



**The Weekly Bulletin**  
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**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

*God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**PEALING OF THE BELLS**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

*Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.*

**PRELUDE**

*Prelude on 'Wondrous Love'*

Dale Wood

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, all who are thirsty,

**People: Come, all who are weak,**

Leader: Taste the living water,

**People: Dip your hands in the flowing stream.**

Leader: Drink from it, live by it,

**People: For this water will never run dry.**

**\*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 35**

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Lobe den Herren

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent

Unison **God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ into the world to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves as pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive our sin.**

**\*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

Mrs. Ayscue

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

ANTHEM

*Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

Carl F. Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
O cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit.  
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**In the truth of your Word, O Lord, reveal the truths of our lives. Illumine our hearts, refresh our lives, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING

[Luke 16:19-31](#)

Pew Bible, page 75

SERMON

*Bridging the Gap*

Mrs. Ayscue

\*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

*Take, O Take Me as I Am*

hymnal, page 698

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Debbie Bennett

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*

Malcolm Archer

\*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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer and Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

*During the serving of communion, the congregation is invited to join the choir in singing  
'Let Us Break Bread Together' (hymnal, page 525).*

Thanksgiving

\*HYMN 223

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Hamburg

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

hymnal, page 192

**Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

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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 Graham Chapman.** 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 birthday of Cathryn Harwood.

**The rose** is given in honor of the birth of William Oliver Lentz, son of Kelly (Earnhardt) and Charlie Lentz, on February 22.

**We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper on Sunday, February 28.** All those who trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share in this meal of our community. Ushers will direct worshippers forward to receive the bread and juice at the appropriate time. Gluten-free elements are available at the front of the sanctuary.

**Thanks to** Katherine Jolly, Liz Jolly, and Billie Jean Snuggs for their artistic contribution to worship.

**Ushers:** Jim Hesley, captain; Duncan Bryson, Keith Bryson, Banks Garrison, Jim Ivey, Robert Ivey, Sandy Saunders, Harold Sharpe, Joe Snuggs, and Elizabeth Wilson **Elder Greeters:** Al Andrew; Heather Deese **Nursery:** Misty Honbarrier **Toddler Room:** Jana Sanderson **Preschool Partners:** Becky Andrew; Adrienne Averette; Angie Earnhardt **Nana & Papa Team:** Chris Mabry **Children’s Church:** Angie Earnhardt; Jacob Palmer

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Dick Kolk (friend of Lynn & Martha White), Connie Watson (sister of Dan Samples; recovering from a stroke), Dexter Efird. **See newsletter for complete list.**

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**Daily Scripture Reading and Prayer for Lent**

February 28	Luke 10:1-24	March 3	Luke 12:1-34
February 29	Luke 10:25-42	March 4	Luke 12:35-59
March 1	Luke 11:1-28	March 5	Luke 13:1-21
March 2	Luke 11:29-53	March 6	Luke 13:22-35

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**Contemplative Lent Worship  
Tuesday, March 1  
at 6:00 p.m.  
in the Chapel**

Join us for this important worship opportunity designed to help worshippers focus on the reading in Lent, to be silent before God, and to sing the hymns of faith. We will observe the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Childcare is provided.



# *Food for Body & Soul*

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer in the Chapel

5:45 p.m. Dinner prepared and served by Scout Troop 82...Cost: Donation

Menu: Taco Salad Bar, PB & J Station, Desserts, Tea, Coffee, Water

**Please sign the Friendship Register if you are planning to attend dinner.**

6:15 p.m. Classes

Wednesday evenings will bring the church community together for worship and around the table for dinner. Afterwards, there will be study opportunities for adults. Together we will talk about some of the issues that create barriers and separate people from one another.

**Book Conversation** on *The Faith Club* by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner...Location: Parlor

This is the story of three women of different faiths (Jewish, Muslim, and Christian) who commit to learning about the faith of others. Books will be available for \$10.00 at the first meeting. Discussion will be led by Carol Sasser and others.

**Contemporary Barriers**...A variety of speakers will help us think together about the following issues. Location: Sanctuary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
March 2	Race	Dr. Rodney Sadler, Associate Professor of Bible at Union Presbyterian Seminary
March 9	Poverty	Skeet Ayscue Director of Homes of Hope, Inc.
March 16	Gender	Pastor David Kilde & Sandi Kilde

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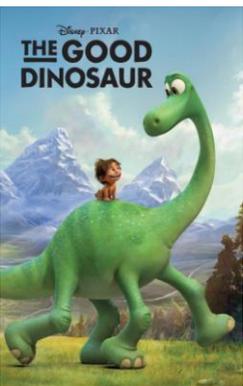
### **Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:**

- Oatmeal Packets
- Breakfast Cookies
- Individual Bags of Goldfish
- Large Cans of Soup
- Saltine Crackers
- Hamburger Helper
- Snack Crackers
- Pineapple or Fruit Cocktail Cups

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

**Next Backpack Food Program Packing Date is: Wednesday, March 2 at 10:30 a.m.**

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### **Winter Movie Night**

**Friday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the gym**

Come warm up from the cool winter breeze & enjoy

### **The Good Dinosaur**

*Disney Pixar's animated film tells the story of Arlo the dinosaur and his friend Spot, and their adventures together.*

Bring the entire family out to a movie with friends, popcorn, candy & drinks.

