



The Weekly Bulletin
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

Zacchaeus

Traditional

Youth Club Orff Ensemble

arr. Vicki Hancock Wright

Eriyanna Baldwin, Zi'yonna Brown, Hugh Carpenter, Ella Cumming, Emily Deese, Cidney Eudy, Nathaniel Eudy, Carter Gibson, Melanie Hendrix, Caroline Lisk, Leo McLeod, Ellie Niederer, Sophie Poplin, Kemarian Redfearn, Anya McSwain, Ke'zia Redfearn, Holden Taylor, Madelyn Taylor

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Morgan Kinley

Leader: The Lord is creating and forgiving,

People: Awaken to the love of God.

Leader: Jesus is healing and teaching,

People: Awaken to the presence of Christ.

Leader: The Spirit is breathing and inspiring,

People: Awaken to the movement of the Spirit.

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

Katherine Jolly

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.

***HYMN 819**

Be Still, My Soul

Finlandia

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

***Call to Confession**

David Kilde, Cantor

*Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.*

***Prayer of Confession**

Witt Snuggs

Silence

Unison

Lord, though you have called us to be your followers, we have fallen asleep. Rather than remaining attentive to your presence, we have become complacent. Forgive us when we prefer to dwell in the darkness rather than waking up to your dawning light. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive our sin. Awaken us to your life and your love.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news,

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Response to Forgiveness**

hymnal, page 415

(Refrain)

**I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

*This Little Light of Mine
Johnny Appleseed Blessing
Jesus Loves Me*

Youth Cubs:

Kennady Atwater, Ari Beamon, Russ Carpenter, Ashley Deese, Emma Gibson,
Ayla Hahn, Leni Henkenjohann, Katie Saltzman, Claire Stokes, Wray Stokes

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Lachlann Currie and Jacob Palmer

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the children's greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lee Boone

In the truth of your Word, O Lord, reveal the truths of our lives. Illumine our hearts, refresh our lives, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

[John 11:1-6; 17-27](#)

Isabel McLeod

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Pew Bible, page 98

People: Thanks be to God.

PIANO SOLO

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
Adam Jolly

Traditional

SERMON

Awakened

Holland Currie, Ben McLeod, Anna Wainwright

***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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bob Johnston

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Duncan Bryson

Offertory

Finlandia

David Cherwien

*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

Andy McLeod

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Words of Institution

Serving of the Meal

Thanksgiving

*HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

Dove of Peace

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

Hymn 750

(Choir & Congregation)

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;

Light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.

Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.

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*POSTLUDE

Psalm

Benedetto Marcello

*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 Lord's Table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ. Gluten free elements are available upon request.

The acolyte today is Morgan Kinley. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thanks to the Youth Club Orff Ensemble under the direction of Daniel Dickens and assistant Duncan Bryson, the Youth Cubs, and Youth Connection for their participation today.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Meghan Niemann (friend of Rose Saltzman; breast cancer), Fred McInturff (father of Michelle Cumming; vision loss in one eye), Bruce Roney (uncle of Dona Lisk; breast cancer), Andy Cotton, Blue Honeycutt, Caroline West. **See newsletter for complete list.**

Ushers: Brett Richards, captain; Judy Kilgore, Jim Marshall, Mike McLeod, Grace Richards, Billie Jean Snuggs, Lee Snuggs **Elder Greeters:** Martha Sue Hall; Adam Jolly **Nursery:** Cora Harrison **Toddler Room:** Samantha Wangler **Preschool Partners:** Leah Beamon; Rose Saltzman **Nana & Papa Team:** Teresa Taylor; Shirley Welch **No Children's Church**

The 10 cents a meal offering provides to 60 agencies/programs throughout the Presbytery of Charlotte (including our own SCCM) which provide nutritional food for children and adults. We will receive this offering next Sunday. Your generosity eases the burden of families who are hungry. Please give generously.

**COMMUNITY LENT WORSHIP AT CENTRAL UMC
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 AT NOON IN THE SANCTUARY
THEME: BUILDING THE KINGDOM
LUNCH FOLLOWING IN THE GYM...COST: DONATION**

Central United Methodist Church is hosting the Community Lent Worship Services. An offering will be received each week in support of the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build.

Wednesday, March 29

Preacher: Reverend Dr. Lamont Foster, Pastor of Union Chapel AME Zion Church

Wednesday Worship at 5:50 p.m.

Using the familiar elements of word, song, prayer, and response, worship will take on new life as we explore John's gospel in new ways. Worship is family-friendly and interactive. Come in a suit, jeans, or gym gear for 20 mid-week minutes focused on the power of God and the importance of our faith community.

