



The Weekly Bulletin
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

A Prayer from Zaire

O God, you are the giver of life. We pray for the church in the whole world. Sanctify her life, renew her worship, give power to her witnessing, restore her unity. Give strength to those who are searching together for that kind of obedience which creates unity. Heal the divisions separating your children one from another, so that they will make fast, with bonds of peace, the unity which the Spirit gives. Amen.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together

Wilbur Held

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: El gran amor del Señor nunca cesa. (Spanish)

People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

Leader: Les compassions de Dieu ne viennent jamais à sa fin. (French)

People: The mercies of God never come to an end.

Leader: Sie sind jeden Morgen neu. (German)

People: They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness, O God.

Leader: We who speak many languages, worship one God. Let us worship the Lord our God with brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

***CHORAL INTROIT**

Halle, Halle, Halle

Hal H. Hopson

Choir:

Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Praise God in this holy place, every nation, every race.

Come, make joyful music to the Lord. Sound the trumpet, sound it clear.

Sound it for the world to hear. Come, make joyful music to the Lord.

(Refrain twice) Choir & Congregation:

Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah. (Repeat 3 times)

Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**



Fa - ther God in heav'n, Lord most high, hear your chil-dren's prayer, Lord most
May your king-dom come here on earth. May your will be done here on
Give us dai - ly bread, day by day; and for - give our sins, day by
Lead us in your way. Make us strong. Whentemp - ta - tions come, make us
All things come from you. All are yours. King-dom, glo - ry, pow'r, all are



high. Halowed be your name, Lord most high. O Lord, — hear our prayer.
earth; as it is in heav'n, so on earth.
day; as we too for - give, day by day.
strong. Save us all from sin. Make us strong.
yours. Take our lives and gifts. All are yours.

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***HYMN 318**

In Christ There Is No East or West

St. Peter

The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger may be brought forward at this time.

***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**

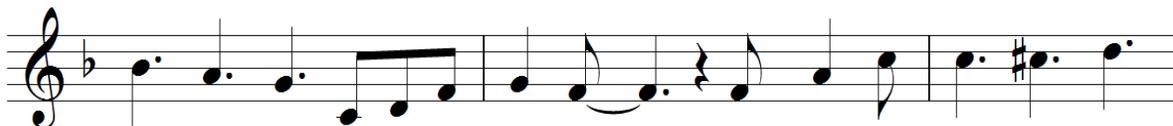
Leader: Believe the good news,

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

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**



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

Mike McLeod

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, quiet our hearts and our minds so that we might hear your Word, that our world and our very lives may be changed. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

II Timothy 1:1-10a

Pew Bible, page 199

SERMON

Rekindling the Gift

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

African Affirmation of Faith (from Kenya)

We believe in one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. God created people and wanted them to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe on earth. We have known this High God in the darkness, and now we know God in the light. God promised in the book called The Bible, the Word of God, that all nations and tribes of the world would be saved. We believe that God made good this promise by sending Jesus Christ, the Son of God, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and people, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by this people, tortured and nailed-hands and feet-to a cross and died. He lay buried, but the hyenas did not find his body, and on the third day, he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord! We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love, and share the bread together in love, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive! He lives! This we believe. Amen!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

What Wondrous Love Is This

David N. Johnson

*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

Leader: Come people, come to the table of the Lord. Together we will make a giant loaf and together prepare the jars of wine as at the wedding feast of Cana.

Community: Come, people, come to the table of the Lord.

Leader: May the woman not forget the salt nor the man forget the yeast, and we shall invite many guests; the crippled, the blind the mute, the poor.

Community: Come, people, come to the table of the Lord.

Leader: And now, we shall follow the Lord's instruction. Together we knead the dough with our hands and watch how the loaf rises.

Community: Come, people, come to the table of the Lord.

Leader: Because today we're celebrating our promise of Jesus Christ. Today, we are renewing our promise to the kingdom and no one will be hungry.

Community: Come, people, come to the table of the Lord.

Words of Institution

Lozi Speaker: Andy Cotton

Sharing of the Bread and Wine

Anthem

Bread of the World

Richard Shephard

Ben Jolly, Tenor

Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let Us Break Bread

Following the anthem, the congregation is invited to sing the hymn while serving of communion continues.

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees;)

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;)

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Linstead

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Farewell, Good Friends!

Shalom , chaverim

*POSTLUDE

The Rejoicing

Charles Callahan

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

Thanks to Andy Cotton, Ben Jolly, Mike, Laura, Ben, Isabel, Andy and Leo McLeod, Marlene Sanges, Ann Snuggs, and Anna Wainwright for their contributions to worship.

Following worship, members of the McLeod family will be at each door. You are invited to continue this celebration of World Communion by taking a card from the basket, locating that country on a map, and praying for its people for the next week.

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:** Patrick Currie; Dona Lisk **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Misty Honbarrier **Preschool Partners:** Stephanie & Josh Campbell **Nana & Papa Team:** Chris Mabry; Debby Johnston **Children's Church:** No Children's Church

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Elizabeth Howard (cousin of Mary Kesselman; health concerns), 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.**

SCCM's CARING and SHARING CAMPAIGN
Please return your yellow cup on Sunday, October 2.



World Communion Sunday

October 2 at 9:15 a.m. at Courthouse Square Park

On World Communion Sunday (October 2), Albemarle's downtown churches will demonstrate our unity in Christ by worshiping 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. Sunday School and worship will take place on their regular schedule.

