



**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.*

GATHERING SONGS

Hymn 306

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

stanzas 1 and 3

Hymn 37

*Let All Things Now Living*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us never give up praying for justice,

**People: for the oppressed in this world cry out.**

Leader: Let us never give up praying for fairness,

**People: for the hungry of the world starve.**

Leader: Let us never give up praying for healing,

**People: for the sick of the world suffer.**

Leader: Let us never give up praying,

**People: for we believe in a God who answers prayer.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN 396

*Brethren, We have Met to Worship*

Holy Manna

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

**Unison**

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With reverent and humble hearts may we draw near to you confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and our strength.**

\*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**

ANTHEM

*Loving My Neighbor*

Ruth E. Schram

*Luke 6:31*

Cindy Berry

*(The Golden Rule)*

Faith Explorers:

Hailey Biddle, Elizabeth Bryson, Hunter Josey, Merrin Kinley, Brent Lisk, Grant Lisk, Addison Marks, Elijah McSwain, Sonya Patel, Jackson Palmer, Ella Shelton, Lily Shelton, Lily Snyder, and Natalie Taylor

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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable and pleasing in your sight, O Lord our rock and our Redeemer. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Jeremiah 31:27-34](#)

Pew Bible, page 691

GOSPEL READING

[Luke 18:1-8](#)

Pew Bible, page 76

SERMON

*Relentless*

Mr. Drumheller

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith*

**God has not taken his people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship Him there and serve all humankind. We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord on behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now, he is Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN 833

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

St. Margaret

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mrs. Ayscue

**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

*O How Blessed*

Johannes Brahms

\*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 175

*Seek Ye First*

Lafferty

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*May the Road Rise to Meet You*

Mark Schweizer

\*POSTLUDE

*Psalm XIX*

Benedetto Marcello

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

**Thanks to** the Faith Explorers for sharing their musical talent with us this morning.

**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:** Cora Harrison **Toddler Room:** Cici Ly **Preschool Partners:** Dona & Greg Lisk **Nana & Papa Team:** Debby Johnston; Mary Kesselman **Children's Church:** Anna Wainwright; Jacob Palmer

**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), Heather Kilde, Carolyn Sharpe, Cam Rogers, Jim Hesley. **See newsletter for complete list.**

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**Women's Tea & Conversation**

**Tuesday, October 18**

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

Come for fellowship and fun together.

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**SERV CATALOG ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN:**

**On Sunday mornings in the Pit Stop: October 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.

**Backpack Food Program**



**Donations Needed:** Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper, Canned Tuna, 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, October 26 at 10:00 a.m.**

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**Fall Carnival on Sunday, October 30  
5:00 p.m.-6:30 pm. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Street Parking Lot  
(Rain location: Church Gym)**

On October 30, Youth Ministry will host our annual Fall Carnival for the church. Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of costumed fun (non-scary). Bring your friends. We will have treats and games for all ages! Please join us from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Street parking lot.

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**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 22.**
- **We will host a TRAIL MIX BAR complete with loads of healthy options for afternoon snacking.**
- **Come out and build your own trail mix and load it up with your favorite ingredients as you listen to some fantastic music!**
- **Look for a sign-up sheet in the pit stop to volunteer to work a shift that day and/or to donate food items for the trail mix bar.**

Contact Matt Drumheller ([mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-982-2722) if you can help with this event.

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**SMITH SPLASH MUSIC FESTIVAL  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22  
YMCA PARK, ALBEMARLE  
10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m**

**All proceeds from this community event support the Smith William Snuggs Endowment Fund supporting the Aquatics Programs of the Stanly County Family YMCA.**

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**SHOW YOUR TEAM SPIRIT & SUPPORT FORMULA FOR LIFE  
NEW COLORS FROM THE NECKLACE MINISTRY  
CAROLINA PANTHERS & VARIOUS COLLEGE COLORS AVAILABLE  
\$5.00 EACH**

Please visit the pit stop before and after worship to buy your necklace. Your purchase of a necklace supports the funding of infant formula for HIV-negative babies in Mwandi, Zambia. Since the inception of this ministry, more than 10,000 necklaces have been sold.

## 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.

Dates: October 30-November 4

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

Mode of Transportation: Vans & Cars

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

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**Anna Wainwright invites you to a  
Traditional Honduran Meal to assist the people of Montaña de Luz.  
Sunday, October 23 at 12:15 p.m. in the church gym  
Donations accepted.**

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*Trick-or-Treat*  
for **UNICEF**

### Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

during Sunday School on **October 30, 2016**

The children's classes will visit the Youth Middle School Sunday School and all adult Sunday School classes with information about UNICEF and their UNICEF boxes. Please be prepared to support UNICEF and the children of First Presbyterian Church as they support the children of the world on Sunday, October 30. **Your gifts make a difference!**

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### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

This is a good time to pack a shoebox for a Samaritan's Purse child overseas! This box that you lovingly fill with little gifts for either a boy or a girl will bring that child great joy. Use this opportunity to help Samaritan Purse spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Instructions for packing are also available. **Boxes are available in the pit stop. Pack a box or two and return them to the church office before November 13.**

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**VOLUNTEER  
APPRECIATION**

**Have you volunteered with Homes of Hope or the Community Inn at any time in the past?**

If so, you are invited to a Volunteer Appreciation Banquet on Thursday, November 17 at 6:15 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

Sign-up on the bulletin board in the pit stop by October 24 and enjoy a celebration of all you have helped them accomplish.

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, October 16

*Faith Explorers sing in worship*

*Faith Explorers' Retreat at Camp Caraway*

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

9:45 am \*Sunday School

9:45 am 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders *Get to Know Your Bible*  
(Conversation Room-3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

9:45 am Faith Explorers' rehearsal

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)

4:00 pm-6:30 pm Youth Ministry to Get Lost Corn Maze

### Monday, October 17

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 18

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

2:00 pm-3:30 pm Tea & Conversation (parlor)

5:30 pm New Officer Training

### Wednesday, October 19

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

### Thursday, October 20

9:30 am \*Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

### Saturday, October 22

9:00 am-7:00 pm Smith Splash Cruise-In at Stanly County YMCA Park (421 North First Street, Albemarle)

### Sunday, October 23

*Bibles Presented to Third Graders*

*Trusty Travelers sing in worship*

*Youth Club Handbell Ensemble ring in worship*

9:15 am Youth Club Handbell Ensemble rehearsal

9:45 am \*Sunday School

9:30 am Trusty Travelers' rehearsal

9:45 am 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders *Get to Know Your Bible* (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom-3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm Montana de Luz Mission Meal hosted by Anna Wainwright

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Connection

**\*childcare provided**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**OCTOBER**

20-Cody Stewart

21-Leo McLeod

22-Billie Jean Snuggs

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**OCTOBER**

19-Art & Sandy Rogers

### Candy Needed For Fall Carnival

SNL needs donations of candy for the Fall Carnival. Please bring your candy donations to the pit stop or contact Matt Drumheller ([mrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)). Thank you so much for your support!

### SCCM NEED FOR OCTOBER:

**Paper & Cleaning Products**  
(toilet tissue, facial tissue, paper towels, cleaning supplies)