



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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Bill Wolaver

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord

People: For God is good. God's love endures forever.

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*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Abbeville

E.J. King

*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 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Holy God, so often we prefer to walk our own path and blaze our trail, rather than walk the way you have laid out before us. So often, we prefer to keep our own counsel, rather than to learn from your Word. So often, we prefer to believe what we think, rather than strive for your truth. Forgive us, Lord, for the ways we have sinned against you and our neighbor.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, 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 AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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's Litany

Unison Prayer

Holy God, we celebrate this time of new beginnings. As these children and youth return to school, we ask that you bless these backpacks which carry books and notebooks, markers, pens, pencils, hopes, and fears. We ask also your blessing upon teachers, assistants, and administrators. Make them fair and merciful as they lead with grace and compassion. And we pray loving God, that you will bless our cherished children whom we have promised to love and nurture since their baptism. Give them energy and encouragement, keep them safe, and remind them daily that you are with them. Amen.

CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING

Recognition

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sarah Michael

ANTHEM

Deal Gently

Daniel Mansfield

A WORD FROM MALACHI

Mike King

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, reveal yourself to us in your Word. Holy Spirit, move in our midst and open our hearts. Jesus Christ, teach us to live and love as your disciples. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Malachi 4:1-5](#)

Pew Bible, page 839

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Remember

Mr. Drumheller

*HYMN 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Houston

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Idumea

Ananias Davisson

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN 666

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

Puer nobis nascitur

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Parting Hand

William Walker

*POSTLUDE

Ach Gott, vom Himmel Sieh darein

Johann Pachelbel

Translation: God, from Heaven above, look down, behold

*All that are able may stand.

We rejoice that you are worshipping 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 Angus Currie. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thanks to Mike King for his portrayal of the prophet Malachi.

Thanks to Steve Drumheller, Suzanne Sanford, David Harder, Mary Harder, and Matt Drumheller for leading us in worship this morning through the gift of music.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving to Gina Martin for her faithful service as Director of Christian Education.

The rose in the sanctuary is given by grandparents Connie Wallace and Ken Knight in honor of the birth of Charles Brayden Hathcock, son of Emily and Charlie Hathcock, who was born on August 18.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, August 27. The Lord's Table is open to all those who love Jesus Christ and to those who want to love him more. We will receive the bread and cup by intinction. Ushers will guide you to the table. Gluten-free elements are available at the front of the sanctuary upon request.

Ushers: Jim Hesley, captain; Duncan Bryson, Keith Bryson, Banks Garrison, Sandy Saunders, Harold Sharpe
Outside Ushers: Kyle Marks; Mark Mabry **Elder Greeters:** Keith Bryson, Ellen Snyder **Nursery:** Cora Harrison
Toddler Room: Kaitlyn Massey **Preschool Partners:** Angie Earnhardt; Adrienne Averette; Kelly Lentz
Nana & Papa Team: Chris Mabry **No Children's Church**

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Rowena Warren (sister of Jim Carter), Dale Benson (brother of Ann Crutchfield; recovering from a stroke), Marlene Sanges (undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer). **See newsletter for complete list.**



Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 27

The Blessing of the Backpacks will take place in worship on Sunday, August 27. Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpack and participate in this ritual as they return to school.

Attention College Students & Parents
Please contact the church office (klambert@fpcalbeamarle.org or 704-982-2722)
with your college mailing address and email address.



Join us for a

Reception & Celebration of Ministry

to honor Gina Martin for her ten-year tenure
as the Director of Christian Education of First Presbyterian Church.

Sunday, August 27 in the Pit Stop and Parlor. Light Refreshments will be served.

Worship Workshop for Families on Sunday, August 27...A workshop for children in 3rd & 4th grades and their parents is planned for Sunday, August 27 from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. We will have activities that introduce the elements of worship and help children understand the meaning of worship. Please let Elizabeth or Matt (704-982-2722; eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org; mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) know how many in your family will attend and/or if you need childcare.

Labor Day Worship at the YMCA Park on Sunday, September 4 at 9:00 a.m.
We'll worship together at the YMCA park and revel in the sights and sounds of God's good creation. Following worship, the Fellowship Committee will provide light breakfast refreshments. Worship will focus on the places we've seen and/or experienced the work of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit during the summer.

Would You Like To Be A Silent Partner?...First Presbyterian Church has 19 students who will be in college for the 2017-2018 school year. The Silent Partner remains anonymous to the student but maintains contact by sending cards, and/or small packages of helpful college items such as favorite snacks, small school supplies, or gift cards for fast food or coffee, etc. More details are available from Janet Schaefer (336-461-3422 or janet.schaefer@gmail.com).



Pray & Play

What is it?

A gathering for preschoolers & their parents.

When?

Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m.

What happens?

Parents will meet in the parlor for prayer and study while children are supervised in the childcare areas. And then, parents and children will play together in the gym.

Starting Date:

Wednesday, September 13

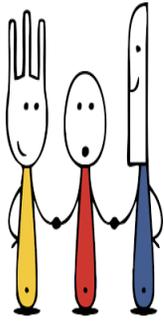
Invite friends and neighbors to share in this morning together.

ACOLYTE TRAINING FOR 5TH-8TH GRADE YOUTH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 FOLLOWING WORSHIP



Acolytes

Youth in grades 5-8 are invited to participate in worship as an acolyte. This is an important role that calls us to focus on *Jesus Christ as the light of the world* as worship begins and ends. An important training and information session for all acolytes will take place on **Sunday, September 10** immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service with John Howell and Elizabeth. Acolytes should meet at the front of the sanctuary.