Wednesday Dinner Out

No gym?...No problem.

Table hosts will be available at local restaurants on March 29 to welcome you. Come after worship or meet at 6:20 p.m. You need only show up for these Dutch treat dinners with friends. Locations and table hosts will be announced on Wednesday.

From the Scholarship Committee...Scholarship applications are available on the counter in the church office. **The deadline to return completed applications is Monday, April 10.**

Daily Scripture Reading and Prayer for Lent

The congregation is invited to read the gospel of John during Lent. Sermons and small group conversations will be based on texts from John.

Suggested scripture readings for the coming week are:

March 26	John 10:22-42	March 30	John 12:27-50
March 27	John 11:1-27	March 31	John 13:1-20
March 28	John 11:28-57	April 1	John 13:21-38
March 29	John 12:1-26	April 2	John 14:1-14

Questions to consider each day:

What is God saying to me through these words?

How will I respond?

Bread Bakers Needed

Bread bakers (and shoppers) are needed for the April 30 bread sale to be held on Letter Writing Sunday. If you bake quick bread, sourdough, or yeast breads, call Ann Duckwall (704-983-3498) to tell her how you can help. Donations from the sale will be given to SCCM.

SERRV SALE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 2



SERRV items will be available in the pit stop before and after worship on April 2. Look for various fair trade items to fill your Easter baskets! The Spring 2017 SERRV Catalog will also be available to look through and place orders.

**Bread for the World
Doing Our Part to End Hunger
Sunday, April 30**



A budget is more than a financial document – it is a moral document, also. It is a statement of our nation’s priorities and values. Our federal budget should be measured on how it treats the most vulnerable people among us.

The national funding decisions of 2017 will have far-reaching effects on the lives of people in the United States and around the world who struggle with hunger and poverty.

Visit the...
**Spring Art Exhibit featuring works by
Students of Central Elementary School**
Who Am I?: Self-Portraiture

Easter Lilies...Deadline: Sunday, April 9

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of Easter Lilies as an Easter Memorial or Honorarium, please fill out the form below exactly as you wish the memorial or honorarium to read, **attach a check in the amount of \$15.00** and place in the offering plate or leave in the church office no later than **Sunday, April 9**. Checks should be payable to “First Presbyterian Church” and designated “Easter Lilies.” All memorials/honorariums received by April 9 will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 16.

Easter Lilies

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

I plan to take my lily after worship on Easter.

I will leave my lily for delivery to a homebound member.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 26

Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Youth Sunday

Youth Cubs Sing/Youth Orff Ensemble plays

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

3:00 pm Hiking Posse Small Group with Connie Wallace & Ken Knight meets at Morrow Mountain State Park

4:00 pm Classic Discussion Small Group at Elizabeth's

Monday, March 27

12:00 pm Classic Discussion Small Group with Matt (Parlor)

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

7:00 pm Book Conversation in the Parlor

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

Tuesday, March 28

9:30 am-11:00 am *Taste & See* Cooking Crew Small Group (Kitchen)

7:00 pm Confirmation Class

Wednesday, March 29

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

12:00 pm Community Lent Worship at Central UMC

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

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

5:50 pm *Wednesday Worship

6:15 pm *Classic Discussion Small Group with Dona & Greg Lisk (Church Kitchen)

7:15 pm *Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 30

9:30 am *Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Foodie Fans Small Group(Kitchen/Pit Stop)

Friday, March 31 *Church Office Closed*

Saturday, April 1 *April Fool's Day*

Sunday, April 2

Fifth Sunday of Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Ten-Cents-A-Meal/SERRV Items for sale in the pit stop

9:00 am Breakfast Bunch

9:45 am *Sunday School

10:30 am SERRV Items for sale & Spring Catalog in the pit stop

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm SERRV Items for sale & Spring Catalog in the pit stop

12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)

2:15 pm-6:30 pm Youth Connection Kickball Tournament at Sharon Presbyterian Church (Charlotte)

3:00 pm Hiking Posse Small Group with Connie Wallace & Ken Knight meets at Morrow Mountain State Park

4:00 pm Classic Discussion Small Group at Elizabeth's

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MARCH

26-Philip Welch

27-Lachlann Currie

29-Claude Harwood

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

01-Leslie Kinley

Kent Newport

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MARCH

28-Larry & Carroll Sitton

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

APRIL

02-Michael & Kristen Laton

Lynn & Martha White

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR

MARCH:

Canned Soup & Crackers

***childcare provided**