



The Weekly Bulletin
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lift up your voice and call out to God.
People: We cry out, believing that God hears us.
Leader: Come together and wait for God.
People: We unite, trusting that God speaks.
Leader: Take heart, knowing that God is present with us now.
People: **We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.**
Leader: Come, worship the Lord.
All: We worship the Lord with hope.

*CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP

hymnal 515, stanza 4

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
Is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,
Alive among us here.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN 409

God Is Here!

Abbot's Leigh

*CONFESSION OF SIN

*Call to Confession

hymnal 415, stanza 3

Matt Drumheller, Cantor
*Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.*

*Prayer of Confession

Silent

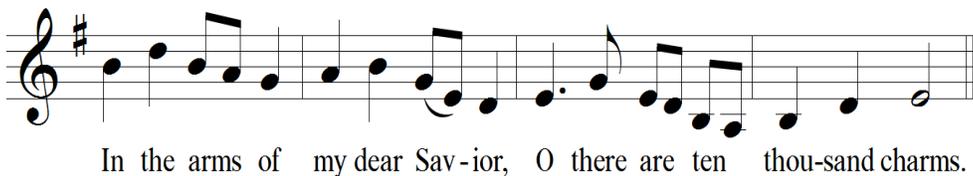
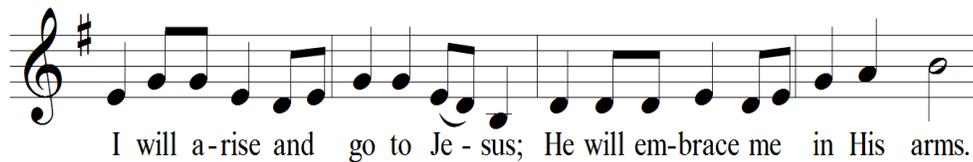
Unison

O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from us our sins. Mercifully kindle in us the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from us our hearts of stone, and give us hearts for love alone: hearts to adore you, hearts to delight in you, and hearts to follow you, for Christ's sake.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Response to Forgiveness

hymnal 415, refrain



PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

Is There Anybody Here Who Loves My Jesus?

African American Spiritual

Walk in God's Ways

Pamela L. Hughes

Trusty Travelers

Elizabeth Bryson, Brody Campbell, Piper Campbell, Ella Cumming, Nathaniel Eudy,

Ollie Henkenjohann, Ellis Johnson, Maddox Johnson, Hunter Josey, Thora Kilde,

Merrin Kinley, Brent Lisk, Caroline Lisk, Grant Lisk, Addison Marks,

Stella Marks, Seth Richards, Danny Saltzman, Abby Snuggs, Eli Snuggs,

Raygan Talbert, Holden Taylor, Caroline West, Ky Wilder

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Barbara McManus

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Children's Greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, in rushing waters and in dry wilderness, in every season and circumstance, we need your sustaining Word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, proclaim the good news among us today so that we may see anew that your kingdom has come near. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 19

Pew Bible, page 472

The leader will read the odd numbered verses; the congregation will respond by reading the even numbered verses.

ANTHEM

The Heavens Are Telling

Ludwig van Beethoven

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 4:35-41

Pew Bible, page 36

SERMON

A Great Windstorm

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Confession of 1967*

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, Jesus took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.
Amen.

*HYMN 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Pescador de hombres

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mr. Drumheller

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Dove of Peace

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

hymnal, page 606

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 Dedication

*HYMN 720

Jesus Calls Us

Galilee

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

hymnal 515, stanza 5

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
We'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
The love that makes us one.

*POSTLUDE

*All that are able may stand.

We rejoice that you are worshiping with us today. If you are a member of this church, please seek out those who are visiting and welcome them to this family of faith. If you are visiting and would like to know more about the church and membership here, please speak with one of the ministers following worship.

The acolyte today is Morgan Kinley. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Ushers: John Howell, captain; Al Andrew, Jay Andrew, Brad Boone, Lee Boone, Kalyn Caudle, Bill Hall, Robin Howell, Adam Jolly, Greg Lisk, Ben McLeod, Isabel McLeod, Barbara McManus, and Joe Snuggs
Nursery: Caroline Snyder
Toddler Room: Lauren Cranford (8:45 a.m. Diaconate)
Preschool Partners: Connie Wallace & Ken Knight
Nana & Papa Team: Susan & Banks Garrison
Children's Church: Gina Martin

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: David Sanges (brother of Nathan Sanges), Roy and Katie Dearstynne (parents of Holly Norwood; Katie-lung cancer; Roy-multiple health concerns), Bob and Bessie Burris (grandparents of Kim Caudle), Mary Ann Greene, Karen Niebler (mother of Jill Niebler; waiting for liver transplant), HESSIE CLARK. See newsletter for complete list.

