



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 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

stanzas 1 and 4

Hymn 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

stanzas 1, 2, and 4

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: By his rising we are freed from the fear of death.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

People: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY 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.

*HYMN 485

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Engelberg

*The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger and Bread for the World letters
may be brought forward at this time.*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we do not obey your word. We harbor malice against our enemies; we are not always honest in our relationships; we slander our friends. Forgive our sins and lead us away from all that separates us from you. Help us to grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Mrs. Ayscue

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.

RECOGNITION OF TEACHERS AND LEADERS IN THE
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM

Sarah Michael
Gina Martin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life.
Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Psalm 23](#)

Pew Bible, page 474

The congregation and the leader will read the psalm in unison.

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

GOSPEL READING

[John 10:1-10](#)

Pew Bible, page 97

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Good Shepherd

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. Amen.

*HYMN 694

Great God of Every Blessing

Aurelia

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Lee McLaurin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mr. Drumheller

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

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 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Peace I Give to You

Robert Lehman

*POSTLUDE

Postlude

Frank Bridge

*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.

IN MEMORIAM
Virginia Ann Marshall
June 29, 1920-April 28, 2017

The acolyte today is Andy McLeod. 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 loving memory of Virginia Marshall by the Marshall family.

We will be offering our letters for *Bread for the World* during worship on May 7. This is our opportunity to appeal to our politicians encouraging them to support legislation aimed at ending hunger. Bring your written letters during the singing of the first hymn as we seek to change the world!

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on Sunday, May 7. Please bring your coin box or another way of participating on this day.

Ushers: Steve Cumming, captain; Brad Boone, Michelle Cumming, Jim Ivey, Kyle Marks **Elder Greeters:** Heather Deese, Jim Marshall **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Samantha Wangler **Preschool Partners:** Penny & Jack Morton **Nana & Papa Team:** TBA **Children's Church:** Angie Earnhardt; Adrienne Averette; Kelly Lentz; Jacob Palmer

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Virginia Marshall, Sandy Rogers (recovering from hip replacement), Rowena Warren (sister of Jim Carter; rehab at Stanly Manor Room 305), Eddie Wilson (brother of Elizabeth Wilson), Meghan Niemann (friend of Rose Saltzman; breast cancer), Andy Cotton, Caroline West. **See newsletter for complete list.**

It is time to turn in your application for the trip to Montana de Luz on July 19-26. The application fee is \$100. If you have any questions, please contact Skeet (704-984-2883 or aayscuel@live.com).

!!! PLEASE HELP !!!

We will pack backpacks on May 10 for the final time this school year.

All of the following are 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

Please bring a couple of items with you to worship on Sunday.

PRIMETIMERS' LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, MAY 11 AT NOON AT CITY LAKE PARK

The PrimeTimers' luncheon will be held at City Lake Park at the double shelter closest to the lake. The menu will be fried chicken, potato salad, deviled eggs, green beans, fruit salad, tea and dessert. Ken Knight will speak on *Our Wild North Carolina*. In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be held in the Pit Stop. Contact the office by May 8 to let us know you are coming and/or if you need transportation (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbeamarle.org).

**Teachers and Leaders of the Christian Education Program
Recognition on Sunday, May 7**

With deep gratitude, the following people will be recognized for their leadership in the Christian Education program.

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.
Proverbs 11:25

Janice Abernathy	Martha Sue Hall	Sarah Michael
Linda Anderson	Lillie Hancock	Catherine Moeller
Kim Andrew	Cora Harrison	Matt Moeller
Mildred Andrew	Anna Henkenjohann	Jack Morton
Adrienne Averette	Lori Ivey	Penny Morton
Elizabeth Ayscue	Margaret Ivey	Jill Niebler
Rebekah Ayscue	Debby Johnston	Jacob Palmer
Skeet Ayscue	Adam Jolly	Beth Poolos
Leah Beamon	Katherine Jolly	Frank Poolos
Lisa Biddle	Liz Jolly	Lynn Poplin
Duncan Bryson	Taylor Jolly	Brett Richards
Keith Bryson	Bede Karr	Linda Richards
Kristie Bryson	Russell Karr	Kim Robertson
Josh Campbell	Mary Kesselman	Gayle Russell
Stephanie Campbell	Sandi Kilde	Ned Russell
Jim Carter	Ken Knight	Rose Saltzman
Andy Cotton	Kelly Lentz	Jana Sanderson
Ruth Cotton	Barbara Lindley	Carol Sasser
Betty Crook	Dona Lisk	Jillian Scardina
Michelle Cumming	Greg Lisk	Rich Schaefer
Steve Cumming	Brianna Little	Carroll Sitton
Liz Davis	Cici Ly	Billie Jean Snuggs
Heather Deese	Chris Mabry	Lee Snuggs
Daniel Dickens	Laura Beth Marks	Jane Snyder
Mark Donham	Gina Martin	Kassie Taylor
Matt Drumheller	Roger Martin	Salem Taylor
Ann Duckwall	Catherine McIntyre	Teresa Taylor
Angie Earnhardt	Lee McLaurin	Connie Wallace
Melissa Eudy	Andy McLeod	Anna Wainwright
Wes Eudy	Ben McLeod	Samantha Wangler
Banks Garrison	Isabel McLeod	Shirley Welch
Susan Garrison	Laura McLeod	Martha White
Kate Gibson	Mike McLeod	Martha Wolf
Mary Green	Barbara McManus	
Frank Green	Ronnie Michael	



We Need You...To Volunteer at Music & Arts Camp June 11-15

If you have some time the week of June 11-15, come join us as we sing, dance, teach, paint and move with these adorable group of 100 children! For more information, contact Gina Martin at gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org.

Musical & artistic ability NOT required

LETTER CARRIERS' FOOD DRIVE
SAT., MAY 13, 2017

PUT YOUR NON-PERISHABLE DONATION IN A BAG BY YOUR MAILBOX. WE'LL DELIVER IT TO A LOCAL FOOD BANK.

NATIONAL PARTNERS

Proctors Needed!

TESTING PROCTORS NEEDED AT CENTRAL SCHOOL

EOG testing is set for May 31-June 7 at Central School. Proctors are desperately needed! There will be training prior to and the day of testing. If you can help, contact Julie McSwain at julie.mcswain@stanlycountyschools.org or 704-961-3200.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS

If you would like to participate in the mother's day flowers, please mail, deliver, or place the form below in the offering plate with your money **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MAY 7**. Each name is \$2.00. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Mother's Day Arrangements*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Mother's Day, May 14**.

MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 7

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

Recognition of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education

Ten-Cents-A-Meal

Deadline for Mother's Day Flowers

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Connection
- 7:00 pm *Session

Monday, May 8

- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Wednesday, May 10

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Backpack Food Program
- 7:00 pm *Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 11

- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm PrimeTimers Luncheon at City Lake Park

Friday, May 12

Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 13

Letter Carriers' Food Drive

Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day

Mother's Day Offering

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

- 08- Barbara McManus
Lee Snuggs
- 09- Ari Beamon
- 11- Spencer Ayscue
Elizabeth Boyle
Debby Johnston
- 12- Skeet Ayscue
Alix Stewart
- 13- Laura Frazier

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MAY

- 09- Lee & Barbara McManus
Derek & Meredith Moses
- 12- Rob & Catherine McIntyre
Keith & Martha Wolf
- 14- Greg & Dona Lisk
Keith & Ashley Maust

SCCM CHALLENGE MAY:

Canned Vegetables

Corn, Green Beans, Peas, Carrots, Beans

***childcare provided**