



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

*CHORAL INTROIT

Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing

Arthur H. Missiter

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have come before God our Creator,

People: Whose Spirit moves over desert and sea,

Leader: Whose Word has the power to create, to judge, and to save.

People: Come, let us worship God.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN 409

God Is Here!

Abbott's Leigh

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the way that we came. Do not abandon us to our foolishness. In judgment, illumine our darkness. In mercy, bear us home – until we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored.

*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

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

Introduction

Commitment by Teachers and Leaders

Leader: Christian friends, as Jesus called men and women to service, so God has called us to participate in the redemption of all creation, and each of us has been given a unique expression of God's Spirit. We are to develop, refine, and use what has been given to us for the common good. At the celebration of baptism, we pledge ourselves to nurture one another in the faith. You, as teachers and leaders, carry a particular joy and responsibility. You were chosen from among us to teach us and our children. You are charged to represent the gospel of God with gentleness and insight as the Spirit guides you in your words and in your witness with us. Through your ministry, our faith will be nurtured and deepened. We look to you to equip us to live the truth of Jesus Christ in community, family, workplace, and world. Do you promise, by the grace of God, to give yourselves to this calling with diligence, energy, and love, and to be guided by the Spirit and the Word of God?

Teachers and Leaders: We do, by God's grace.

Leader: Friends, let us acknowledge the gifts and calling of your sisters and brothers.

Congregation: We receive you as servants of Christ; we pledge to support you in your service. We will encourage you with our words and our prayers. We consider ourselves co-workers with you in the service of Christ.

Charge

Leader: Servants of Christ, accept the service with which you have been entrusted. Do not neglect the gift that is in you. Present yourselves to God as approved workers, ever faithful to the Spirit of God. Remember always that Jesus called you friends as well as servants. Attend to prayer, for without God you can do nothing.

Prayer (unison)

All: Spirit of the living God, in every age you have appointed teachers to tell your power, justice, and love. We thank you for brothers and sisters in faith committed to teaching us your ways and your words. We give thanks for the evidence of your Holy Spirit that we and our children experience in the community of learning. We commend ourselves and our sisters and brothers to your constant love and guidance. Fill them with grace and grant them the strength and peace of your Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN 462

I Love to Tell the Story

Hankey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

[Luke 15:1-10](#)

Pew Bible, page 73

ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands.

O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.

SERMON

Joy in the Presence

Mrs. Ayscue

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Chris Whitley

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mr. Drumheller

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 250

In the Bulb There Is A Flower

Hymn of Promise

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be in My Head

John Rutter

*POSTLUDE

Toccata in e minor

Johann Pachelbel

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

Ushers: Wes Eudy, captain; Steve Cumming, Angie Earnhardt, Don Joines, Nancy Joines, Greg Lisk, and Ronnie Michael **Elder Greeters:** Martha Sue Hall; Marshall Rogers **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Misty Honbarrier; Samantha Wangler **Preschool Partners:** Leah Beamon; Rose Saltzman **Nana & Papa Team:** Susan & Banks Garrison **Children's Church:** Michelle Cumming; Jacob Palmer

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

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Wool Howell (father of John Howell), The family of Georgia Roney (grandmother of Dona Lisk), The family of J. Frederick Bennett (father of Debbie Bennett), Barbara Sprague (mother of Kassie Taylor; recovering from a stroke), Heather Kilde, Addison Cord (nephew of John & Debbie Hahn; arm surgery), Carolyn Sharpe, Cam Rogers, Carol Pelt, Anne Montgomery (auto-immunue disease), Jim Hesley. **See newsletter for complete list.**

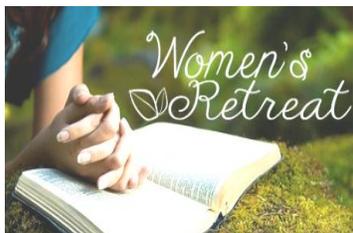
Teachers and Leaders in Christian Education

Janice Abernathy
Linda Anderson
Kim Andrew
Mildred Andrew
Adrienne Averette
Skeet Ayscue
Leah Beamon
Lisa Biddle
Duncan Bryson
Keith Bryson
Kristie Bryson
Josh Campbell
Stephanie Campbell
Jim Carter
Andy Cotton
Ruth Cotton
Betty Crook
Michelle Cumming
Steve Cumming
Liz Davis
Heather Deese
Daniel Dickens
Matt Drumheller

Angie Earnhardt
Melissa Eudy
Wes Eudy
Banks Garrison
Susan Garrison
Kate Gibson
Frank Green
Mary Green
Martha Sue Hall
Cora Harrison
Anna Henkenjohann
Misty Honbarrier
Lori Ivey
Margaret Ivey
Debby Johnston
Taylor Jolly
Connie Josey
Bede Karr
Russell Karr
Mary Kesselman
Sandi Kilde
Ken Knight
Kelly Lentz