Cozy up in your chair or blanket and plan to relax and laugh out loud!!!



COMMUNITY LENT WORSHIP SERVICES
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ALBEMARLE
WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 2, 9, & 16
AT NOON IN THE SANCTUARY
THEME: THE PARABLES OF JESUS
LUNCH FOLLOWING IN THE GYM
COST: DONATION

First Baptist Church is hosting the Community Lent Worship Services on Wednesdays, March 2, 9, and 16 at noon in the sanctuary. An offering will be received each week in support of Habitat for Humanity and the Crisis Assistance Fund.

Wednesday, March 2:

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Jim Bernacki, Rector of Christ Episcopal Church

Worship Leader: Rev. Jim Yow, Senior Pastor of Central United Methodist Church

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School Supplies for Central School...Supplies needed are: #2 Pencils, Wide-Ruled & College-Ruled Notebook Paper, 24-count Crayola Crayons (Crayola brand only), Kleenex, Hand Sanitizer, & Anti-bacterial Wipes. A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CENTRAL SCHOOL BOOKFAIR

The book fair will take place March 7-11 from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. & also on Tuesday, March 8 until 6:30 p.m.

Sign-up (even for an hour or two) on the pit stop bulletin board to be part of this event which benefits the Central School library.

Contact Carroll Sitton at carrollsitton@rtmc.net or 336-461-5158



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Easter Lilies

Deadline: Sunday, March 20

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of Easter Lilies as an Easter Memorial or Honorarium, please fill out the form below exactly as you wish the memorial or honorarium to read, attach a check in the amount of \$15.00 and place in the offering plate or leave in the church office no later than Sunday, March 20. Checks should be payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and designated "Easter Lilies." All memorials/honorariums received by March 20 will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, March 27.



Easter Lilies

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

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

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

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

[ ] I plan to take my lily after worship on Easter.

[ ] I will leave my lily for delivery to a homebound member.

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, February 28

*Third Sunday of Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

*SNL returns from Ski Trip*

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm-2:30 pm Christian Education Committee Mini-Retreat

### Monday, February 29

7:00 pm *Sanges Small Group* at the home of Marlene & Nathan Sanges  
(409 Cherrywood Lane, Albemarle)

### Tuesday, March 1

12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Coach's Grill

6:00 pm \*Contemplative Worship (Chapel)

6:45 pm-7:45 pm \**Flex, Flow, & Grow Small Group* (Classroom 2-basement)

7:00 pm *Mission Emphasis Small Group* at the home of Debby & Bob  
Johnston (1212 Heritage Drive, Albemarle)

7:00 pm *Mittendorf/Schaefer Small Group* at the home of  
Susan Pandich (1727 Southpoint Lane, New London)

### Wednesday, March 2

6:00 am *Ayscue Small Group* (Church Parlor)

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:30 am Backpack Food Program

12:00 pm Community Lent Service at First Baptist Church

12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (parlor)

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/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)

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

5:45 pm Lent Dinner

6:15 pm-7:15 pm \*Lent Classes

7:15 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

### Thursday, March 3

9:30 am \*Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:15 pm *Lisk Small Group* (Church Parlor)

7:30 pm *Drumheller Small Group* (Church Parlor)

### Friday, March 4

10:30 am-Noon *Meditative Watercolor Small Group* (Old Session Room)

6:30 pm Movie Night *The Good Dinosaur* (Gym)

### Sunday, March 6

*Fourth Sunday of Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Ten-Cents-A-Meal*

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)

5:30 pm-7:00 pm Combined SNL

**\*childcare provided**

**SCCM NEED FOR FEBRUARY: CANNED BEANS & DRIED BEANS**

**SCCM NEED FOR MARCH: CANNED MEAT (TUNA, CHICKEN, SPAM)**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### FEBRUARY

28-Carroll Holbrook

29-Cathryn Harwood

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### MARCH

02-Al Andrew

Jordan Davis

Luke Davis

Ellen Snyder

04-Joan Belsan

05-Becky Andrew

Vanhna Sydalack

06-Keith Andrew

Robert Ivey

*Visit the  
First Presbyterian Church  
Winter Art Exhibit  
Featured Artist  
Judy Murrell*