



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

C. Hubert H. Parry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are here to worship a remarkable God.

People: The love of God welcomes us, the grace of Christ awaits us, the joy of the Spirit enfolds us.

Leader: Come as the joyful, come as the eager, come as the thankful, come as the recipients of amazing grace.

People: The love of God overflows in our hearts. The grace of Christ liberates our spirits. The joy of the Spirit opens our minds.

Leader: Let us worship God together.

*CHORAL INTROIT

Rejoice the Lord Is King

John Darwall

*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

*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

ANTHEM

*Answer Song
A Friend*

Suzanne H. Clason
Lawrence O. Richards

Trusty Travelers: Gabriel Beamon, Hailey Biddle, Sophia Blalock, Elizabeth Bryson, Hugh Carpenter, Ella Cumming, Emily Deese, Cidney Eudy, Nathaniel Eudy, Ollie Henkenjohann, Thora Kilde, Merrin Kinley, Brent Lisk, Caroline Lisk, Grant Lisk, Addison Marks, Stella Marks, Leo McLeod, Jackson Palmer, Sanah Patel, Kezia Redfearn, Seth Richards, Danny Saltzman, Abby Snuggs, Lily Snyder, and Caroline West

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

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

hymnal, page 288

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ruth 1:15-22

Pew Bible, page 230

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Galatians 6:2

Pew Bible, page 180

SERMON

Bearing Burdens in Community

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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. 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 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Stuttgart

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Larry Sitton

PASTORAL PRAYER

Mr. Drumheller

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Andante

Gordon Phillips

*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 694

Great God of Every Blessing

Aurelia

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

*POSTLUDE

Processional

William Mathias

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

Thanks to the Trusty Travelers for sharing their musical talent with us today.

Ushers: Penny Morton, captain; Kim Andrew, Stephanie Campbell, Jim Carter, Jim Ivey, Dustin Jolly, Taylor Jolly, Kim Marshall, Carolyn McLaurin, Jack Morton, David Whitley, and Ellen Whitley **Elder Greeters:** Heather Deese; Jim Ivey **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson (Diaconate 8:30 am) **Toddler Room:** Lauren Cranford (Session 6:45 pm) **Preschool Partners:** Heather & John Kilde **Nana & Papa Team:** Mary & Frank Green **Children's Church:** Kim Andrew; Kate Melone; Jacob Palmer

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Nick and Beverly (Poplin) Steinhaus (daughter of Lynn & Gerald Poplin; family affected by flooding in Columbia, SC), John McIntyre (spinal fusion), 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); Struggling families. **See newsletter for complete list.**

Lunch Meet Up at Ly Cuisine Sunday, October 25 following worship

Zoua Ly, of Ly Cuisine, will prepare a wonderful buffet of favorite dishes for FPC members & guests including: Spring Rolls, Spinach/Orange Salad, Fried Rice, Zoua's Chicken, Teriyaki Beef Stir Fry, Banana Pudding, Soft Drinks, & Tea. **Dutch Treat Cost is \$13.99 per person + tax + tip. Reservations are limited to the first 30 people to sign up.** A sign-up sheet is located on the mission bulletin board.

Tea & Conversation

Tuesday, October 20

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor

All are invited!

The 8th Annual Empty Bowls Project "Help Fight World Hunger at the Local Level"

When: Friday, October 30th, 4:30 PM-7:30 PM

**Where: Central United Methodist Church
172 North Second Street, Albemarle**

Advance Tickets may be purchased for \$20 at the church office.

For the first time, \$10 tickets for the meal only will also be available.

(No bowl will be included with at \$10 ticket.)

A ticket allows you to share in a wonderful meal of soup, bread, dessert, and beverage. Plus, you will receive a hand-crafted bowl made by a local potter. As a reminder that there are always *empty bowls* in our world, you will receive a hand-turned bowl to keep.

Advance Tickets guarantee you will receive a professionally-turned bowl. Bowls will be limited to the first 200 tickets sold. There will also be drawings and a silent auction during the meal.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

PICK-UP A SHOEBOX IN THE PIT STOP OR WRAP YOUR OWN SHOEBOX

RETURN FILLED SHOEBOX TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Pick up a Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child's shoebox and pack it for a child overseas! This box that you lovingly fill with little gifts for either a boy or a girl will bring that child great joy. **Eighteen boxes are available in the pit stop along with instructions for packing.** Use this opportunity to help Samaritan's Purse spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to children all over the world.



Fall Carnival

Sunday, October 25 from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Church Side Parking Lot (1st Street)

On October 25, SNL will host our annual Fall Carnival for

the church. Dress up in your best Halloween costume and join us for games and treats of all kinds. Candy will be eaten, games will be played, music will be heard, and there will even be some dancing! Plenty of fun for all ages! We will be outdoors in the side parking lot (1st Street) this year, so join us there from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.



Sundays

October 11, 18, & 25

ENGAGE CAFÉ at 9:30 a.m.

Come early for coffee, fellowship, & treats!

ENGAGE Groups begin at 9:45 a.m.

We are off to a strong start.

