



# *Lessons and Carols*

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December 23, 2018

11:00 a.m.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Kannapolis, North Carolina**

Organized June 27, 1909

Our Mission is to Know Christ, Serve Him, and Make Him Known

## ~ Gathering before the Word ~

**Prelude (10:45)**

*O Holy Night*

Adam

Christy Heinz, alto saxophone

Kay Yates, piano

*Infant Holy*

Schram

Chancel Choir & Choristers

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Praetorius

Tana Nichols, oboe

Kay Yates, piano

*Good King Wenceslas*

arr. by Krug

Alleluia Ringers

**\*Processional Hymn No. 49**

*Once in Royal David's City*

**Welcome & Service of Friendship**

Pastor Darryl Evans

**\*Call to Worship**

The Baker/Craft Family

During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Everlasting Father.

**From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

During Advent we look to the One who knows our deepest thoughts.

**From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

During Advent we look to the One who cares for our deepest needs.

**From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

During Advent we look to the One who knows our most pressing concerns.

**From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

During Advent we look to the One who knows our innermost being.

**From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

**\*Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Words and Music by  
JOEL RANEY

Congregation:

Ev - er - last - ing Fa - ther, Prince of Peace,  
Won - der - ful Coun - se - lor, Al - might - y God.  
Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el. God with  
us, Em - man - u - el.

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 9**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*(Please continue in a moment of silent, personal confession.)*

Leader: Hear 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**

Darryl Evans

**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.**

**10 Cents a Meal**

Michelle Walker

**~ Lessons & Carols ~**

**The First Lesson**

Genesis 3:8-15; 17-19

*God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.*

Reader: Carol Lowder

**Carol**

*Adam Lay Ybounden*

Warlock

David Hamilton, tenor

Kay Yates, organ

**The Second Lesson**

Genesis 22:15-18

*God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.*

Reader: Dave Argabrite

**\*Congregational Hymn No. 22**

*Angels, From the Realms of Glory*

**The Third Lesson**

Isaiah 9:2; 6-7

*The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.*

Reader: Fred Caskey

**\*Congregational Hymn No. 79**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

**The Fourth Lesson**

Isaiah 11:1-3; 4-9

*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*

Reader: Jeff Nichols

**Choral Response**

*Every Valley*

*Beck*

Chancel Choir

**The Fifth Lesson**

Luke 1:26-35; 38

*The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

Reader: Emma Sechler

**Carol**

*Mary Did You Know?*

*Lowry/Greene*

Randy Childers, tenor

Kay Yates, piano

**The Sixth Lesson**

Luke 2:1-7

*St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

Reader: CJ Semcho

**Choral Response**

*Born in a Manger*

Lantz III

Chancel Choir

**The Seventh Lesson**

Luke 2:8-16

*The shepherds go to the manger.*

Reader: Mary Lee Evans

**Choral Response**

*Still, Still, Still*

arr. Luboff

Chancel Choir & Choristers

**The Eighth Lesson**

Matthew 2:1-11

*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

Reader: Jim Johnston

**Choral Response**

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Rutter

Chancel Choir

**The Ninth Lesson**

John 1:1-14

*St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

Reader: Alpha Barger

**Quartet**

*Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day*

Gardner

**~ Responding to the Word of God ~**

**\*Affirmation of Faith – Scots Confession: The Incarnation of Christ Jesus**

**When the fullness of time came God sent his Son, his eternal wisdom, the substance of his own glory, into this world, who took the nature of humanity**

from the substance of a woman, a virgin, by means of the Holy Ghost. And so was born the "just seed of David," the "Angel of the great counsel of God," the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel, true God and true man, two perfect natures united and joined in one person.

**Offering & Offertory**

*O Holy Night*  
Alleluia Ringers

arr. Helman

**\*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**

Darryl Evans

**\*Benediction**

**\*Recessional Hymn No. 40**

*Joy to the World!*

**Postlude**

*Sing We Now of Christmas*

French Carol

**\*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.

## **Upcoming**

**Join us for Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**This year, the Missions Team has designated our Christmas Tree in the Narthex the "Giving Tree".** You may select items to purchase for the Salvation Army Hope Shelter or items to adopt for Sole Hope. Please return items or donations by Christmas Eve.

