



**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

*Processional*

George F. Handel

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Virginia Currie

Leader: The gifts of the Spirit differ, and so do the people who possess them.

**People: But there is only one Spirit.**

Leader: All of God's children are equally valuable to God.

**People: Because it is God who has created them.**

Leader: Every child of God is given gifts of the Spirit to use for the common good.

**People: We celebrate God's goodness to us and are here to worship God in Spirit and in truth.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of abundant mercy, you alone can turn evil into good, sorrow into rejoicing, and death into everlasting life. Teach us your way of grace – to meet hatred with kindness, to answer curses with blessing, to love without holding back, to give without thought of return; all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN 634

*To God Be the Glory*

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\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of our restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Believe the good news,

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

*Gloria Patri*

**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.**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

*Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of this conversation, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, by your Word you provide all we need – for salvation, for wholeness, for abundant life. Now draw us close in your Spirit so that we may discover your will and live according to your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Psalm 146*

Pew Bible, page 549

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

### ANTHEM

*The Old Rugged Cross*  
Men's Choral Ensemble

George Bennard  
arr. S.R. Scheer

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

*I Corinthians 12:12-27*

Pew Bible, page 163

### SERMON

*Together*

Mrs. Ayscue

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

hymnal, page 35

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### \*HYMN 761

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

Beecher

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Peggy Finley

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Virginia Currie

**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 Anthem

*Meditation*

George Oldroyd

\*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 744

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

Festal Song

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

*Prelude in e minor*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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\*All that are able may stand.

**We rejoice that you are worshipping 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.

**The flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and for those of us who mourn the loss of our loved ones by Connie Wallace and Ken Knight.

**Thanks to** Virginia Currie for her leadership in worship. Virginia is a senior at Gray Stone Day School, and the daughter of Lisa and Patrick Currie.

**Ushers:** Wes Eudy, captain; Steve Cumming, Angie Earnhardt, Greg Lisk, Ronnie Michael, Witt Snuggs, and Morgan Smet **Elder Greeters:** Tom Norwood; Ellen Whitley **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Salem Taylor **Preschool Partners:** Angie Earnhardt; Adrienne Averette; Kelly Lentz **Nana & Papa Team:** Kyle & Danny Lambert

**There will be no Children's Church during August.**

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Jan Burton (mother of Mandy Brown; breast cancer); David Sanges (brother of Nathan Sanges). **See newsletter for complete list.**

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**NEEDED**

**Freezers of homemade ice cream for First Family gathering on Wednesday, September 2.** Any flavor is okay. Let Jane Snyder know you can help (704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org).

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**Mission Committee Challenge**

As our weather heats up and power bills rise, many folks find it difficult to pay their bills and come to Stanly Community Christian Ministry (SCCM) seeking assistance. Funds at SCCM have been stretched as far as possible. Therefore, the Mission Committee would like to offer our congregation a challenge. When you receive your power bill in August, please consider making a donation equal to 10% of your bill to the Faith on the Fifth offering that **will be received on August 30 or give your donation to the church office prior to that Sunday.** These monies will then be given to SCCM to help meet the expenses for those who struggle.

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**Beginning September 13,** worship returns to 11:00 a.m.

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**Check out the Art Exhibit: Featured Artist, Joyce Lambert!**

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**FIRST FAMILY GATHERING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

**We are gearing up for our FIRST FAMILY GATHERING of the 2015-16 church year on Wednesday, September 2 at 6:00 p.m.!**

**September Menu:**

**Grilled Chicken & an Expansive Fresh Salad Bar, Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Station, Homemade Ice Cream, Tea, Coffee, Water and Lemonade.**

**Contact the church office to make your reservation ([klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-982-2722).  
**Cost: Donation****

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**Volunteers Needed for next First Family Gathering**

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|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Meat and Salad Crew: | Tuesday, September 1 at 10:00 a.m.  |
| Set up crew:         | Tuesday, September 1 at 4:00 p.m.   |
| Decorating crew:     | Tuesday, September 1 at 4:30 p.m.   |
| Final Touches crew:  | Wednesday, September 2 at 5:00 p.m. |
| Clean-up crew:       | Wednesday, September 2 at 6:45 p.m. |



**Thanks to Caroline West  
for her artwork based on the poem  
*Together* by George Ella Lyon.**

# Ourchestra



Thanks to Caroline West  
for her artwork based on the poem  
*Ourchestra* by Shel Silverstein.

