



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 462

I Love to Tell the Story
stanzas 1 and 3

Hankey

Hymn 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!
stanzas 1, 3, and 4

Festal Song

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, in signs and wonders your Son revealed the greatness of your saving love. Renew your people with your grace, and sustain us by your power, for we can do nothing without you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Engelberg

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

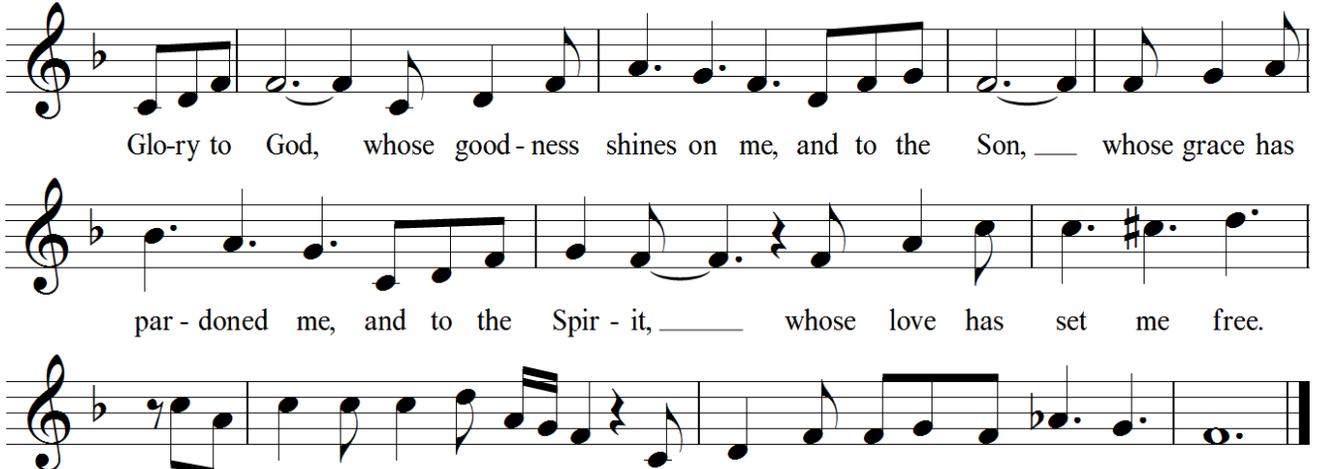
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. We have not boldly proclaimed the gospel and we have not shared the good news of salvation. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our 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 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

Lord, by the power of your Spirit reveal to us your Word. Let us be a holy temple built on Christ, our sure foundation. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Psalm 119:33-40](#)

Pew Bible, page 535

The leader will read the odd numbered verses; the congregation will respond by reading the even numbered verses.

ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus

Derek Hakes

GOSPEL READING

[Matthew 5:38-48](#)

Pew Bible, page 5

SERMON

Who Are We?

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. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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 766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

St. Peter

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

Mr. Drumheller

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

Meditation

Peter Hurford

*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 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Westminster Abbey

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Road Rise to Meet You

Mark Schweizer

*POSTLUDE

Toccata in e minor

Johann Pachelbel

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

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Bruce Roney (uncle of Dona Lisk; breast cancer), Andy Cotton, Blue Honeycutt, Caroline West. **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:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Samantha Wangler **Preschool Partners:** Don & Greg Lisk **Nana & Papa Team:** Chris Mabry **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 13 -

66 pledges have been received; Total pledged: \$123,165

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).



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
February 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym

Come for pancakes hot off the griddle and some pre-Lent fun. Keith Bryson is coordinating the cooking so call if you want to help (704-984-0254). All proceeds will benefit the Backpack Program which provides weekend food for hungry children at Central Elementary School.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
CENTRAL SCHOOL BOOKFAIR
The book fair will take place February 27-March 3
from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Sign-up (even for an hour or two) on the pit stop bulletin board to be part of this event which benefits the Central School library. Contact Carroll Sitton at carrollsitton@rtmc.net or 336-461-5158.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

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)

Monday, February 20

President's Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, February 21

- 12:00 pm February Newsletter Deadline
- 2:00 pm Tea & Conversation (parlor)
- 7:00 pm Confirmation Class

Wednesday, February 22

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 4:00 pm Lent Planning Committee
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Club Handbells & Orff Rehearsals
- 7:00 pm *Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 23

- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:00 am-7:00 pm Habitat for Humanity BBQ Chicken Fundraiser at Centerview Baptist Church
(508 Northeast Connector)

Friday, February 24

Church Office Closed

Sunday, February 26

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm-2:30 pm Christian Education Committee Mini-Retreat
- 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Youth Connection SCCM Scavenger Hunt

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FEBRUARY

- 20-Ashley Deese
Peter Henkenjohann
- 22-Ben Lisk
- 25-Robbie Stevenson
Ann Upchurch

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.