Dona Lisk
Greg Lisk
Cici Ly
Jill Niebler
Chris Mabry
Laura Beth Marks
Gina Martin
Catherine McIntyre
Lee McLaurin
Andy McLeod
Ben McLeod
Isabel McLeod
Laura McLeod
Mike McLeod
Barbara McManus
Ronnie Michael
Sarah Michael
Catherine Moeller
Matt Moeller
Jack Morton
Penny Morton
Jacob Palmer
Beth Poolos

Frank Poolos
Lynn Poplin
Brett Richards
Linda Richards
Gayle Russell
Ned Russell
Rose Saltzman
Jana Sanderson
Carol Sasser
Rich Schaefer
Jillian Scardina
Carroll Sitton
Billie Jean Snuggs
Lee Snuggs
Kassie Taylor
Salem Taylor
Teresa Taylor
Anna Wainwright
Connie Wallace
Samantha Wangler
Shirley Welch
Martha White
Martha Wolf



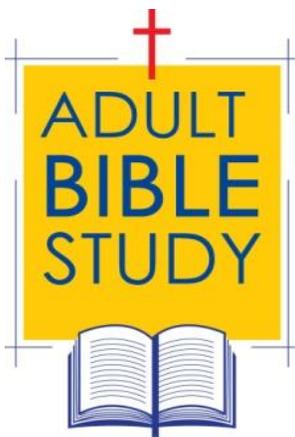
!!! LAST CALL !!!

Women's Retreat...September 23-25
William Black Lodge located in Montreat, North Carolina
A \$75 deposit is needed by Monday, September 12.

**First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery presents the Fall Art Exhibit
Featuring the Paper Sculptures of Individuals at
GHA Autism Supports Day Services Program**

The congregation is invited to attend an Art Gallery Reception
on Tuesday, September 20 from 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Come and Join Adult Bible Study



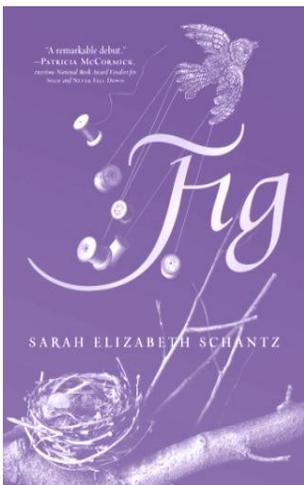
**When? Tuesdays, September 20-October 18
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**
Where? Old Session Room

Adults will gather for study and discussion around the topic of prayer in the Bible.
We will also practice prayer together.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY FLOWERS

In memory of:	Given by:
Johnny Andrew.....	His Family
T.R. Armstrong & Myrtle Armstrong	Dan Samples
Austin & Madge Ayscue	Rebekah Ayscue & Spencer Ayscue
Mim & Bob Burdett	Kate, Trey, Carter , & Emma Gibson
Paul Cox	William Ivey & Robert Ivey
Ralph Hall & Myrtle Hall.....	Morgan Hall Schultz & Murphy Hall
Charles Harris.....	Morgan Hall Schultz & Murphy Hall
Malvern Palmer Harris, Sr. & Martha Morgan Harris	Martha Sue Hall
Beverly High	Morgan Hall Schultz & Murphy Hall
Jim Ivey, Jr.	William Ivey & Robert Ivey
Frances & Leonard Mabry	Kate, Trey, Carter, & Emma Gibson
John & Martha McNair	Rebekah Ayscue & Spencer Ayscue
Louise Ritchie.....	Martha Sue Hall
Ollie Samples & Elsie Samples.....	Dan Samples
Bill Stiller	William Ivey & Robert Ivey
H.E. Tracey.....	Martha Sue Hall
Juanita Vandever & Joe Vandever	Morgan Hall Schultz & Murphy Hall

In honor of:	Given by:
Mildred Andrew	Her Family
Brenda Cox.....	William Ivey & Robert Ivey
Debbe & Tommy Gibson	Kate, Trey, Carter, & Emma Gibson
Bill Hall	Palmer Jacob Schultz
Martha Sue Hall & Dan Samples	Palmer Jacob Schultz
Margaret Ivey	William Ivey & Robert Ivey
Mark & Chris Mabry	Kate, Trey, Carter, & Emma Gibson
Mrs. Rita "Nana" Morgan	"The Magnificent Seven"
Jack & Penny Morton.....	Maddox Jolly & Marshall Jolly
Gerald & Lynn Poplin.....	Jack, Braden, & Sophie
Tom & Jean Rabe	Jack, Braden, & Sophie
Linda Schultz; Aura Schultz; Brad Schultz.....	Palmer Jacob Schultz



Fall Book Study Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

September 26 *Fig* by Sarah Elizabeth Schantz

This young adult novel is a portrait of mother and daughter which portrays the pain of life with mental illness and the struggle of love to find a way forward. In addition to discussing the novel, we will discuss the church's response to people who live with mental illness.

