



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

Andante Cantabile from Symphony No. 4

Charles Marie Widor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said, *Ask and it will be given you; search and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.* Lord, as we search now, let us find you.

People: As we knock, open the door to us.

Leader: Let us know you, that we may praise you;

People: And love you, that we may serve you.

*CHORAL INTROIT

O Worship the Lord

Robert McCutchan

*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 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Holy One, although we come to church on Sundays, we too often live the rest of the week as though you don't exist. We act as though we created ourselves, with no connection to you. Open to us your constant presence, Holy One. Teach us to pray, and restore our sight, that we may commune with you each day in the light of your kingdom.

*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

Mr. Drumheller

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.

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

God of comfort and hope, we pray your grace upon these shawls...warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing. May they be a safe haven...a sacred place of security and well-being, of mercy and meaning, sustaining and embracing those who receive them. May the ones who receive these shawls be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace and wrapped in your love. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of love and justice, by your Holy Spirit, speak to us through your Word, that we may know the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Nehemiah 1:4-11

Pew Bible, page 410

ANTHEM

God Be in My Head

John Rutter

Text: *God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in mine heart and in my thinking.
God be at my end and in my departing.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 11:1-13

Pew Bible, page 67

SERMON

People in Prayer

Mr. Drumheller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

excerpted from The Confession of 1967

The church responds to the message of reconciliation in praise and prayer. In that response, it commits itself afresh to its mission, experiences a deepening of faith and obedience, and bears open testimony to the gospel. Adoration of God is acknowledgment of the Creator by the creation. Confession of sin is admission of every person's guilt before God and of their need for God's forgiveness. Thanksgiving is rejoicing in God's goodness to all people. Petitions and intercessions are addressed to God for the continuation of divine goodness, the healing of human ills, and deliverance from every form of oppression. The arts, especially music and architecture, contribute to the praise and prayer of a congregation when they help people to look beyond themselves to God and to the world which is the object of God's love. Amen.

*HYMN 66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

PENTECOST

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
(On cue, the congregation will sing the hymn.)*

hymnal, 469

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

To God Be the Glory

Johann G. Walther

*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 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

Green Tyler

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

*POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

*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 Blake Taylor. 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 in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Ann and Joe Snuggs by Cathryn and Claude Harwood.

Many thanks to the folks who have lovingly and prayerfully crafted the shawls which are being blessed 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:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Salem Taylor **Preschool Partners:** Leah Beamon; Heather Deese **Nana & Papa Team:** Teresa Taylor; Shirley Welch **Children's Church:** Virginia Currie; Jacob Palmer

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Frank Breische (recovering from hip replacement; brother of Gloria Bryson), Janet Gardner Flemin (stepdaughter of Ruth Ann Rogers; diagnosed with colon cancer), 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.**

Communion Workshop for Children

A Communion Workshop is planned for children in Kindergarten – 2nd grade for this afternoon of **Sunday, September 27.**

World Communion Sunday

We will celebrate the church of Jesus Christ throughout the world as we come to the table. Global attire is welcome.

Donations Needed for Presbytery Meeting

Donations are needed to serve to those attending the October Charlotte Presbytery Meeting at FPC, Albemarle. A basket/box is in the pit stop to accept your donations of:

8 oz. Bottled Water, Lance Crackers,
Variety Packs of Individual Serving Chips, Small Fruit Juice Cans/Bottles

Sundays

ENGAGE CAFÉ at 9:30 a.m.

ENGAGE Groups at 9:45 a.m.

Stop in the pit stop for coffee (& more) and to chat with others on your way to your ENGAGE group!

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| Group 1: | Old Session Room (Basement Level) | Banks Garrison & Marshall Rogers |
| Group 2: | Gathering Place (2 nd Floor) | Debbie Bennett & Ruth Ann Rogers |
| Group 3: | Chapel (Basement Level) | Skeet Ayscue |
| Group 4: | Session Room (Basement Level) | Patrick Currie & Debby Johnston |
| Group 5: | Classroom C (Basement Level) | Melissa Eudy & Rob McIntyre |
| Group 6: | Media Room (Basement Level) | Martha Sue Hall |
| Group 7: | Parlor (1 st Floor) | Rich Schaefer |



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE PARLOR
FEEL FREE TO BRING A BAG LUNCH**

For more information, contact Miriam Russell (704-982-3025).