The downtown worshipping community will gather at noon for worship at First Presbyterian Church on Wednesdays during Lent. On Wednesday, March 11, Reverend John Futterer, pastor of First Lutheran Church, will preach. Lunch will follow at 12:30 p.m. in the gym. Cost for lunch is donation only. All proceeds will be directed to benefit the construction costs at the Community Inn.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY LENT LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

If you are interested in volunteering to help prepare and serve and/or provide a dessert, contact Ann Duckwall (704-983-3498) or the church office (704-982-2722).

CENTRAL SCHOOL BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM

First Presbyterian Church, in conjunction with other downtown churches, is sponsoring the Central School Backpack Food Program. Items needed are: Large Cans of Soup, Hamburger Helper, Fruit Cups, Breakfast Cookies/Granola Bars.

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donations. If you would like to volunteer to help pack the backpacks, contact Debby Johnston (704-982-6006 or debbyjohnston@hotmail.com).

From the Scholarship Committee...

Scholarship Applications are now available on the counter in the common area outside the church office or online. The deadline to return completed applications is Thursday, April 9. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2015 are: Ruth Cotton, Chair, Phillip Brown, Heather Deese, and Lee McLaurin, ex-officio.

Easter Eve Camping at Morrow Mountain on April 4

Some folks are interested in camping at Morrow Mountain on Easter Eve (April 4). If you would like to be part of this group, contact Ken Knight (704-985-6277 or kbknight17@gmail.com). We'll have a great evening of fellowship and trek to the sunrise service together.

TRIVIA NIGHT ON SUNDAY, MARCH 22 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE GYM
SPONSORED BY SNL

On Sunday, March 22, SNL will hold its second Trivia Night at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. This is a fundraising event for the entire congregation which will benefit our youth programs. Tickets will be available for an individual or a team. Members of SNL will serve dinner and you will compete with your table or team in a trivia challenge. The questions will cover a broad range of topics and the prizes are going to be well worth the effort. Come test your trivia knowledge and support our youth!

PrimeTimers Luncheon on Thursday, March 12 at Noon

Guest Speaker: Mr. William Caudill

Menu: Corned Beef, Red Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage, Irish Soda Rolls, and Lime Sherbet

The Senior Care Committee of First Presbyterian Church would like to invite all church seniors and others who might be interested to a Saint Patrick Day's theme luncheon on March 12th at noon. The speaker will be Mr. William Caudill from Saint Andrews University in Laurinburg, North Carolina. Mr. Caudill is curator of the Scottish Heritage Museum at Saint Andrews, an instructor at Saint Andrews, and a professional bagpipe player and judge for piping competitions. His area of expertise is migration of Scots to North Carolina. Please contact the church office (704-982-2722) or indicate your attendance on the church roster by March 8th. For questions please call Debbie Hahn at 704-983-1067.



The first Morning of Mission for 2015 will be on Saturday, March 21, starting with breakfast at the church at 8:00 a.m. and followed by a short devotional before the teams head out to the work sites. We are partnering with the Stanly County Senior Center to do home repairs and yard work for residents who cannot do for themselves because of age, health, or financial issues.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Pit Stop or you can contact Don Joines at djoines@ctc.net or H:704.982.0348; C: 704.985.9596. It is very important that we know how many volunteers will be working on Saturday, March 21 since homeowners must be contacted prior to the workday and work teams formed and tools and materials gathered.

If you are unable to join one of the work teams but would still like to help, contributions are always welcome. Make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and note that it is for Morning of Mission.

Not only are we providing needed help for our brothers and sisters in Stanly County, but these work mornings always provide a time of fellowship and fun.

*And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?*

Micah 6:8

!!! Help Needed !!!

Help is needed for the PrimeTimers Luncheon on Thursday, March 12 at noon. If you are available and willing to assist with preparing food, set-up, and/or clean-up, contact Debbie Hahn (704-983-1067).

20th Annual YMCA Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, April 1
6:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m. at Stanly Regional Medical Center

Join us for an inspirational message provided by Rev. Brad Lynch, pastor of North Albemarle Baptist Church, and music by Dee Pankey and Charlotte Maness. In addition, the annual Sally C. Stoker Achievement Award will be presented. Contact Sandy Rogers for tickets (704-982-2649 or sandyrogers119@msn.com). Tickets are \$15.

SERRV SALE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15

SERRV items will be available in the pit stop before and after worship on March 15. Look for jams & chutneys, chocolates, coffee, tea, and nuts to fill your Easter baskets!





Youth Breakfast

March 16-20, 2015 6:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church Gym

The Stanly County Youth Breakfast begins the week of March 16. The theme for the youth breakfast this year is *Unity*. We will explore the way we are all united by our faith in Jesus Christ. Youth are invited to gather in the gym at 6:30 a.m. each morning of that week for breakfast, fellowship, music, and time to reflect on God. Invite your friends to come join us for the fun! It promises to be a wonderful week of good food and good fun!