CELEBRATE GENEROSITY

Recall about a time when you volunteered to help with Youth Club, the nursery, the office, Sunday School, or other church activities.

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.*



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).

!!! 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. Details? Contact Matt Drumheller (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).

Louisiana Flood Relief Mission Trip

Rebuilding efforts are in full swing in the parts of Louisiana which were devastated by spring and summer flooding. Our congregation has been invited to join with Central United Methodist Church and others in a trip to participate in rebuilding.

Here are the details:

Dates: October 30-November 4

Destination: Monroe, LA; housing will be in a local church

Mode of Transportation: Vans & Cars

Work to be Done: Specific projects will depend on the skills of participants, but may include framing, painting, installation of drywall and flooring, electrical and/or plumbing

Cost: Dependent on the number of participants; most likely between \$250-\$300 per person which will include food, housing, & transportation

Questions? Contact Thomas Hahn at 704-985-0403.

SERV CATALOG ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN:

On Sunday mornings in the Pit Stop: October 2, 9, & 16

9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. & following worship

During the week, in the church office until October 23.

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 13.

First Family Gathering on Wednesday, October 5

Evening Prayer in the Chapel at 5:45 p.m.

Dinner in the Gym at 6:00 p.m.

Menu:

Chicken, Mashed Potato Bar,

(cheese, butter, sour cream, chives, ham, bacon, gravy), Green Beans, Autumn Mixed Green Salad, Rolls, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts, Tea, Lemonade, & Coffee

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

by noon on Tuesday, October 4 to say you are coming!

Volunteers Needed for First Family Gathering

Dessert Crew:	Tuesday, October 4 at 10:00 a.m.
Salad & Potato Crew:	Wednesday, October 5 at 10:30 a.m.
Set-up Crew:	Wednesday, October 5 at 3:45 p.m.
Final Touches Crew:	Wednesday, October 5 at 5:00 p.m.
Clean-up Crew:	Wednesday, October 5 at 6:45 p.m.

Please call Jane Snyder at the church (704-982-2722) or on her phone (704-438-3358) if you would like to help.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

Session has called a congregational meeting to be held immediately after worship on Sunday, October 9. The purpose of the meeting is to elect deacons and ruling elders to the Class of 2019 and to elect members of the congregational Nominating Committee. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Tom Norwood, Chair, Bill Jolly, Frankie Palmer, Jim Sawyer, Larry Sitton, Joe Snuggs, and Anna Wainwright. Once the committee has presented the slate of officers, the floor will be open for additional nominations. As a matter of courtesy, please check with any person whose name you plan to place in nomination prior to doing so.

2019 Nominating Committee

Nancy Joines

Bill Jolly

Frankie Palmer

Witt Snuggs

Deacon (Class of 2019)

Leah Beamon

Laura Beth Marks

Jack Morton

Brett Richards

Rose Saltzman

Shirley Welch

Elders (Class of 2019)

Steve Cumming

Adam Jolly

Joyce Lambert

Jim Marshall

Lee McLaurin

Debbie Wainwright

David Whitley

Full biographies are located in the October newsletter.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 2

World Communion Sunday/ Ten-Cents-A-Meal

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Return Caring & Sharing Cups for SCCM

9:15 am World Communion Sunday at
Courthouse Square Park

9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)

12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)

Monday, October 3

7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Joyce Lambert
(750 Pee Dee Ave., Albemarle)

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

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

Tuesday, October 4

10:00 am-11:30 am Adult Bible Study

10:00 am First Family Dessert Crew

Wednesday, October 5

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:30 am First Family Salad & Potato Crew

12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)

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

3:45 pm First Family Set-up Crew

5:00 pm First Family Final Touches Crew

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)

5:45 pm Evening Prayer

6:00 pm First Family Dinner

6:45 pm First Family Clean-up Crew

7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 6

9:30 am *Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

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

Friday, October 7

5:00 pm-8:00 pm Stanly County Crisis Assistance Fund

Fundraiser at the Rosebriar Restaurant

(528 Wiscassett St., Albemarle)

Sunday, October 9

Congregational Meeting

8:45 am *Diaconate

9:00 am *Breakfast Bunch

9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)

9:45 am *Sunday School

9:45 am *3rd Graders *Get to Know Your Bible*

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm *Congregational Meeting

12:00 pm SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)

5:00-7:30 pm Youth Connection

6:00 pm Worship Committee

7:00 pm *Session

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

- 02- Joan Boling
Emily Domenech
- 04- George Gilbreath
Andy McLeod
Norman Rogers
- 05- Christine Andrew
- 06- Kristen Tedder
- 08- Robert Land
- 09- Chloe Dombrowski
Scott Griffin

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

OCTOBER

- 05- Steven & Mary Kesselman
- 06- Peter & Anna Henkenjohann
Bruce & Marlene Mittendorf

SCCM NEED FOR

OCTOBER:

Paper & Cleaning Products

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

Stanly County Crisis Assistance Fund

Fundraiser

Friday, October 7

5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Rosebriar Restaurant

(528 Wiscassett St., Albemarle)

The Stanly County Crisis Assistance Fund will hold a fundraiser on Friday, October 7 from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Rosebriar Restaurant. A portion of the proceeds from the meals will go to the CAF to provide needed housing and transportation for families in crisis in our community. Please come for a great dinner and to support families in need. For further information, contact Debby Johnston (704-982-6006 or debbyjohnston@hotmail.com).