



The Weekly Bulletin
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

A Prayer from Zaire

O God, you are the giver of life. We pray for the church in the whole world. Sanctify her life, renew her worship, give power to her witnessing, restore her unity. Give strength to those who are searching together for that kind of obedience which creates unity. Heal the divisions separating your children one from another, so that they will make fast, with bonds of peace, the unity which the Spirit gives. Amen.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONG

Hymn 515

I Come with Joy

stanzas 1, 2, and 5

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather around the table in places far and near.

Women: Eating sourdough, rye, pitas, tortillas,

Men: Crackers, Wafers, and Wonderbread –

All: The body of Christ.

Leader: Drinking the wine or the juice

Women: From handmade chalices and silver goblets,

Men: Golden spoons and tiny cups-

All: The blood of Christ.

Leader: The bread and the cup unite us with all who would follow Jesus.

Women: This meal reaches back through the centuries.

Men: This table reaches around the world.

All: Let us eat and drink with joy.

***CHORAL INTROIT**

Halle, Halle, Halle

Hal H. Hopson

Choir: Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Praise God in this holy place, every nation, every race. Come, make joyful music to the Lord.
Sound the trumpet, sound it clear. Sound it for the world to hear. Come, make joyful music to the Lord.

Refrain: Choir & Congregation (sing 2 times)

Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah. (Repeat 4 times)

Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

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



Fa - ther God in heav'n, Lord most high, hear your chil-dren's prayer, Lord most
May your king-dom come here on earth. May your will be done here on
Give us dai - ly bread, day by day; and for - give our sins, day by
Lead us in your way. Make us strong. Whentemp - ta - tions come, make us
All things come from you. All are yours. King-dom, glo - ry, pow'r, all are



high. Halowed be your name, Lord most high. O Lord, hear our prayer.
earth; as it is in heav'n, so on earth.
day; as we too for - give, day by day.
strong. Save us all from sin. Make us strong.
yours. Take our lives and gifts. All are yours.

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***HYMN 318**

In Christ There Is No East or West

St. Peter

The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger may be brought forward at this time.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

Unison

God of grace, love and communion, you create us for relationship, to live in communion with you and one another. Yet we are isolated from one another and separated from you. We neglect the means of grace which would bring us closer- prayer, scripture, and worship. We fail to heed your call to love as you love. We fail to recognize your image in others. Transforming God, forgive our unfaithfulness. Deepen our community; restore us to right relationship.

***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

Mike McLeod

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

GOSPEL READING

[Romans 3:23-26](#); [Ephesians 2:8-9](#)

Pew Bible, pages 144 & 181

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

By Grace, Through Faith

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

African Affirmation of Faith (from Kenya)

We believe in one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. God created people and wanted them to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe on earth. We have known this High God in the darkness, and now we know God in the light. God promised in the book called The Bible, the Word of God, that all nations and tribes of the world would be saved. We believe that God made good this promise by sending Jesus Christ, the Son of God, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and people, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by this people, tortured and nailed-hands and feet-to a cross and died. He lay buried, but the hyenas did not find his body, and on the third day, he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord! We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love, and share the bread together in love, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive! He lives! This we believe. Amen!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Taylor Johnston

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

What Wondrous Love Is This

David N. Johnson

*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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table (Spanish)

Isabel McLeod

Leader: Come people, come to the table of the Lord. Together we will make a giant loaf and Together prepare the jars of wine as at the wedding feast of Cana.

Community: Come, people, come to the table of the Lord.

Leader: May the woman not forget the salt nor the man forget the yeast, and we shall invite many guests; the crippled, the blind the mute, the poor.

Community: Come, people, come to the table of the Lord.

Leader: And now, we shall follow the Lord's instruction. Together we knead the dough with our hands and watch how the loaf rises.

Community: Come, people, come to the table of the Lord.

Leader: Because today we're celebrating the promise of Jesus Christ. Today, we are renewing our promise to the kingdom and no one will be hungry.

