love's demands
and the grace to receive love's gifts.
We pray in Jesus' name.**

(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.

Blessing of the Shoeboxes

(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 ~

Anthem

Morning Procession
Alleluia Ringers

Smith

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:12-30

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

Sermon

God Completing His Work in You: Modeling

Darryl Evans

“But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you.”
— Philippians 2:17

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith**

Luke 22:24-28

A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials.”

Offering & Offertory

All Good Gifts
Chancel Choir

Schwoebel

***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. 398**

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

***Benediction**

Postlude

Give Thanks

Moen

***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 by Mark and Jennifer Linn with gratitude for eight years of marriage.

The New Covenant Partners Class begins today at 10:00 a.m. and continues for four weeks.

The Women's Sunday Circle will meet today, 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. 21 - Thanksgiving eve - no Wednesday Night Life.

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

Mel Eaton - father passed away last week.

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

Iris Efird

407 Iris Ave

Kannapolis, NC 28083-3940

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: Michael Martens

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

Nursery Next Week: Shannon & Emma Sechler

Acolytes: Will Evans & Ella Sechler

Acolytes Next Week: Amelia & Toby Caskey

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

Ushers next week: Bobby Hallman, Tony Hunter, Mal McDaniel & Daniel Pless

This Week

TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -
Walter Goodman Class
- 10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School /
Children's Church**
- 10:00 a.m. - **New Covenant Partners
Class**
- 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**

THURSDAY - Thanksgiving Day

- 12:00 p.m. - **NA**
- 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**
- 10:00 a.m. - **New Covenant Partners
Class**
- 11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service** -
Hanging of the Greens



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