



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

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

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Prelude***Adeste Fideles*

Wade

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Pastor Darryl Evans

***Call to Worship**

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord.

My whole being shall exult in my God.

God has clothed me with the garments of salvation
and has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

**God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.**

***Hymn of Praise No. 98**

IN DULCI JUBILO

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice****Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

Hear our prayer, O God, as we confess unto you our sin.

We have failed to understand your gift to us in Jesus Christ.

**We take your love for granted, claiming your
forgiveness, but continuing to sin.**

We hoard your blessings for ourselves, and overlook the needs of others.

We trust in our own strength instead of living by yours.

Forgive us, loving Creator.

Help us to claim our new life in Jesus Christ your Son.

By your Spirit lead us to live in your service,

And to share in word and deed the news of your redeeming love.

(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

Adam Caskey

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.)

***Hymn of Preparation No. 102**

FESTAL SONG

Arise, Your Light Is Come

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-7; Matthew 2:1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Kings and Gifts

Darryl Evans

“...Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold
and of incense and of myrrh.”

--Matthew 2:11

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith – Matthew 5:3-12**

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.**

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

**Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all
kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is
your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who
were before you.**

***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. 93**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Benediction**Choral Benediction**

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Behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me. Rev. 22:12

1. While we are wait - ing, come; While we are wait - ing, come.
2. With pow'r and glo - ry, come; With pow'r and glo - ry, come.
3. Come, Sav-ior, quick - ly come; Come, Sav-ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el, While we are wait - ing, come.

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.

Upcoming

The Circle of Women will meet on Monday, January 8 at 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

Saltshakers Women's Bible Study resumes on Monday, January 8 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

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

Kay McAllister, on the death of her mother last week.

Bob Faust, at CMC-NE with pneumonia.

Sue Edwards, friend of Mike Freeze, has brain cancer.

Jerry Sherrill, Tony Sherrill's brother, at home with Hospice.

Mark Goodnight, recovering from surgery.

Shane Kluttz, friend of Kay Yates, in an induced coma at Duke due to auto immune disease affecting his lungs.

Jennifer Williams, recovering at home.

Rev. Don Greer, grandfather of Chariti Lowder, recovering from surgery.

Sharon Cranford, recovering from surgery.

A friend of the church, reconciliation of family members, multiple family health issues, revival to be manifested.

Betty Overcash, now at home.

Tink Wade, friend of Jill McLain, breast cancer, facing chemo, surgery and radiation.

Peggy Barnhardt, recovering at home.

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.

Special Church Member of the Week

Joe Crawford

Black Mountain Neuro-Medical
Treatment Center
932 Old US Hwy 70
Black Mountain, NC 28711

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

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.

Gene Griggs, cousin of Farrar Griggs, suffered a stroke.

Donna Whitley, kidney disease.

Sherri Bridges, mother of Danielle Byrd, friend of Laura McLain, breast cancer.

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: Peggy Gibson & Sam McAllister

Elder Lock-Up: Carol Lowder

Videographer: Michael Martens

Children's Message: Adam Caskey

Children's Message Next Week: Tracy Caskey

Children's Church Leader: Alpha Barger

Children's Church Leader next week: Tracy Caskey

Nursery: Laura McLain

Nursery next week: Hannah Efird

Acolytes: Luke Burris & Abigail Malinovsky

Acolytes next week:

Ushers: William Baker, Mike Freeman, Tony Rary & John Roberson

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

This Week

TODAY

9:00 a.m. - **Prayer Fellowship** – Parlor
All are welcome

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. - **Women's Bible Study**

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

9:15 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -
Disciples Class

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

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



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