



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

When in Our Music God is Glorified

Albert L. Travis

CALL TO WORSHIP

As the presence of the Holy Spirit fills the sanctuary, symbols of our faith will be brought forward.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN 409

God is Here!

Abbot's Leigh

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

God of grace, love and communion, you create us for relationship, to live in communion with you and one another. Yet we are isolated from one another and separated from you. We neglect the means of grace which would bring us closer- prayer, scripture, and worship. We fail to heed your call to love as you love. We fail to recognize your image in others. Transforming God, forgive our unfaithfulness. Deepen our community; restore us to right relationship.

*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

Matt Drumheller

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

Commissioning of Teachers and Leaders

Jim Carter and Gina Martin

In the Christian Education Program

Introduction

Prayer

Leader: God of Creation, we are a community of people with different gifts, all which can be used to your glory. Thank you for gifting these men and women with teaching skills, creativity, and curiosity. We pray you fill them with the power and compassion of your Holy Spirit so they may lead us in faith. Give them wisdom, understanding, and ability to proclaim your word to your community.

Teachers: *We have heard the call to be faithful in our service as teachers and leaders. Grant us wisdom, patience, and joy as we prepare to lead your community of faith and deepen the faith of your church.*

People: God of hope, guide these teachers and leaders as they study your Word. Strengthen the gifts you have given to them. Awaken their imagination, and strengthen their compassion. Remind us to find ways to support and encourage them throughout the year. May your steadfast, faithful, and covenant love guide all we do. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

(see bulletin insert, *Father God in Heaven*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, as we turn to your Word, we hear again your welcome. Let us listen with new ears so that we renew our commitment to love and serve you. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Pew Bible, page 157

ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

NEW TESTAMENT READING

II Corinthians 13:11-13

Pew Bible, page 175

SERMON

The Gift of Community

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

excerpted from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, *Come, Lord Jesus!* With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty!

Nicaea

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Patrick Currie

PASTORAL PRAYER

Matt Drumheller

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem *Aria* William Lloyd Webber
*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 305 *Come, Sing O Church, in Joy!* Darwall's 148th

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *A Gaelic Blessing* John Rutter

*POSTLUDE *Postlude* William Mathias

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

Thanks to Rebekah Ayscue, Mark Donham, Jim Hesley, Danny Saltzman, Rose Saltzman, and Shirley Welch for their participation in the call to worship.

Ushers: Phillip Brown, captain; Brad Boone, Lee Boone, Mandy Brown, Wes Eudy, Don Joines, Nancy Joines, and Mary Kesselman **Elder Greeters:** Patrick Currie; Ellen Snyder **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Lauren Cranford & Misty Honbarrier **Preschool Partners:** Stephanie & Josh Campbell **Nana & Papa Team:** Susan & Banks Garrison **Children's Church:** Virginia Currie

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

IN MEMORIAM
Mrs. Willie "Bill" Traywick Palmer
July 25, 1918 – September 5, 2015

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

**First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery presents the Fall Art Exhibit
Opening Sunday, September 13
Featured Artists...2014 Women's Retreat Participants**

Teachers and Leaders in Christian Education

Janice Abernathy
Linda Anderson
Becky Andrew
Kim Andrew
Mildred Andrew
Adrienne Averette
Skeet Ayscue
Leah Beamon
Joan Belsan
Debbie Bennett
Duncan Bryson
Keith Bryson
Kristie Bryson
Josh Campbell
Stephanie Campbell
Jim Carter
Kim Caudle
Andy Cotton
Ruth Cotton
Lauren Cranford
Betty Crook
Michelle Cumming
Patrick Currie
Virginia Currie
Heather Deese
Daniel Dickens
Angie Earnhardt
Melissa Eudy
Wes Eudy
Donna Gaither
Banks Garrison
Susan Garrison
Kate Gibson
Frank Green
Mary Green

Martha Sue Hall
Anna Henkenjohann
Misty Honbarrier
Robin Howell
Debby Johnston
Ben Jolly
Dustin Jolly
Liz Jolly
Taylor Jolly
Bede Karr
Russell Karr
Heather Kilde
John Kilde
Ken Knight
Kelly Lentz
Barbara Lindley
Bill Lindley
Dona Lisk
Cici Ly
Chris Mabry
Gina Martin
Catherine McIntyre
Rob McIntyre
Carolyn McLaurin
Lee McLaurin
Ben McLeod
Isabel McLeod
Laura McLeod
Mike McLeod
Andrew McSwain
Ronnie Michael
Sarah Michael
Catherine Moeller
Matt Moeller
Jack Morton

Penny Morton
Derek Moses
Meredith Moses
Jill Niebler
Jacob Palmer
Jessica Palmer
John Palmer
Beth Poolos
Frank Poolos
Lynn Poplin
Brett Richards
Ethan Richards
Grace Richards
Linda Richards
Marshall Rogers
Ruth Ann Rogers
Sandy Rogers
Rose Saltzman
Jana Sanderson
Jillian Scardina
Rich Schaefer
Carroll Sitton
Larry Sitton
Ann Snuggs
Billie Jean Snuggs
Lee Snuggs
Jane Snyder
Kassie Taylor
Salem Taylor
Teresa Taylor
Anna Wainwright
Shirley Welch
Martha White



**More information will be available on
Rally Day (September 13)
and on
September 20 in a large group
introduction gathering in the gym!**

Father God in Heaven

The Lord's Prayer

Words by

JAMES E. SEDDON (1915-1983)

Arrangement by

DAVID PEACOCK

Tune: **KUM BA YAH**

Traditional Spiritual

Arranged by

HAL H. HOPSON (ASCAP)



1. Fa - ther God in heav'n, Lord most high,
2. May your king - dom come here on earth.
3. Give us dai - ly bread, day by day;
4. Lead us in your way. Make us strong.
5. All things come from you. All are yours.



hear your chil - dren's prayer, Lord most high.
May your will be done here on earth;
and for - give our sins, day by day;
When temp - ta - tions come, make us strong.
King - dom, glo - ry, pow'r, all are yours.