First Family Gathering
Wednesday, September 6
Evening Prayer in the Chapel at 5:45 p.m.
Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym

We are gearing up for our First Family Gathering on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m.! Mark your calendars for the first Wednesday of every month. We will provide great meals with healthy meal choices every month. Let's have a fiesta to celebrate the start of a new season and the completion of the gymnasium!!!

September Menu:

Taco Bar, Mexican Rice, Black Beans, Tortilla Chips, Cheese Dip,
Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts,
Tea, Coffee, Water, and Lemonade

Healthy Meal Alternative: Taco Salad

Contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) to make reservations.

Volunteers Needed for First Family Gathering

- Dessert crew: Tuesday, September 5 at 10:00 a.m.
- Set up crew: Wednesday, September 6 at 11:00 a.m.
- Decorating crew: Wednesday, September 6 at 10:30 a.m.
- Taco and Salad crew: Wednesday, September 6 at 1:00 p.m.
- Final Touches crew: Wednesday, September 6 at 5:15 p.m.
- Clean-up crew: Wednesday, September 6 at 6:45 p.m.

Please call Jane Snyder at the church 704-982-2722 or on her phone 704-438-3358 if you would like to help☺!

GRANDPARENT'S DAY FLOWERS



On Grandparent's Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of grandparents. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Grandparent's Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Grandparent's Day**,

September 10. Any money collected over the cost of the flowers will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY FLOWERS

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

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST

The 2017-18 school year is drawing near and school supplies are in the retail stores ready for purchase. Please take the list below and begin shopping for much needed supplies for our partner school, Central Elementary. A designated bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Uniform shirts for youth are \$10.00 (these are plain polo shirts).

Donations for 1 or more shirts would be greatly appreciated.

**Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and in the memo put:
CES uniform donation**

Your donations are needed in the pit stop by Sunday, August 27.

If you shop at OfficeMax/OfficeDepot, Central Elementary School will receive 5% back. At checkout, present ID number 70060235.

Student Supplies

Pencil Box	3 Subject Notebook Hard Plastic Cover	Glue Sticks	Highlighters
Zipper Pouch Pencil Holder	Hard Cover Composition Books	Post-It Notes	3-prong folders
#2 Pencils	1 Subject Spiral Notebook	Elmer's Glue	2 pocket folders
Lead Pencils	Wide-Ruled Notebook Paper	Scissors	Headphones
Pencil Sharpener	Expo Dry Erase Markers/Erasers	Earbuds	
24 pack Crayola	Colored Pencils Pencil Erasers	Small Index Cards	
24 pack Crayola Crayons	Spiral Notebooks with pockets	Pink Block Erasers	

Classroom Supplies Needed Include:

Kleenex	Hand Sanitizer	Ziploc Bags (Sandwich/Gallon)
Anti-Bacterial Wipes	Band-Aids	Paper Towels



The Power of Story

**First Presbyterian Church Women's Retreat
September 22-24
Montreat, North Carolina**

Join women from First Presbyterian Church and their friends for this week-end of study, worship, fellowship, and relaxation. We will gather in Montreat at the William Black Lodge.

Cost for the week-end is:

\$241.00 (single room occupancy)

\$183.00 (double room occupancy)

Contact Elizabeth (eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) for scholarship assistance. **Deposits of \$75.00 must be received by August 28.**



What is Youth Cubs/Clubs?

An afternoon of Christian Education adventures for children ages 3-5th grade.

**First Day of Youth Cubs/Youth Club is on Wednesday, September 13 from
3:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.**

**Orff (percussion) instruments for K-2nd graders led by Daniel Dickens
5:15 p.m. -5:45 p.m.**

**Handbells for 3rd-5th graders led by Frank Poolos
5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.**

***Childcare provided for preschoolers until 5:45 p.m.
For more information, contact Martha Wolf
(704-983-3505 or mywolfmail@gmail.com).**

Riding the Tides of Faith

Rally Day

Sunday, September 10

9:30 a.m. in the Gym

The Christian Education Committee is planning a faith-filled morning to kick-off the new year in Christian Education. Come prepared to learn how to *Ride the Tides of Faith!*

Games, Art, Music, & More...

Pancake Breakfast with all the trimmings...

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 27

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Blessing of the Backpacks

10:00 am *Worship

11:00 am Reception & Celebration of Ministry in honor of Gina Martin

4:00 pm-5:30 pm *Worship Workshop for 3rd & 4th Graders and their parents

Friday, September 1

Church Office Closed

Sunday, September 3

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

9:00 am Worship at the YMCA Park

Children of all ages are welcome

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

AUGUST

29-Bede Karr

Melissa Lemons

30-Myra Land

Alex Wolf

31-Heather Kilde

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

AUGUST

28-Stephan & Leslie Kinley

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SEPTEMBER

01-Frank Poolos

02-Betty Crook

03-Wayne Palmer

04-Margaret Ivey

05-Braden Taylor

06-Laura McLeod

08-Sarah Paynter

10-Bryce Kimrey

Grace Richards

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

SEPTEMBER

01-Miller & Teryn Morgan

05-Jim & Leslie Carter

10-Richard & Janet Schaefer

Peter & Morgan Schultz

SCCM CHALLENGE AUGUST:

Staple Items

Flour, Sugar, Vegetable Oil,

Cooking Spray, Broth