



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Prelude

In the Bleak Midwinter

English Carol

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Frank Gibson

***Call to Worship**

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

In you, we put our trust.

For you guide the humble in what is right,

and teach the lowly your ways of love.

***Hymn of Praise No. 93**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

***Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

Almighty and gracious God,

You give us every reason to have confidence in you.

Still, we are burdened by questions:

Where are you calling us to go?

From whence will our help come?

How can your promises be fulfilled?

Patient God, we confess our fear and lack of faith in you.

We admit our confusion and resistance to your teachings.

Open our minds, O God,

and open our hearts,

that we may know You are faithful

and trust your gracious care for us.

(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 ~

***Hymn of Preparation No. 82**

GLORIA

Angels We Have Heard on High

Scripture Reading

Amos 7:7-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Closed for Inventory

Frank Gibson

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith**

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord, he is God!

**It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.**

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Offering & Offertory

The Hands That First Held Mary's Child

Forrest

David Hamilton, tenor

Kay Yates, piano

***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. 869**

Here I Am, Lord

***Benediction**

Postlude

Joy to the World

Watts

***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

Please join the Piedmont Choral Society as we celebrate the 12th Day of Christmas with our rescheduled free concert on Saturday, January 5 at 4:00 pm at Forest Hill UMC, 265 Union St N, Concord. Beautifully arranged carols and songs of the season accompanied by orchestra. All are welcome. For more info, contact 704-699-6053 or kayy2000@gmail.com. Find us on Facebook and visit our website www.piedmontchoralsociety.org.

The Circle of Women Bible Study will meet at Editions Coffee Shop on Tuesday, January 8 at 2:00 p.m.

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. You may also contact Renee Goodnight.

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? _____

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

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.

FAMILY OF MEMBERS

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.

Special Church Member of the Week

Virginia Maguire
223 Ashmont Dr.
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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: Jeff Barnhardt & Phil McLain

Elder Lock-Up: Carol Lowder

Children's Church next week: Brian & Hannah Efirm

Videographer: David Reed

Nursery: Hannah Efirm

Nursery next week: Jenna Baker

Acolytes: Amelia & Toby Caskey

Acolytes next week: Amelia Caskey & Abigail Malinovsky

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

Ushers next week: Fred Caskey, Mark Goodnight, Mallory McDaniel, & Tony Sherrill

This Week

TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -
Drummond Class
10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**

MONDAY

- 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. - **Alleluia Ringers**

THURSDAY

- 10:30 a.m. - **Thursday Morning
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 Fellowship** - Parlor
All are welcome
9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -
Disciples Class
10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**



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