The book is available in the office for \$12.00. Read it, reflect, and come together for a conversation about its themes and the places where God is at work in the plot line and behind the scenes.



CELEBRATE GENEROSITY AT YOUTH CLUB

What is Youth Cubs/Clubs?

*An afternoon of Christian Education adventures
for children ages 3-5th grade.*

**First Day of Youth Cubs/Youth Club is
Wednesday, September 14 from
3:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.**

**Orff (percussion) instruments for K-2nd graders led by Daniel Dickens
5:15 p.m. -5:45 p.m.**

Location: Adult Discussion Classroom Basement

**Handbells for 3rd-5th graders led by Frank Poolos
5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.**

Location: Choir Room

***Childcare provided for preschoolers until 5:45 p.m.**

For more information, contact Gina Martin

(gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722).

Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders)

Sunday, September 11

Noon-3:00 p.m.

At the home of Penny & Jack Morton

Cook out burgers and hotdogs!

Bring swim suit, towel and sunscreen!

(transportation from church to Morton's home provided)

Please let Gina Martin (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org) know that you are coming

by Wednesday, September 7.

Everything DOTS

Rally Day 2016

Sunday, September 11

9:30 a.m. in the gym

**The Christian Education Committee is planning a DOT filled morning to kick off the new year in
Christian Education.**

Come prepared to hear of ways you can **Do One Thing to make God's world better.**

Games, Art, Music, & More...

Pancake Breakfast with all the trimmings...



CELEBRATE GENEROSITY

Think about a time when a youth was generous to you...
and how you might go and do the same
with someone younger than you.



SCCM's CARING and SHARING CAMPAIGN

It's that time of year when we will begin dropping loose change and bills into those little yellow cups. This year, our campaign will kick off on **Sunday, September 11** and continue until **Sunday, October 2**.

Proceeds from this collection will be used to purchase food and supplies for the Community Tables and Food Pantry and will provide assistance with client needs.

Are You Interested in Knowing More about Membership at First Presbyterian Church?

Plan to meet briefly in the church parlor following worship on September 11. We'll get acquainted and find another time for further discussion. For more information, contact Matt Drumheller (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722).



Lectionary-Based Bible Study Beginning September 12

Mondays from 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m

Location: Off the Square (114 South 2nd Street, Albemarle)

Beginning on September 12, Matt will host a weekly Bible study this fall on Monday evenings from 8:00 – 9:00 pm at Off the Square. Anyone is welcome to join Matt for this lectionary-based study.



Pray & Play

What is it?
When?
What happens?

A gathering for preschoolers & their parents.
Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.
Parents will meet in the parlor for prayer and study while children are supervised in the childcare areas.
And then, parents and children will play together in the gym.
Thursday, September 15

Starting Date:

Invite friends and neighbors to share in this morning together.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 11

*Rally Day/Commissioning of Teacher & Leaders
in Christian Education*

SCCM Caring & Sharing Campaign

Grandparent's Day

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:30 am *Rally Day (Gym)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)
- 12:00 pm Stewardship Committee
(Old Session Room)
- 12:00 pm Prospective Members Meet
in the Church Parlor
- 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers' Pool Party
- 6:00 pm Youth Connection Family Dinner
& Kick-off
- 7:00 pm Session

Monday, September 12

- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Wednesday, September 14

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

Thursday, September 15

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

Sunday, September 18

SCCM Caring & Sharing Campaign

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Connection

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SEPTEMBER

- 11-Kelly Lentz
Ned Russell
- 13-Jane Pickler
Carolyn Sharpe
- 15-Jim Hesley
- 16-Catherine Hinson
Kyle Marks
David Morgan
- 17-Peggy Rogers
- 18-Sam Davis
Nathaniel Eudy

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

SEPTEMBER

- 12-Dustin & Taylor Jolly
- 15-Banks & Susan Garrison
- 16-Don & Sheryl Stewart

From Jane Snyder,

Director of Fellowship Services...

Please check the table the pit stop for dishes belonging to you that you may have left here. Thank you.

Attention College Students & Parents

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

with your college mailing address
and email address.

**SCCM NEED FOR SEPTEMBER:
Boxed & Canned Pasta Meals**