Community: Come, people, come to the table of the Lord.

Words of Institution

Lozi Speaker: Andy Cotton

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* Let Us Break Bread

Following the anthem, the congregation is invited to sing the hymn during the serving of communion.

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees;)

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;)

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising us, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 540

Farewell, Good Friends!

Shalom, Chavrim!

Sung once by the choir in Hebrew.

Choir and Congregation sing once together in English.

Sung as a round following the director's cue and joining the choir members in your section.

*POSTLUDE

The Rejoicing

Charles Callahan

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

Thanks to Andy Cotton and Isabel McLeod for their worship leadership.

Ushers: Taylor Jolly, captain; Leah Beamon, Lee Boone, Heather Deese, Adam Jolly, Dona Lisk, Jack Morton, Penny Morton, Ellen Snyder **Outside Ushers:** Mark Andrew; Jack Morton **Elder Greeters:** Sarah Michael; Steve Cumming **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Sara Kate Thomas **Preschool Partners:** Kristie & Keith Bryson **Nana & Papa Team:** Debby Johnston; Carol Sasser **Children's Church:** Dona Lisk; Grant Lisk; Grace Richards

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Dr. Frank Pattishall (father of Jane Snyder), Molly Amelia Lowder (continuing health concerns), Glynn Fowler (possible nerve damage and failed rotator cuff surgery), Cathy Dunlap (sister of Jill Freshley; recovering from heart attack), Marlene Sanges. **See newsletter for complete list.**



The Little Yellow Cup

The SCCM Caring and Sharing Campaign will begin on Sunday, October 1 and run through Sunday, October 22. Your loose change and bills dropped into a little yellow cup have a tremendous impact for the SCCM programs. All Caring and Sharing funds received are used to purchase food and supplies for the Community Tables, Food Pantry, and to provide rent and utility assistance for our neighbors.



Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:

Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish,
Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Hamburger Helper,
Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups
A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.



Live a Generous Life

Live a generous life! God calls on us to be loving, caring, giving, and sharing. Your generosity makes it possible for us to continue to offer enriching programs for all ages, and meaningful and powerful ministries. Stewardship season will be underway this month. We will continue to hear about personal perspectives on generosity from members of the congregation over the next few weeks.

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (Matthew 6:21)

Volunteers Needed for Central School Book Fair

October 2-6

The Central School Book Fair is Monday, October 2 through Friday, October 6. Volunteers are needed to help staff the book fair. The busiest time is 7:30 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. each day. The book fair will be open each day until 3:00 p.m. If you can help, please contact Kristie Bryson (kristie.bryson@stanlycountyschools.org or 864-230-6074).





**First Family Gathering
Wednesday, October 4**

Evening Prayer in the Chapel at 5:45 p.m.

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym

Our First Family Gathering is Wednesday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. This month, we will enjoy some **SOUL FOOD!** Go to the chapel at 5:45 p.m. for your spiritual soul food, and then proceed to the gym for your physical soul food!

Menu for the Soul:

Country Style Steak and Gravy, Rice, Green Beans, Mac-n-Cheese, Mixed Green Salad, Fresh Fruit, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts, Tea, Coffee, Water, & Lemonade

Reservations:

Contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) by noon on Tuesday, October 3 to say you're coming!



Volunteers Needed for First Family Gathering

Dessert Crew:

Tues. October 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Veggie, Fruit, & Salad Crew:

Wed. October 4 at 1:00 p.m.

Set-up Crew:

Wed. October 4 at 3:45 p.m.

Decorating Crew:

Wed. October 4 at 4:00 p.m.

Final Touches Crew:

Wed. October 4 at 5:15 p.m.

Clean-up Crew:

Wed. October 4 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😊!



SERRV Catalogs Available for Review & Placing of Individual Orders in the Pit Stop On Sunday mornings in the Pit Stop:

October 1, 8, & 15 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

During the week, in the church office until October 16. After that, the order will be compiled and placed.