**Labor Day Worship**

**We will celebrate the unofficial end of summer with worship outside.**

**When? Sunday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Where? Morrow Mountain State Park Shelter C (beyond the pool)**

**What else? We'll enjoy worship and after worship fellowship and light morning snacks! (Dress for the weather & bring a lawn chair.)**

**Worship outdoors in God's good creation recalling God's blessings to us in the comings and goings of summer. Coffee, fruit, and pastries will be provided by the Fellowship Committee following worship.**

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**Gardening for SCCM**

Remember to check out the table in the pit stop for home-grown vegetables.

Donations for them go to SCCM.

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**Want to Formalize Your Relationship with First Presbyterian Church by  
Becoming a Member of the Congregation?**

Every person who enters the door (sanctuary, gym, parking lot) at First Presbyterian Church is invited to participate fully in the life of this community of faith. **If you're a visitor and want to know more about membership at First Presbyterian Church, plan to meet in the Church Parlor (outside the doors of the sanctuary) briefly following worship on Sunday, September 13. For more information, contact Liz Jolly (704-982-6420 or jolly128@carolina.rr.com), Membership Committee Chair.**

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**GRANDPARENT'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS**

On Grandparent's Day, the arrangements in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of grandparents. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Grandparent's Day Arrangements*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Grandparent's Day, September 13**. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

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**GRANDPARENT'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS**

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_



**You are invited to an  
Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast  
to support  
Crisis Assistance Fund of Stanly County, Inc.**

**Cost is \$7.00 per person**

**When: Saturday, September 12 from 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.**

**Where: Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar  
(517 NC 24/27 Bypass East, Albemarle)**

**For tickets, contact Debby Johnston  
(704-982-6006 or [debbyjohnston@hotmail.com](mailto:debbyjohnston@hotmail.com)).**

**Valid only at participating restaurant listed above.**

**Ticket valid for pancake event only.**

**Applebee's menu items are not included as part of purchase.**

### **CAF FACTS**

**Crisis Assistance Fund of Stanly County**

- **CAF is a nonprofit United Way agency.**
- **Established by churches of Stanly County.**
- **CAF provides emergency assistance to those in crisis situations.**
- **Keeps people in homes by helping with mortgage, rent, utilities, etc.**
- **United Way provides a portion of the funding.**
- **Donations are a large part of needed resources.**

**Volunteer Opportunities at Central School**

School has started and the needs are always many.  
These are some of the ways we can help throughout the year:

1. Volunteer to read with children.
2. Volunteer to shelve books in the Media Center.
3. Volunteer to eat lunch with a child.
4. Volunteer to help with things like cutting, laminating, copying and other clerical ways.
5. Volunteer to be part of a team to get together and cut and bag box tops.
6. Volunteer to help staff the Book Fair in October and/or spring.

If you are interested, please contact :  
Carroll Sitton at [carrollsitton@rtmc.net](mailto:carrollsitton@rtmc.net) or [336-461-5158](tel:336-461-5158)

or

Kristie Bryson at [kristie.bryson@stanlycountyschools.org](mailto:kristie.bryson@stanlycountyschools.org) or [704-982-9519](tel:704-982-9519)

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# Pray & Play

**What is it?**

**A gathering for preschoolers & their parents.**

**When?**

**Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.**

**What happens?**

**Parents will meet in the parlor for prayer and study while children are supervised in the childcare areas. And then, parents and children will play together in the gym.**

**Starting Date:**

**Thursday, September 10**

**Adult Conversation will be around the book**

***The Jesus Priorities* by Christopher Maricle.**

**Invite friends and neighbors to share in this morning together.**

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**Silent Partners Anyone?**

Did you know First Presbyterian Church has 21 students who are away in college? We need you to serve as a *Silent Partner* and maintain contact with a student. Will you help? Contact Kim Andrew ([kjabrk@yahoo.com](mailto:kjabrk@yahoo.com)) for more information.

