



The Weekly Bulletin
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

I worship and serve you alone, O God, only you. Amen.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONGS

Hymn 442

Just As I Am, without One Plea

stanzas 1 & 4

Hymn 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

stanzas 1 & 4

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Who is like the Lord our God?

People: Let the name of the Lord be praised, now and forevermore.

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting, we praise the name of the Lord.

People: Let us worship God together.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Come quickly, O God, to join us, for we are eager for your presence.

Send your compassion and your mercy to meet us and fill us.

May the power of your Holy Spirit be with us and in us this day,

in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN 39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

Unison

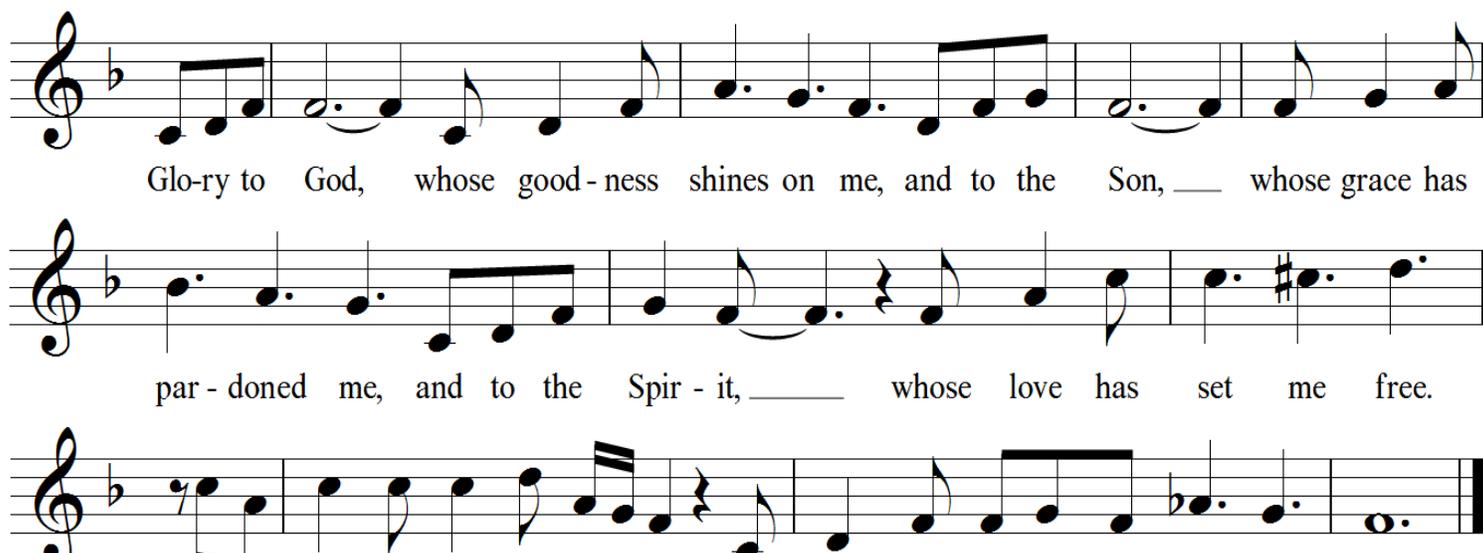
God of grace, we acknowledge that the lives we lead fall short of your expectations for us. You desire that we quietly live out our faith, yet our days can be so noisy and full. You desire that our hearts be filled with peace, yet we think unkind thoughts and hold on to anger. You desire that we act in godly ways, but we choose unwisely and end up far from where you want us to be. Forgive us, gracious Lord.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Believe the good news,

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**



Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the Son, — whose grace has
par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, — whose love has set me free.
As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A-men.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Penny Morton

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

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Mark Hayes

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, O thou my true word, I ever with Thee, Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I in thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, the victory won, May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's sun;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[1 Timothy 2:1-7](#)

Pew Bible, page 196

SERMON

Prayers, Intercessions, and Thanksgivings

Mrs. Ayscue

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

excerpted from *The Confession of 1967*

The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Our prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Our witness is the church's evangelism. Our daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of our relationships with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity to God. We are the church. Amen.

***HYMN 372**

O for a World

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Dona Lisk

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

Generosity Moment

Jim Sawyer

Offertory

Andante

William Harris

*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 37

Let All Things Now Living

Ash Grove

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Ralph Vaughn Williams

*POSTLUDE

Postlude

William Mathias

*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.

Thanks to Dona Lisk for serving as liturgist this morning and to Jim Sawyer for offering a generosity comment.

The rose in the sanctuary is in honor of the birth of Miles Coleman Brown, son of Mandy and Phillip Brown, on September 9.

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:** Cici Ly **Preschool Partners:** Jill Niebler; Isabel McLeod **Nana & Papa Team:** Sarah & Ronnie Michael **Children’s Church:** Michelle Cumming; Jacob Palmer

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Mike Dearstyne (brother of Holly Norwood, Peripheral Neuropathy), Katie & Roy Dearstyne (parents of Holly Norwood), Barbara Sprague (mother of Kassie Taylor; recovering from a stroke), Heather Kilde, Carolyn Sharpe, Cam Rogers, Anne Montgomery (auto-immunue disease), Jim Hesley. **See newsletter for complete list.**

The Membership Committee invites Prospective Members to lunch in the parlor following worship on Sunday, September 18.

