



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

Lenten Journey

arr. Margaret R. Tucker

Adult Handbell Ensemble

*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 2

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
**The new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY AND 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.

*HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

*CONFESSION OF SIN

*Call to Confession

hymnal 415, stanza 2

Ben Jolly, Cantor

*Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify,
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.*

***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



I will a-rise and go to Je - sus; He will em-brace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Penny Morton

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.

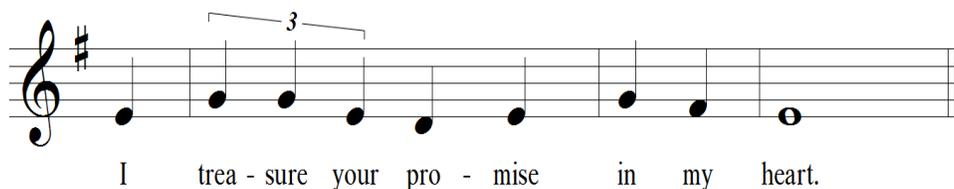
PSALTER READING

Psalms 119:9-16

Pew Bible, page 535

Congregational Response

Thomas Pavlechko



I trea - sure your pro - mise in my heart.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 2:27-3:6

Pew Bible, page 35

ANTHEM

O Love Divine

Deborah Govenor

SERMON

Restored

Mrs. Ayscue

***HYMN 744**

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Festal Song

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation

Reaffirmation of Faith

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Intermezzo

Hermann Schroeder

*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 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

*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

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Johannes Brahms

*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 Witt Snuggs. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thanks to the Adult Handbell Ensemble for their participation in worship today.

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: Jana Sanderson Toddler Room: Salem Taylor Preschool Partners: Anissa & Chris Chapman
Nana & Papa Team: Teresa Taylor; Shirley Welch **Children's Church:** Kristie Bryson

Easter Eve Camping at Morrow Mountain on April 4... If you want to camp on Easter Eve, 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.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Tuesday, March 24 at 11:45 a.m. at Second Street Sundries (Lunch is Dutch Treat.)

Welcome New Members

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We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Becky Carter (SRMC-ICU), Peter Henkenjohann (recovering from hip replacement surgery), Lathan & Katherine Cox (parents of Sherrie Richards), Greg Johnson (son of June Johnson; recovering from foot surgery), David Sanges (brother of Nathan Sanges). See newsletter for complete list.

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 are \$15.00 for an individual or you can form a team of 8 people (\$50.00 family maximum). Members of SNL will serve dinner and you will compete with your table or team in a trivia challenge. Come test your trivia knowledge and support our youth!

Large pottery bowls and pitchers are needed for the Maundy Thursday service. If you have pottery for church use, please put your bowls and pitchers in the kitchen with your name on them no later than Sunday, March 29.

The downtown worshipping community will gather at noon for worship at First Presbyterian Church on Wednesdays during Lent. On Wednesday, March 25, our own, Elizabeth McNair Ayscue, 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.

Toiletry Items Needed for The Community Inn... If you would like to donate toiletry items for the guests at the Community Inn, please place the following in the yellow bin in the pit stop. Specific Needs are: Chapstick, Hand Soap, Washcloths, Hand Lotion, Deodorant, Kleenex (travel size). No toothbrushes/toothpaste and shampoos. These items will be used to create toiletry sacks at the Palm Sunday fair on March 29.

EASTER EGG HUNT & COOKOUT ON SUNDAY, MARCH 29
4:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M. AT CITY LAKE PARK

On March 29, SNL will host the annual Easter Egg hunt and cookout at City Lake Park. All are invited to come celebrate Palm Sunday and Easter by hunting for Easter eggs, enjoying a delicious cookout, and playing outside together! Families are asked to bring a bag of chips and/or drink to share. Anyone who would like to donate plastic eggs or bags of candy for the event, please drop off your donations in the pit stop by Sunday, March 22. This is one of our favorite events each year, so bring out the whole family for an afternoon of fun!

Montaña de Luz Informational Meeting on Sunday, March 29. This will be the 10th year that First Presbyterian Church has commissioned mission representative to work with the children in Honduras with HIV. Twenty-four members of the church have been blessed by their work at Montaña de Luz over the years, making multiple trips. Dozens of friends have also traveled with them. Have you ever been on a mission trip? Ever thought about challenging yourself by stepping out of your comfort zone? Come to an informational meeting following worship Sunday, March 29 in the church parlor to learn more about this year's July 22-29 trip. No obligation required at the meeting.