You're in for Treat, A Rally Day that's

# SUPER SWEET

**Sunday, September 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the Gym**

The Christian Education Committee is mixing up a delicious morning of fun to kick off the new year in Christian Education.

- ❖ Food Stations (Pancakes, Muffins, Donuts, Fruit, Yogurt & More!)
- ❖ Candy Walk
- ❖ Building God's Sweet Community & More!  
*How Sweet It Is...And Will Be!*

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**Faith Explorers (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders) on Sunday, September 13 from Noon-3:00 p.m.**  
**At the home of Penny & Jack Morton**  
**Cook out burgers and hotdogs! Bring swim suit, towel and sunscreen!**  
***(transportation from church to Morton's home provided)***  
**Please let Gina Martin ([gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org)) know that you are coming**  
**by Wednesday, September 9.**

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**Deepening Community through Grace & Gratitude**  
**Youth Club Connects...**

**First Day of Youth Cubs/Youth Club is**  
**Wednesday, September 16 from 3:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.**  
**Orff (percussion) instruments for K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders led by Daniel Dickens**  
**5:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.**  
**Location: Adult Discussion Classroom Basement**  
**Handbells for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders led by Frank Poolos**  
**5:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.**  
**Location: Choir Room**  
**\*Childcare provided for preschoolers until 5:45 p.m.**

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**Young Adult Lunch**  
**All young adults are invited.**  
**September 2 at Noon at Second Street Sundries**  
**(221 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street)**

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**Copies of the September 2015 Newsletter are available at both entrances to the sanctuary.**

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, August 30

- 9:00 am Organizational Meeting for Group Facilitators
- 10:00 am \*Worship
- 11:00 am Worship Workshop for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders & parents

### Monday, August 31

- 5:00 pm Children's Sunday School Teachers  
New Curriculum Training (Session Room)

### Tuesday, September 1

- 10:00 am First Family Meat & Salad Crew
- 4:00 pm First Family Set-up Crew
- 4:30 pm First Family Decorating Crew
- 7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Gloria Bryson  
(811 Smith Street, Albemarle)

### Wednesday, September 2

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
- 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Sundries
- 5:00 pm First Family Final Touches Crew
- 5:45 pm Evening Prayer (chapel)
- 6:00 pm First Family Dinner
- 6:45 pm First Family Clean-up Crew
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

### Thursday, September 3

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

### Sunday, September 6

*Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering*

- 9:00 am Worship at Morrow Mountain State Park (Shelter C)

**\*childcare provided**



**MORNING OF  
MISSION**

## MORNING OF MISSION SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

We will have our next Morning of Mission on Saturday, September 19. The scheduled workday back on June 20 was cancelled because of the extreme heat. That means that we still have that big stack of requests, by way of the Senior Citizens Center, for help with small home repairs such as patching roofs and fixing handrails, and yard work that includes cutting away overhanging limbs and trimming hedges and shrubs.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Pit Stop beginning August 30. **It is essential that Don Joines knows who will be available to work by Wednesday (September 16) before the workday.** This allows time to plan for the number of work requests that can be accommodated as well as time to secure materials and tools.

The need is great so please plan to come out and help with these projects. If you would like to contribute to the cost of materials and supplies, you can make your check to First Presbyterian Church and note that it is for Morning of Mission.

For anyone who is not familiar with the Morning of Mission routine, we meet at the church at 8:00 AM for breakfast – remember that the kitchen is being remodeled – share in a brief devotion at 8:30 and then get our team assignments and head out to work.

If you have questions, contact Don Joines at H: 704 982-0348, C: 704 985-9596 or email: [djoines@ctc.net](mailto:djoines@ctc.net).

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

#### AUGUST

- 30-Myra Land
- Alex Wolf
- 31-Heather Kilde

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

#### SEPTEMBER

- 01-Frank Poolos
- 02-Betty Crook
- 03-Evan Johnson  
Wayne Palmer
- 04-Margaret Ivey
- 05-Braden Taylor

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

#### SEPTEMBER

- 03-Miller & Teryn Morgan

### SCCM NEED FOR

#### AUGUST:

Canned Vegetables

### SCCM NEED FOR

#### SEPTEMBER:

Boxed & Canned  
Pasta Meals