Easter Lilies

Deadline: Sunday, March 29

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of Easter Lilies as an Easter Memorial or Honorarium, please fill out the form below exactly as you wish the memorial or honorarium to read, attach a check in the amount of \$20.00 and place in the offering plate or leave in the church office no later than Sunday, March 29. Checks should be payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and designated "Easter Lilies." All memorials/honorariums received by March 29 will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 5.

Easter Lilies

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

- I plan to take my lily after worship on Easter.
- I will leave my lily for delivery to a homebound member.

Food for Body & Soul

Wednesdays in Lent

March 11, 18, & 25

- 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer in the Chapel
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner prepared and served by the Faith Matter Class; Cost...Donation.
Menu: Baked Potato & Chili bar & Toppings, PB & J Station, Tea, Coffee, Water
 - Please sign the Friendship Register if you are planning to attend dinner.
- 6:15 p.m. Classes

· *That's What I Don't Like About Jesus*

Leader: Our own Pastor David Kilde

Class Location: Church Parlor

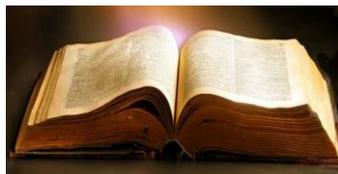
We will reflect on stories about Jesus and the early church in the context of our own experiences of prejudice. All of us view others through the lens of our own experience and belief system. Many of the stories in the New Testament challenge us to view others as Jesus would view them, brothers and sisters with us in the family of God. During our time together, we will share stories about Jesus, and stories from our own experiences as we explore what this means for us today.

· *Balancing the Christian Life*

Leader: Dan Wray, retired professor at Stanly Community College.

Class Location: Session Room (Basement)

The Bible is a rich book full of many images and examples of faith and life. It calls us to be active participants in the life of God in Christ in a troubled world. In this study, we will mine the Scriptures for help in shaping a balanced Christian lifestyle, considering such issues as faith and reason, prayer and action, dreams and symbols.



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

When? Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m.

Where? Second Street Sundries; Small Private Room (Lunch is Dutch Treat.)

What? Interested folks will gather with Matt and Elizabeth for wide-ranging discussion about the scripture for the coming Sunday. We'll consider images and issues in building the sermon.



Peace, Be Still
By Ben McLeod and Isabel McLeod

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 8

Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:45 am Trusty Travelers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 4:45 pm-7:45 pm SNL
- 4:00 pm Small Group at Elizabeth's
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee
- 7:00 pm Session

Monday, March 9

- 10:00 am Small Group with Debby Johnston
- 7:00 pm Small Group with Connie Wallace & Ken Knight
- 7:00 pm Small Group with Billie Jean Snuggs at Ly Cuisine
- 8:30 pm Senior High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Tuesday, March 10

- 11:45 am Gathering Around the Word (Second Street Sundries)
- 6:30 pm Small Group with Greg Lisk
- 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Confirmation Class

Wednesday, March 11

- 6:00 am Small Group with Elizabeth
- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 12:00 pm Community Lent Worship at FPC
- 12:30 pm Community Lent Lunch
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff/Handbells Ensembles
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer Service
- 5:45 pm Lent Dinner
- 6:15 pm-7:15 pm Lent Classes
- 7:15 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Thursday, March 12

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm PrimeTimers Luncheon
- 2:00 pm Small Group with Mary Kesselman

Friday, March 13

- 12:00 pm Small Group with Matt Drumheller

Sunday, March 15

Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Sacrament of Baptism

SERRV Sale in the Pit Stop before & after worship

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 5:00 pm SNL set-up for Youth Breakfast
- 6:00 pm Small Group at Elizabeth's

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MARCH

- 09-Cidney Eudy
Ginny Marshall
David Whitley
- 10-Russ Carpenter
Joe Carter
- 11-Jim Carter
Nancy Jolly
- 12-Morgan Kinley
- 14-Leah Kilde

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MARCH

- 10-David & Carroll Holbrook
- 13-Bill & Ruth Ann Rogers

HOSPITALITY...Beginning Sunday, March 8, First Presbyterian Church will offer hospitality to a group of students from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA. They are on a spring break service trip and working in our community with Habitat for Humanity. They will be sleeping and showering in the educational building and may share a meal or two with us. Please welcome them warmly.

SCCM NEED FOR MARCH:

CANNED MEAT

(Tuna, Chicken, Spam)

Lent Scripture Readings

- March 8 Mark 9:1-29
- March 9 Mark 9:30-50
- March 10 Mark 10:1-16
- March 11 Mark 10:17-31
- March 12 Mark 10:32-34
- March 13 Mark 10:35-45
- March 14 Mark 10:46-52
- March 15 Mark 11:1-11

*childcare provided