Almost 100 adults have committed to engaging their faith in a new way this fall.

It's not too late to find your group!

If you are interested in participating in an ENGAGE group, contact Larry Sitton (larrysitton@rtmc.net or 336-461-5158).

There is a place for you!

Prime Timers Luncheon 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. We will order from the menu. Call the church by October 12th to let us know you are coming (704 982-2722).

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 3:00 P.M. AT YMCA CANNON PARK

Bring your own lawn chair. All animals must be on a leash or in a carrier.

Bags for waste clean-up and water (for pets & people) will be provided.

SNL requests donations of animal supplies

(dog food or cat food, kitty litter, or monetary donation)

to assist in the care of dogs and cats at the Stanly County Humane Society

We will gather in the YMCA Park for a blessing of the animals. Bring your pets (of all shapes & kinds!) to receive a blessing. We will also be honoring pets that have passed away in the last year.

Get To Know Your Bible For ALL 3rd Graders

Join us as we open up and explore the Bible!

See what's inside! Locate information! Read the stories!

Sundays, October 11, 18 & 25 at 9:45 a.m. (during regular Sunday School)

Meet in the 3rd – 5th Grade Sunday School Class

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. **Backpacks will be packed on Wednesday, October 21.**

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.

PRESBYTERY MEETING LUNCHEON ON 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)

November 13-15

William Black Lodge in Montreat

Women's Retreat

This week-end getaway is for you! 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 and a \$75.00 deposit is due now.**

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 now.**

SERV CATALOG ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN:

On Sunday mornings in the Pit Stop: October 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.

Theology Lite meets Thursday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m.

at the home of Mandy & Phillip Brown (44392 Dennis Road, Albemarle)

On **October 15**, young adults throughout our community are invited to Theology Lite. We will enjoy dinner and the fall weather, some beverages, and a good conversation. Plan to bring a dish to share with the group. Non-members of FPC are invited to join in the conversation. Please RSVP to Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)!

First Presbyterian Church Booth at Smith Splash....TRAIL MIX BAR...First Presbyterian Church will be

a part of the Smith Splash event on Saturday, October 17 by hosting a TRAIL MIX BAR. A sign-up sheet is in the pit stop to volunteer to work a shift that day and/or to donate trail mix ingredients for the trail mix bar.

Trail Mix Ingredients Needed are: Granola, Pumpkin Seeds, Sunflower Seeds, Craisins, Walnuts, Cashews, Pecan Pieces, Peanuts, Goldfish, M & M's, Mini-Marshmallows, Mini-prezels, Animal Crackers, & Cases of 24 Bottled Water. Contact Gina Martin (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) or Jane Boone (Janeh@carolinashealthcare.org or 704-984-6353) if you can help with this event.



.... INCREASING AWARENESS AND REDUCING THE RATE OF CHILDHOOD DROWNING THROUGH MUSIC AND FUN

PUT MUSIC INTO YOUR DAY

SMITH SPLASH FALL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 17
YMCA Park, Albemarle NC
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Smith Splash is a great family event for a good cause! All proceeds raised support the Smith William Snuggs Endowment Fund. The Smith William Snuggs Endowment Fund was started by Billie Jean and Lee Snuggs in memory of their son, Smith. The purpose of the endowment fund is to support the aquatic programs of the Y and to ensure that all kids have the opportunity to learn to swim. Come join us for the day. Be sure to bring your kids, lawn chairs, and appetite. Food will be available for sale and activities will be going on for the kids.

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Smith William Snuggs Endowment Fund
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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 11

Trusty Travelers sing in worship

Congregational Meeting following worship

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 8:45 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:30 am Trusty Travelers rehearse (sanctuary)
- 9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE/
Get to Know Your Bible (3rd Graders)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm *Congregational Meeting
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee
- 12:00 pm SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)
- 12:00 pm New Officer Training (Old Session Rm)
- 3:00 pm Blessing of the Animals (YMCA Park)
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee
- 7:00 pm *Session

Monday, October 12

- 8:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study at Elizabeth's
(1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

Tuesday, October 13

- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study

Wednesday, October 14

No Youth Club-SCS Early Release

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Thursday, October 15

- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm PrimeTimers Luncheon (Dutch Treat)
at Sagebrush Steakhouse (623 NC 24/27 Bypass East, Albemarle)
- 6:00 pm Theology Lite at the home of Mandy & Phillip Brown (44392 Dennis Rd., Albemarle)

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Smith Splash at the Stanly County Family YMCA

Sunday, October 18

- 9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE/*Get to Know Your Bible (3rd Graders)*
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)
- 12:00 pm Prospective New Members Luncheon (parlor)
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm SNL

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

- 10-Scott Griffin
- 12-Ella Cumming
- 13-Isabel McLeod
- 16-Mary Lou Andrew
- 17-Fran Mabry

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

OCTOBER

- 11-Philip & Shirley Welch
- 16-Keith & Kristie Bryson

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

First Presbyterian Church

Art Gallery

presents the Fall Art Exhibit

Featured Artists...

2014 Women's Retreat Participants

SCCM NEED FOR OCTOBER:

Paper Goods

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