These individual orders will be available for pick-up at the SERRV sale scheduled for November 12.

Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!

- Who can come? 2nd & 3rd graders
What? Breakfast...muffins, fruit, yogurt, milk, juice, etc.
When? Sunday, October 8 at 9:00 a.m.
Where? Media Room
Why? To pray together & build strong community of faith



Please let Jill Niebler (jlniebler@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us. *Parents...there will be coffee & muffins for you in the parlor, so please take advantage of this opportunity to relax with other moms & dads while your children are spending quality time together each month.

Faith Explorers Get Lost in the CORN MAZE

Sunday, October 8 Noon-3:00 p.m.

We'll have a picnic lunch at City Lake Park following worship and then on to an AMAZING afternoon at Get Lost Corn Maze in Millingport. Bring a bag lunch (bottled water provided) and \$9 for admission ticket and additional money for optional activities at the maze. Transportation provided to and from the maze - pick up at church at 3:00 p.m. Please let Leah Beamon know if your 4th or 5th grade Faith Explorer will be attending (lbeamon@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) Wednesday, October 4.

FAMILY SEASONING CLASS

How would you like to leave the church on Wednesdays with your dinner done?

Classes are on October 11, 18, 25 and November 1.

We will prepare dinner from 4:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m. and class will be from 4:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

Come to as many as you can.

Cost per family meal is \$15.

If you want to just come to the class portion, it is free.

During the dinner prep (4:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.), we are going to make a simple meal for you to take home for dinner. In the class (4:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.), we are going to share some simple ways to make dinnertime special. Contact Jane Snyder (jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org or text 704-438-3358) for more information and/or to sign-up.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 1

World Communion Sunday

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

SCCM Caring & Sharing Yellow Cup Campaign

- 9:15 am Ecumenical Worship at Courthouse Square Park
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, October 2

- 7:00 pm Circle meets at the home of Gloria Bryson
(811 Smith St., Albemarle)
- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square
- 8:30 pm Senior High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Tuesday, October 3

- 10:00 am First Family Dessert Crew

Wednesday, October 4

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play
- 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
- 1:00 pm First Family Veggie, Fruit, Salad Crew
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 3:45 pm First Family Set-up Crew
- 4:00 pm First Family Decorating Crew
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 5:15 pm First Family Final Touches Crew
- 5:45 pm Evening Prayer
- 6:00 pm First Family Dinner
- 6:45 pm First Family Clean-up Crew
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 5

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Sunday, October 8

Faith Explorers Sing in Worship

SCCM Caring & Sharing Yellow Cup Campaign

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch (2nd & 3rd Graders-Media Room)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm *Prospective Members Lunch & Learn (Parlor)
- 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers' Picnic Lunch at City Lake Park & Trip to Get Lost Corn Maze
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee
- 7:00 pm *Session

*childcare provided

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

- 01-Graham Chapman
Eston West
- 02-Joan Boling
Emily Domenech
- 04-Andy McLeod
Norman Rogers
- 05-Christine Andrew
- 06-Jeff Robertson
Kristen Tedder
- 08-Robert Land

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

OCTOBER

- 05-Steve & Mary Kesselman
- 06-Peter & Anna Henkenjohann
Bruce & Marlene Mittendorf
- 08-Kellyn & Luis Luna

SCCM CHALLENGE OCTOBER:

Canned Meat

(tuna, chicken, spam, salmon)



QUARTER MINISTRY FOR THE MARY & MARTHA CENTER FOR WOMEN

Our Quarter Jar is in the pit stop. Quarters will be donated to the Mary & Martha Center for their clients to use at the laundromat. Want to know more about this new ministry for women in our community?

Contact Kim Marshall (704-983-1378 or bookworm284@live.com).

Fall Art Exhibit at First Presbyterian Church

Mixed Media Madness

Featuring works by GHA Autism Supports