



**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

*Antiphon*

Marcel Dupré

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.**

**All: We have come to worship the God through whom we know Jesus Christ as the light of the world.**

\*CHORAL INTROIT

*O Worship the Lord*

Robert McCutchan

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

Nicaea

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

**Unison**

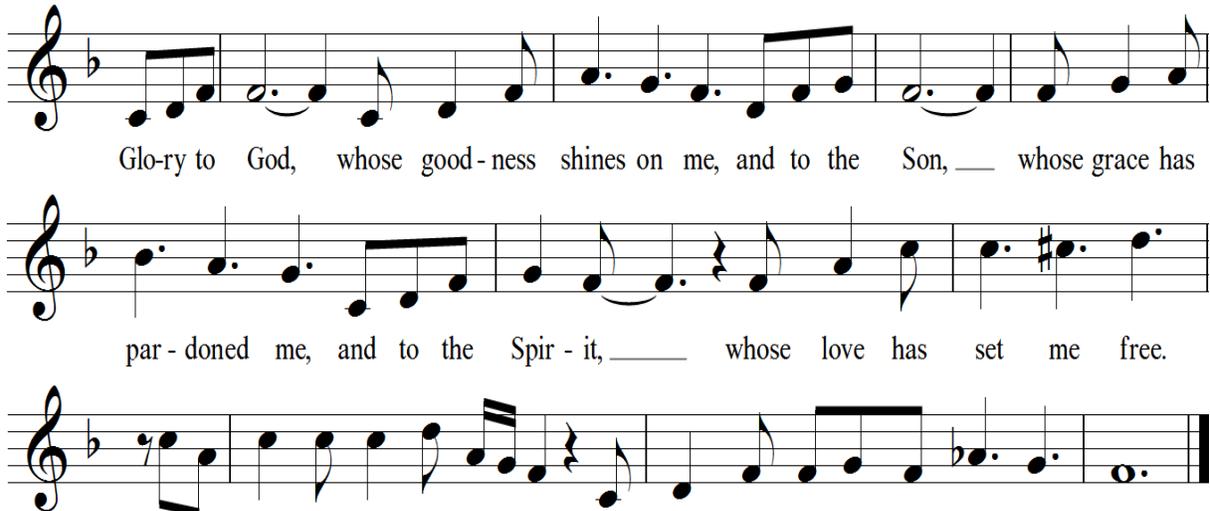
**Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ.**

\*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**

Matt Drumheller

*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 to the chapel for Children's Church.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**God, illumine our minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed our eyes may see your kingdom, our ears may hear the call of Jesus, and our hearts may know the joy of your salvation. Amen.**

**GOSPEL READING**

[Matthew 4:18-23](#)

Pew Bible, page 3

**ANTHEM**

*He Comes to Us*

Jane M. Marshall

Text: Albert Schweizer

Hymn: *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

He comes to us as one unknown,  
Without a name, as of old, by the lakeside  
He came to those men who knew Him not.

He speaks to us, He speaks the same word:  
*Follow thou me!* and sets us to the tasks  
Which He has to fulfill for our time.

He commands, and to those who obey Him,  
Whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself  
In the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings  
Which they shall pass through in His fellowship.  
And, as an ineffable mystery,  
They shall learn in their own experience who He is.

O Morning Star, how fair and bright thou beamest forth in truth and light.  
O Sovereign meek and lowly. Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son,  
My Lord and master, Thou hast won my heart to serve Thee.

Thou are holy, fair and glorious, all victorious,  
Rich in blessing, rule and might o'er all possessing.

SERMON

*Light in the Darkness*

Mrs. Ayscue

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN 721

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

Pescador de Hombres

*During the hymn, ushers will collect your written prayers to be included in the Prayers of the People.*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.**

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 700

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'm Gonna Live

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Sevenfold Amen*

John Stainer

\*POSTLUDE

*How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

Dietrich Buxtehude

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\*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 Morgan Kinley.** 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 Frankie Palmer, Rich Schaefer, Lee McLaurin, and Mark Mabry for their dedication and service to this church by Kyle Lambert.

