



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

Prelude on 'St. Peter'

Healy Willan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ellen Snyder

Leader: Sing praise to God, who gathers us here,

People: From the ends of the earth we come.

Leader: With a word of promise, a spring of water, a loaf of bread, and a cup of wine.

People: God turns our mourning into dancing, our sorrow into joy.

Leader: Let us worship God together.

*CHORAL INTROIT

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Karl P. Harrington

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Giving God, you have adopted us as your children, sisters and brothers of your beloved, Jesus Christ. Empower us to be holy and blameless witnesses to your glorious reign of peace and love now come into this world. Amen.

*HYMN 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

St. Peter

*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

Pastor David Kilde

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the conversation, 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

Illuminating God, by the power of your Holy Spirit reveal to us through the reading of these words your Word become flesh, living among us full of grace and truth. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 12:3-18

Pew Bible, page 151

ANTHEM

When the Perfect Comes

Carson P. Cooman

Text:

*Brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, I call upon you:
present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God,
which is your reasonable worship.*

*Prophecies will come to an end, tongues will cease, knowledge will come to an end;
But Love never ends.*

And when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away.

*Do not be conformed to the present age, but transformed by the renewing of the mind,
so that you may discern the will of God: what is good, what is well-pleasing,
what is good and perfect.*

Amen.

GOSPEL TESTAMENT READING

John 1:1-5, 14-18

Pew Bible, pages 86

SERMON

Community Shaped by God's Word: Who Does It Look Like?

Pastor David Kilde

*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 301

All Are Welcome

Two Oaks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Aria

Noel Rawsthorne

*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 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

*POSTLUDE

Toccata in e minor

Johann Pachelbel

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

Thank you to Pastor David Kilde, our guest preacher, and to Elder Ellen Snyder for serving as liturgist today.

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:** Cici Ly **Toddler Room:** Lauren Cranford **Preschool Partners:** Jill Niebler; Isabel McLeod **Nana & Papa Team:** Sarah & Ronnie Michael **Children's Church:** Virginia Currie; Jacob Palmer

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Kristy Burris (testing at Johns Hopkins; niece of Janice & Don Abernathy), Linda Lisk (mother of Greg Lisk; broken wrist), Jan Burton (mother of Mandy Brown; breast cancer); David Sanges (brother of Nathan Sanges); A struggling family. **See newsletter for complete list.**

**First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery presents the Fall Art Exhibit
Featured Artists...2014 Women's Retreat Participants**



ENGAGE CAFÉ
Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.
Stop in the pit stop for coffee (& more) and to chat with others on your way to your ENGAGE group!
Begins Sunday, September 20 at 9:45 a.m.
in a large group introduction gathering in the gym!

Communion Workshop for Children

A Communion Workshop is planned for children in Kindergarten – 2nd grade for the afternoon of **Sunday, September 27**. During this time, children and families will learn more about the Lord's Supper and symbols of this sacrament. Plan to stay for lunch. The workshop will conclude by 2:00 p.m.

Covenant Bible Study...Tuesday Mornings...Beginning October 6 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.

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).

PRESBYTERY MEETING LUNCHEON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

We will be preparing lunch for 200 people. Please sign-up in the pit stop if you can supply hardboiled & peeled eggs **and/or** help with preparations on Monday, October 26 or Tuesday, October 27.

Questions? Contact Janet Schaefer (336-461-3422 or janet.schaefer@gmail.com)

CENTRAL SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

The Central Book Fair is scheduled for October 5-9 from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The busiest time is 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. and therefore is the greatest need for volunteers. Family Night will be Thursday, October 8...time TBA.

If you are interested in helping with the book fair, contact Carroll Sitton (336-461-5158 or carrollsitton@rtmc.net).

November 13-15...William Black Lodge in Montreat

Women's Retreat This week-end getaway is for you if you enjoy any (or all) of the following –

- Chatting and laughing with women of all ages,
- Having someone cook, serve, and clean up from all meals for you,
- Thinking about scripture in new ways with other women,
- Hiking,
- Napping,
- Shopping, and
- Making new friends.

Cost for the retreat is \$178.00 (double occupancy) or \$236.00 (single occupancy) and includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, and program materials. Help with cost is available. Contact Elizabeth (eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722). Sign-up deadline and a \$75.00 deposit is due by October 5.



Men's Retreat

We will have our very first Men's Retreat this Fall at Camp Hanes from November 20-22. Men of First Presbyterian Church and their friends and relatives are invited to join us for this weekend of fellowship, outdoor activities, and Sabbath. Please register with the church office (704-982-2722). There is a \$30 deposit due on September 20.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 20

- 9:30 am ENGAGE! Café (pit stop)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 9:45 am *ENGAGE (gym)
- 11:00 am *Worship

Wednesday, September 23

- 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 24

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

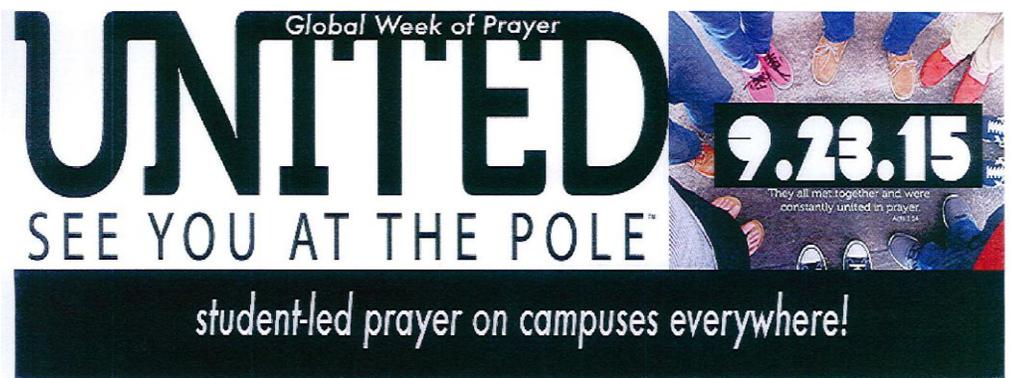
Sunday, September 27

Dedication of Prayer Shawls

- 9:30 am ENGAGE! Café (pit stop)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 10:30 am-11:00 am First Fellowship (pit stop)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm *Communion Workshop
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm SNL

***childcare provided**

**CENTRAL
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
MEET US AT THE POLE
AT 7:15 A.M.
WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 23**



**First Fellowship on Sunday, September 27
in the Pit Stop from 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**

Come straight from Sunday School/ENGAGE or arrive for worship a few minutes early for First Fellowship on Sunday, September 27. Enjoy a light breakfast while sharing conversation with friends. The Fellowship Committee looks forward to visiting with you in the pit stop between 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SEPTEMBER

- 20- Angus Currie
Brent Lisk
Grant Lisk
- 21- Ben Andrew
Oliver Henkenjohann
Caroline Morton
- 22- Jake Whisnant
- 24- Aidyn Osborne
- 25- Kristie Bryson
Courtney Smith

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

SEPTEMBER

- 26- Joe and Ann Snuggs

SCCM NEED FOR

SEPTEMBER:

Boxed & Canned Pasta Meals