Scholarship Applications are available on the counter in the common area outside the church office or online. The deadline to return completed applications is Thursday, April 9.

Palm Sunday Fair
Sunday, March 29, 2015
9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.
in the Church Gym

Intergenerational Event for ALL!!!
Continental Breakfast
Educational stations for Children, Youth & Adults

- * Bread-Making for Holy Week
- * Walk the Labyrinth
- * Create Passports for Holy Week
- * Fold a Palm Frond Cross
- * Visit one of the Spirituality Centers (Adult & Intergenerational)
- * Weaving the Cross Station
- * Prepare Toiletry Sacks for Community Inn Guests

Join in the celebration of the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem
and
prepare your hearts and minds for Holy Week.

Food for Body & Soul
Wednesday, March 25

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer in the Chapel

5:45 p.m. Dinner prepared and served by Elders & Deacons; Cost...Donation.

Menu: Red Beans (with veggies and sausage), Rice, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, PB & J sandwich station, tea, coffee, water

- Please sign the Friendship Register if you are planning to attend dinner.

6:15 p.m. Classes

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.

HOLY WEEK
PALM SUNDAY...MARCH 29

We will welcome Jesus to Jerusalem with palm branches and shouts of praise.

NOON PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL
MONDAY-FRIDAY (MARCH 30-APRIL 3)
Fifteen minutes of prayer and scripture will focus our minds and hearts on the meaning of the week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY...APRIL 2 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE GYM

We'll have a covered dish dinner and worship around the tables in the gym. Please bring a couple of your family's favorite dishes to share. Drinks will be provided. After dinner, we will share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and foot and hand washing as Jesus did with his disciples. Plan to share in the evening with your church family. Childcare provided for infants and toddlers.

GOOD FRIDAY...APRIL 3

10:30 a.m. Cross Walk (Meet outside the sanctuary on North Street). We'll follow the cross through Albemarle and pray together where people gather.

12:00 p.m. Noon Prayer in the Chapel

8:00 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

The choir will lead this solemn service which focuses on the declining loyalty of the disciples and the fading light of the world as Jesus departs from it.

We will share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Childcare provided.



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
Morrow Mountain State Park
Sunday, April 5 at 7:00 a.m.

We'll gather in the early dawn at the shelter at the top of the park. A roaring fire and hot coffee will greet you. Dress for the weather (blankets are welcome). Bring a flashlight and a lawn chair. A light breakfast will be available on the mountain following worship.

EASTER WORSHIP
In the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m.

The choir will lead us in singing praise to God whose mercies are always new. We'll celebrate the power of God in raising Jesus from the dead. We will have Sunday School as usual on Easter morning.

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.



The Two Sides of the Sabbath
by Luke Marshall

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 22 *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Reception of New Members

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 10:40 am Session Meeting (Parlor) to Receive New Members
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 6:00 pm Trivia Night
- 6:00 pm Small Group at Elizabeth's

Monday, March 23

- 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 24

- 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 25

- 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
- 5:45 pm Lent Dinner
- 6:15 pm-7:15 pm Lent Classes
- 7:15 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 26

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

Friday, March 27

- 12:00 pm Small Group with Matt Drumheller

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

Deadline for Easter Lilies

- 9:30 am *Palm Sunday Fair (gym)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Montaña de Luz Trip Informational Meeting (parlor)
- 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt & Cookout at City Lake Park

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MARCH

- 22-Jane Hartsell
- 24-Sam Holshouser
- 25-Souvanna Sydalack
- 26-Philip Welch
- 27-Lachlann Currie

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MARCH

- 24-Nathan & Marlene Sanges
- 28-Larry & Carroll Sitton

SCCM NEED FOR MARCH:
CANNED MEAT
(Tuna, Chicken, Spam)

Lent Scripture Readings

March 22	Mark 13:1-8
March 23	Mark 13:9-23
March 24	Mark 13:24-37
March 25	Mark 14:1-11
March 26	Mark 14:12-21
March 27	Mark 14:22-31
March 28	Mark 14:32-42
March 29	Mark 14:43-52

*childcare provided

FYI...

The Adult Discussion class will not meet on Palm Sunday (March 29) and Easter (April 5).