



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.

PRELUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Dyke/Beethoven

Youth Club Handbell Ensemble: Elizabeth Bryson, Merrin Kinley, Brent Lisk,
Grant Lisk, Natalie Niederer, Natalie Taylor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are those who keep God's decrees,

People: Who seek the Lord with their whole heart.

Leader: We will praise God with an upright heart,

People: We will walk in his ways.

*CHORAL INTROIT

O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord

Donald Moore

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN 401

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Almighty God, we confess we have taken your commandments and turned them into rules. We have criticized those who have fallen short and selfishly proclaimed ourselves righteous. We have failed to understand the spirit of the commandments and the way shown by you to live, loving God and loving our neighbors. Forgive us for turning your law into burdens for others and ourselves instead of a way to love and freedom in you.

*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

The Servant Song

Richard Gillard

I'm Forever Grateful

Mark Altrogge

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Traditional

Faith Explorers: Hailey Biddle, Elizabeth Bryson, Hunter Josey, Merrin Kinley, Brent Lisk, Grant Lisk,
Addison Marks, Aidyn Osborne, Jackson Palmer, Danny Saltzman, Lily Snyder, Natalie Taylor

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Barbara McManus

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

Loving God, anoint us with your Holy Spirit as we hear your Word this day. Fill us with your truth that we may walk in the ways of God. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

[Matthew 5:21-37](#)

Pew Bible, page 4

SERMON

Commandments

Mr. Drumheller

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

an excerpt from the *Confession of Belhar*

We believe that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN 463**

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

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

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Theodore Dubois
hymnal, page 606

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**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 643

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun danket alle Gott

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Road Rise to Meet You

Mark Schweizer

*POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

*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.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Maude and Jim Boysworth.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Bruce Roney (uncle of Dona Lisk; breast cancer), Andy Cotton, Blue Honeycutt, Caroline West, Pam Medlin (cousin of Janice Abernathy; multiple health concerns). **See newsletter for complete list.**

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.

Ushers: Taylor Jolly, captain; Leah Beamon, Cameron Biddle, Lee Boone, Heather Deese, Adam Jolly, Dona Lisk, Jack Morton, Penny Morton, Ellen Snyder **Elder Greeters:** Steve Cumming; Mary Kesselman **Nursery:** Samantha Wangler **Toddler Room:** Misty Honbarrier **Preschool Partners:** Heather Deese; Anna Henkenjohann **Nana & Papa Team:** Mary & Frank Green **Children's Church:** Angie Earnhardt; Adrienne Averette; Kelly Lentz; Jacob Palmer

Legacy Campaign - Second (and Final) Phase...All church members should have received a letter with information about the exciting renovation of the gym to begin soon. If you have not received one, please contact the church office (704-982-2722). Timely return of your pledge card will enable us to move forward with construction. Questions? Contact Mark Mabry (704-982-0540) or Larry Sitton (336-461-5158).

Legacy Campaign Second Phase

As of February 8 -

56 pledges have been received; Total pledged: \$90,412

OFFICE HOURS ARE NOW MONDAY-THURSDAY 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

The office will be closed on Fridays throughout the year.

Roots of Kindness Jar Ministry continues at Youth Club...

Trusty Travelers are creating and selling these tulip and hyacinth bulbs in a recycled jar, the money raised will bring about change in our community. All proceeds will go to Stanly Community Christian Ministry (SCCM) to help folks heat their homes this winter. Share kindness with your Valentine by purchasing *Roots of Kindness*, for your teacher, pastor, friend, mother, aunt or grandmother...



On sale for \$10 each in the pit stop:
Sunday, February 12



Christian Education Mini-Retreat

Sunday, February 26 Noon-2:30 pm

You are invited to join the Christian Education Committee for this annual event. Following a delicious lunch together, we will engage in conversation and activities designed to help us build a balanced Christian Education program for ALL...Contact

the church office (704-982-2722) or Gina Martin (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org) by Thursday, February 23 if you are able to attend.



Tea & Conversation

Tuesday, February 21

2:00 p.m. in the Parlor

*Come for tea and conversation.
Bring a treasured kitchen tool.*



BBQ CHICKEN FUNDRAISER

Catered by Port-A-Pit BBQ

(1/2 BBQ Chicken, Slaw, Chips, Roll, and Dessert)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

11:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.

LOCATION: CENTERVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

(508 Northeast Connector, Albemarle)

**TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE
\$8.00 IN ADVANCE OR \$10.00 DAY OF THE EVENT**

Drive-thru, Take-out, Delivery, & Dine-in

Delivery available with orders of 5+ plates (deadline February 20).

To volunteer, sign-up on the Mission bulletin board in the pit stop.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 12

Faith Explorers sing in worship

Youth Club Handbell Ensemble in Worship

Trusty Travelers Fundraiser "Roots of Kindness" Sale in the pit stop

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:30 am Youth Club Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/Faith Explorers Rehearsal
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Faith Explorers' Bake & Take
- 3:30 pm-8:30 pm Youth Connection Trivia Night in Charlotte
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee
- 7:00 pm *Session

Monday, February 13

1:00 pm-3:00 pm Celebrate Generosity with a Paint Brush
(Classroom 3 on 3rd Floor)

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

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

Tuesday, February 14

Valentine's Day

Wednesday, February 15

- 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 Club Handbells & Orff Rehearsals
- 7:00 pm *Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 16

9:30 am *Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, February 17

Church Office Closed

Sunday, February 19

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 10:00 am-2:00 pm Youth Connection at the Community Table
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Decorating Committee Meeting (Old Session Room)

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FEBRUARY

- 12-Karen Hinkle
- 14-Hunter Matthews
- 15-Emily Deese
Richard Griffin
Pete Smith
- 16-Miller Morgan
- 17-Amy Whitley

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

FEBRUARY

- 12-Ernie & Jane Borders

SCCM NEED FOR FEBRUARY:

Toiletries and Household Items...
Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant,
Toothpaste, Laundry Detergent,
Bar Body Soap, Feminine Hygiene Products



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.