**Blankets for the Homeless** - There is a labeled box in the vestibule to collect blankets for the homeless in our community. If you have any gently used blankets of any size that you can donate, they will be greatly appreciated as the weather gets colder. If you would like to purchase a blanket to donate, Walmart has fleece blankets for less than \$10. What a difference a warm soft blanket makes! If you have any **questions, please see Tana Nichols.**

**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.

**On Wednesday night, January 30th, we will begin The Daniel Plan Bible Study**, based on the biblical story of Daniel. The study is written by Pastor Rick Warren (Purpose Driven Life), Dr. Mark Hyman (diet & health expert) and Dr. Daniel Amen (brain health expert). What is unique about this study is that not only will we look at God's word, but health, diet, exercise, and brain health or Faith, Friends, Focus, Fitness, & Food. All the food in the diet is food made by God. The study time will be about an hour with a 20-30 minute video at the beginning of each class by Pastor Warren with information to answer questions in the workbook, followed by discussion for the remaining hour. The Christian Ed committee will purchase study books for those attending the study. Please detach and register for the study by January 16th. The minimum length for the study is 6 weeks, however guest speakers will hopefully be a part of study, which would extend the length. Many of our diseases are directly related to our lifestyle choices; what we eat, how much we exercise, how much sleep we get. This study gives you information to make changes to improve your health with scriptural encouragement. Making lifestyle change is a challenge but working together with others to achieve the same goals makes it easier. You may learn more about the study by visiting: [www.danielplan.com](http://www.danielplan.com). You may also contact Renee Goodnight.

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**Sign up for The Daniel Plan Bible Study**

(Tear off and put in offering plate)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

How many will be attending The Daniel Plan Bible Study? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Prayer Concerns**

- Mike Freeman** - upcoming neck surgery.
- Iris Efird** - recovering from surgery.
- Mike Williams** - at rehab in Harrisburg.
- Sharon Stricker** - broken knee.
- Mary Johns** - done with surgeries and is doing well.
- Emily Griggs** - teacher in Casablanca.
- Donna Whitley** - at Curis Rehab in Concord.
- 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**

**Donna Whitley**  
2755 Cannon Farm Rd  
China Grove, NC 28023

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 Rumpel

## 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

**Don Wehemeyer's family** on the sudden death of their son-in-law, Isaih.

**John Bostian** - foster son of Ron & Alpha, is in the ICU in Winston-Salem.

**Arthur Fu** - Jessica Bell would like to express great gratitude towards God that her brother Arthur is making progress with a new drug. Thank you for your continued prayers!

**Alex & Debbie** - Kaitlyn Maxwell is grateful for everyone's prayers for her nephew Alex as he works through depression and her mother, Debbie, as she is recovering from knee surgery.

**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, has begun radiation treatments.

**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, undergoing chemo.

**Thomas Dishman** - friend of Judy Hunter: problems with LVAD, awaiting heart transplant.

**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.

**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:** Jeff Barnhardt & Phil McLain

**Elder Lock-Up:** Carol Lowder

**Videographer:** Michael Martens

**Nursery:** Jenna Baker

**Nursery next week:** Hannah Efird

**Acolytes:** Toby Caskey & August Williams

**Acolytes next week:** Amelia & Toby Caskey

**Ushers:** Paul Barnhardt, Danny Bost, Fred Caskey & Lynn Sechler

**Ushers next week:** Mel Eaton, Mike Freeman, Mal McDaniel & Ron Lisenby

## This Week

### TODAY - Lessons and Carols

9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -  
New Connection Class

10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School/  
Children's Church**

11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service  
- Lessons and Carols**

### MONDAY

5:30 p.m. - **Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Service**

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

### TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. - **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**

### THURSDAY

12:00 p.m. - **NA**  
6:30 p.m. - **Boy Scouts**  
8:00 p.m. - **AA**

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. - **Prayer Fellowship** - Parlor  
All are welcome  
9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -  
Drummond Class  
10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School/  
Children's Church**  
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**



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