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).

Covenant Bible Study

Tuesday Mornings Beginning October 6 at 10:00 a.m.

(Notice Date Change)

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.



SERRV CATALOG ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN:

On Sunday mornings in the Pit Stop:

October 4, 11, & 18 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. & following worship

During the week, in the church office until October 19. After that, the order will be compiled and placed.

Catalog orders are shipped with the bazaar food items and will be available at the Bazaar on November 8.

Egg Cartons Needed for Group Homes of the Autistic (GHA, Inc.)

Please drop of clean & empty egg cartons in the pit stop. GHA is in desperate need of them. Thank you.

Prime Timers Luncheon

on Thursday, October 15 at Noon at Sagebrush Steakhouse

(623 NC 24/27 Bypass East, Albemarle)

Speaker: Pastor David Kilde

The next Prime Timers luncheon will be a "Dutch-treat" luncheon at Sagebrush on Highway 24/27 in Albemarle on Thursday, October 15th at noon. Our speaker will be Pastor David Kilde who will speak to us about growing up in the Midwest (emphasis on cold winters with lots of snow). We can order from the menu at Sagebrush so everyone should be able to find something he or she can enjoy. There will be a gratuity added to the cost of each order. Please call the church by October 12th to let us know you are coming (704 982-2722). Call Debbie Hahn at 704 983-1067 if you have questions. You can view the Sagebrush menu at: <http://sagebrushsteakhouse.com/sagebrush-menus>.

First Family Gathering on Wednesday, October 7

Evening Prayer at 5:45 p.m.

Meal at 6:00 p.m.

Menu:

Soup and Salad Bar, Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Station,
Assorted Desserts, Tea, Coffee, Water and Lemonade.

Contact the church office to make your reservation
(704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

Volunteers Needed for First Family Gathering

- Salad Crew: Tuesday, October 6 at 10:00 a.m.
- Set up crew: Wednesday, October 7 at 3:45 p.m.
- Decorating crew: Wednesday, October 7 at 4:00 p.m.
- Final Touches crew: Wednesday, October 7 at 5:00 p.m.
- Clean-up crew: Wednesday, October 7 at 6:45 p.m.

Before and after the First Family Gathering is a great time for fellowship. We have so much fun! Hope to see you at one of the above times! Please call Jane Snyder at the church 704-982-2722, on her phone 704-438-3358 or email her at jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org if you would like to help.

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

World Communion Ecumenical Service

Sunday, October 4 at 9:30 a.m. at the Courthouse Square

Many of the churches of downtown Albemarle will come together on October 4 for our third annual World Communion service. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper together as a broad community. The service will take place at 9:30 a.m. in Courthouse Square. Our Sunday School classes will meet for this service and then walk back down to the church after the service is over.

**PRESBYTERY MEETING LUNCHEON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27**

We will be preparing lunch for 200 people attending the Charlotte Presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian Church. 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)

**Women's Retreat
November 13-15**

William Black Lodge in Montreat

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.

Backpack Food Program

Donations Needed:



Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Hamburger Helper, Snack Crackers, and Pineapple or Fruit Cocktail Cups. A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 27

Dedication of Prayer Shawls

- 9:30 am ENGAGE! Café (pit stop)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm *Communion Workshop (K-2nd)
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm SNL

Wednesday, September 30

- 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, October 1

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

Sunday, October 4

World Communion Sunday

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering

- 9:30 am Ecumenical World Communion at Courthouse Square Park
- 9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)
- 12:00 pm *Get to Know Your Bible* (3rd Graders & Parents)
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm SNL

***childcare provided**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
SEPTEMBER**

- 27-Carter Gibson
Caroline West
- 28-Ruth Goforth
- 29-Al Taylor
- 30-Mary Grace Caudle
Hannah Martin
Jordan Morgan

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY!
SEPTEMBER**

- 27-John & Jessica Palmer

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
OCTOBER**

- 01-Graham Chapman
Eston West
- 02-Joan Boling
Emily Domenech

**SCCM NEED FOR
SEPTEMBER:**

Boxed & Canned Pasta Meals

SCCM NEED FOR OCTOBER:

Paper Goods

(toilet tissue, paper towels, facial tissue, cleaning supplies)