Fall Book Study On Monday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m.

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. Books are available at Amazon.com.

Pickleball

Watch & Learn

Wednesdays, September 21 & 28

Fridays, September 23 & 30

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.



Questions? Contact Keith & Martha Wolf (704-983-3505 or mywolfmail@gmail.com).



Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for Susan Byrd

Friday, September 23

5:00 p.m. – until

First Presbyterian Church Gym

Join us on Friday, September 23 at 5:00 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church gym for a homemade spaghetti dinner to benefit Susan Byrd (daughter of our own, Keith Byrd). Susan has had 26 surgeries for arthritis-related illnesses (8 in the last 2 years). Help and honor Susan by downing a plate (or 3). There is no cost for the meal, but donations will be accepted. For more information, call 980-439-0579.

World Communion Sunday

October 2 at 9:15 a.m.

Courthouse Square Park



On World Communion Sunday (October 2), Albemarle's downtown churches will demonstrate our unity in Christ by worshipping together. We will gather at 9:15 a.m. at Courthouse Square Park for a brief service of song and sacrament. Families are encouraged to participate in this morning together before Sunday School.

Circle 5 will meet with Joyce Lambert (750 Pee Dee Ave., Albemarle) on October 3 at 7:00 p.m. We will begin a new study, *Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*. Author Judy Yates Siker invites us to join her on a journey to expand our understanding of who Jesus was and is- a journey of our hearts and minds, a journey that we will take together. Each of the studies nine lessons explores the question *Who Is Jesus?* Through a particular theological lens, for example, each of the Gospel writers, Paul, the Hebrews, and finally the reader's own perspective.



SAVE THE DATE

FALL PRIMETIMERS LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT NOON IN THE PIT STOP

The menu will include barbecue, slaw, pasta salad, fruit salad, rolls, tea and dessert.

Matt Drumheller will speak on his trip to the Middle East.

Please RSVP to Kyle in the church office by Monday, October 10 if you plan to attend.

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



SCCM's CARING and SHARING CAMPAIGN

Proceeds from the Caring & Sharing Cups will be used to purchase food and supplies for the Community Tables and Food Pantry and will provide assistance with client needs. **Please return your yellow cup on Sunday, October 2.**



Lectionary-Based Bible Study
Monday, September 19 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m
Location: Off the Square
(114 South 2nd Street, Albemarle)

Matt is hosting 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.

Volunteers Needed for
Central School Book Fair
October 3-7



The Central School Book Fair is Monday, October 3 through Friday, October 7. Volunteers are needed to help staff the book fair. The busiest time is 7:30 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. each day. The book fair will be open each day until 3:00 p.m. If you can help out, please call or email Carroll Sitton at carrollsitton@rtmc.net or 336-461-5158 or sign-up on the Mission bulletin board.

In preparation for World Communion Sunday on October 2, we are in need of the following –

- People who are willing and able to speak a few sentences in a language other than English
- Items from around the world which can be displayed during worship. Clothing, jewelry, household items, toys, & decorative pieces are all appropriate. Questions? Contact Matt (704-982-2722 or mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).
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!!! SIGN-UP NOW !!!
Mantreat at Montreat

Our next men's retreat will take place in the spring of 2017 at Montreat, NC. This is a conference aimed specifically at men. It will be a time for worship, relaxation, and community in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina. The conference will take place April 21-23. Please sign up with a \$100.00 deposit by October 1. Details? Contact Matt Drumheller (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).

Communion Workshop for Children on Sunday, September 25
Noon-2:00 p.m.

A Communion Workshop is planned for children in Kindergarten – 2nd grade for the afternoon of Sunday, September 25. During this time, children and families will learn more about the Lord's Supper and symbols of this sacrament. Plan to stay for lunch and plans are to conclude by 2:00 p.m.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 18

SCCM Caring & Sharing Campaign

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Prospective Members' Luncheon

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Connection

Monday, September 19

8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square

8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Tuesday, September 20

12:00 pm October Newsletter Deadline

3:00 pm-4:00 pm Art Gallery Reception Honoring GHA Day Services Program

Wednesday, September 21

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:00 am-11:00 am Pickleball in the Gym

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)

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Child Protection Policy Training (Parlor)

7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 22

9:30 am *Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, September 23

Women's Retreat at William Black Lodge (Montreat, NC)

9:00 am-11:00 am Pickleball in the Gym

5:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for Susan Byrd

Saturday, September 24

Women's Retreat at William Black Lodge (Montreat, NC)

Sunday, September 25

Women's Retreat at William Black Lodge (Montreat, NC)

SCCM Caring & Sharing Campaign

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm-2:00 pm Communion Workshop

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Connection

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! SEPTEMBER

18-Sam Davis

Nathaniel Eudy

19-Becky Miller

20-Angus Currie

Brent Lisk

Grant Lisk

21-Ben Andrew

Oliver Henkenjohann

22-Jake Whisnant

24-Aidyn Osborne

25-Kristie Bryson

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.

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.

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**