Hal - lowed be your name, Lord most high.
as it is in heav'n, so on earth.
as we too for - give, day by day.
Save us all from sin. Make us strong.
Take our lives and gifts. All are yours.



O Lord, hear our prayer.

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GRANDPARENT'S DAY FLOWERS

In memory of:

Given by:

Johnny Andrew	Logan, Adam, Emily, and Jay Andrew
Madge and Austin Ayscue	Rebekah Ayscue and Spencer Ayscue
Ian Bryson	Duncan and Elizabeth
Susan Green	Duncan and Elizabeth
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Earnhardt	Adrienne, Kevin, and Ella; Kelly, Charlie, and Baby Lentz
Mr. and Mrs. Olin Huneycutt	Adrienne, Kevin, and Ella; Kelly, Charlie, and Baby Lentz
Dr. F.L. Marshall	Jim & Kim Marshall
John F. McNair, III	Rebekah Ayscue and Spencer Ayscue
Robert Palmer	Jacob & Jackson Palmer; Vance Cole
Ben and Anne Ridenhour	Kim & Jim Marshall
Rita Whitley	Addison Marks and Stella Marks
Rita Whitley	Nancy Joines
Charles Harris, Beverly High, Myrtle Hall, and R.W. Hall, Sr.	Morgan Schultz and Murphy Hall

In honor of:

Given by:

Mildred Andrew	Logan, Adam, Emily, and Jay Andrew
Gloria Bryson	Duncan and Elizabeth
Bob Green	Duncan and Elizabeth
John and Angie Earnhardt	Adrienne, Kevin, and Ella; Kelly, Charlie, and Baby Lentz
Banks and Susan Garrison	Henry, Andrew, Garrison, and Beau
Mark and Chris Mabry	Carter Gibson & Emma Gibson
Virginia Marshall	Jim & Kim Marshall
Martha Fowler McNair	Rebekah Ayscue and Spencer Ayscue
Pam and Terry Morgan	Morgan, Merrin, Austin, and Allison
Bill Hall, Martha Sue Hall, and Dan Samples	Palmer Schultz

Covenant Bible Study Tuesday Mornings Beginning September 29 at 10:00 a.m.

Covenant guides participants in a comprehensive indepth study of the Bible. The study emphasizes the biblical concept of *covenant* as a unifying theme through all the books of the Old & New Testaments. It underscores the unique relationship that God chooses to have with humanity. This relationship is grounded in the faithfulness of God's love and in our ongoing commitment to love God while we share signs of God's love with other people. Covenant is a 24 week study. We will complete the study in three 8 week sessions; 1 fall, 1 winter, & 1 spring. Folks are encouraged (but not required) to plan to complete all three sessions.

Cost for the study guides is:

\$20 for 1 session or \$49 for all 3 sessions

A large print version of the study guide is available for additional cost.

Please contact the church office (klambert@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722)
 for session reservations.



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!**

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

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

Every person who enters the door 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 briefly following worship on Sunday, September 13. For more information, contact Liz Jolly (704-982-6420 or jolly128@carolina.rr.com), Membership Committee Chair.**

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 tasks.
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 or [336-461-5158](tel:336-461-5158)

or

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

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 13

*Rally Day/Commissioning of Teachers & Leaders
in Christian Education/Grandparent's Day/*

Opening of Fall Art Gallery

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:30 am *Rally Day (Gym)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Deacon/Elder Nominees meet (front of sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm Prospective Members' Meeting (Parlor)
- 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers' Back To School
Pool Party at the home of Penny & Jack Morton
(40313 Hoops Court, Albemarle)
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee
- 6:00 pm SNL Family Dinner
- 7:00 pm *Session

Tuesday, September 15

- 12:00 pm October Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, September 16

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Thursday, September 17

- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, September 18

- 8:00 pm SNL Lock-in Begins

Saturday, September 19 *Morning of Mission*

- 8:00 am Morning of Mission: Breakfast, Prayer, & Work

Sunday, September 20

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 9:45 am *ENGAGE (gym)
- 11:00 am *Worship

***childcare provided**



**MORNING OF
MISSION**

When?

What?

MORNING OF MISSION SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

We'll gather at church at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast, prayer, and work assignments.

We'll be on our way to work sites before 9:00 a.m. There are a variety of small home repairs to be done for seniors in our community.

Contact Don Joines for more information.

H: 704 982-0348 C: 704 985-9596 Email: djoines@ctc.net

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! SEPTEMBER

- 13-Jane Pickler
Carolyn Sharpe
- 16-Catherine Hinson
Kyle Marks
David Morgan
- 17-Peggy Rogers
- 18-Sam Davis
Nathaniel Eudy
- 19-Becky Miller

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! SEPTEMBER

- 15-Banks & Susan Garrison
- 16-Don & Sheryl Stewart

SCCM NEED FOR SEPTEMBER:

Boxed & Canned Pasta
Meals