**Ushers:** Wes Eudy, captain; Steve Cumming, Angie Earnhardt, Don Joines, Nancy Joines, Greg Lisk, Ronnie Michael **Elder Greeters:** Jim Carter; Ellen Snyder **Nursery:** Cora Harrison **Toddler Room:** Misty Honbarrier **Preschool Partners:** Leah Beamon; Rose Saltzman **Nana & Papa Team:** Teresa Taylor; Shirley Welch **Children's Church:** Dona Lisk; Jacob Palmer

**IN MEMORIAM**

Joyce B. Burris  
November 7, 1927 - January 18, 2017

**IN MEMORIAM**

June M. Johnson  
August 21, 1934 - January 18, 2017

**The prayers of the people** today will include thanksgivings and intercessions by members of the congregation. Please write yours on the paper at the ends of the pews and be prepared to hand them to an usher during the second hymn.

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** The family of Joyce Burris, The family of June Johnson, Blue Honeycutt, Caroline West, Pam Medlin (cousin of Janice Abernathy; multiple health concerns), Mike Dearstyne (brother of Holly Norwood, Peripheral Neuropathy), Roy Dearstyne (father of Holly Norwood). **See newsletter for complete list.**

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**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION & CORPORATION**

Session has called a meeting of the congregation and corporation immediately following worship on Sunday, January 22 for the purpose of receiving annual reports, reviewing and approving the pastors' terms of call, and to transact other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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**2017 Committee Reorganization**

Each year in January, committees reorganize and every member of the congregation has an opportunity to be part of the work of the church by saying **YES, I want to help.**

**Contact Matt ([mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)/704-982-2722) or Elizabeth ([eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org)/704-982-2722) for more information.**

*Diaconate Committees which need you!*

Childcare, College & Military, Fellowship, Membership, Senior Care, and Ushering

*Session Committees which need you!*

Christian Education, Mission, Property, Stewardship, Scholarship, and Worship

If you would like to know more about a committee, you are invited to lunch on Saturday, January 28 at noon in the gym. Chairpersons from committees will be available to answer any questions you may have. RSVP to the church office (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)) to let us know you are coming.



**Tea and Conversation**

When? Tuesday, January 24 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Where? Church Parlor  
What? Join other women in the church for conversation and encouragement on a chilly afternoon.  
Bring a favorite tea cup, along with its story.

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**Grand-Camp Grandparent & Grandchild Retreat**

**Sunday, January 29**

**Noon-2:30 p.m.**

Children Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade...

Grandparents of any age...

Lunch in pit stop followed by activities in gym.

Call 704-982-2722 or email Gina Martin ([gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org)) to sign up.

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**Celebrate Generosity with a Paint Brush**

Leslie Carter is offering a Watercolor Class on Mondays, January 23-February 20 from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. No experience necessary. Cost: Donation to Homes of Hope. Call the church office (704-982-2722) to sign-up. **There are 3 spots available.** For more information, contact Leslie's studio phone (704-983-5091).

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**Backpack Food Program Donation List Items Needed:**

Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish,  
Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper, Canned Tuna,  
Snack Crackers, Pineapple, Fruit Cocktail Cups  
A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

## **OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

### **Sunday, January 22**

*Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation*

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm \*Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation

5:30 pm-7:00 pm Youth Connection

### **Monday, January 23**

1:00 pm-3:00 pm Celebrate Generosity with a Paint Brush  
(Classroom 3 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

7:00 pm January Book Study (Parlor)

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

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

### **Tuesday, January 24**

2:00 pm-3:30 pm Tea & Conversation

### **Wednesday, January 25**

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

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

4:00 pm-5:30 pm Lent Planning Committee

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Club Handbells & Orff Rehearsals

7:00 pm \*Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, January 26**

9:30 am \*Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

### **Friday, January 27**

6:00 pm-10:00 pm Officer's Retreat

### **Saturday, January 28**

8:30 am-1:00 pm Officer's Retreat

### **Sunday, January 29**

*Ordination & Installation of New Officers*

*Faith on the Fifth Offering for SCCM Heating Assistance*

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm-2:30 pm Grand-Camp Grandparent & Grandchild Retreat

5:30 pm-7:00 pm Youth Connection

**\*childcare provided**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**JANUARY**

23-Susan Garrison

Kim Marshall

Ronnie Michael

24-Dennis Gower

27-Linda Richards

28-Kim Andrew

Dona Lisk

Gus Holbrook

**SCCM NEED FOR JANUARY:**

**Jelly & Jams**

**(FYI...No peanut butter is needed at this time.)**