



**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 482

*Baptized in Water*

stanzas 1 and 3

Hymn 498

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

stanzas 2 and 4

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:8

Leader: In the beginning was the Word.

**People: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

Leader: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

**People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

Leader: And the Word became flesh and lived among us,

**People: And we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY 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 612

*We Praise You, O God*

Kremser

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

**Holy Lord, you come to us water, in cup, in bread, yet we refuse to recognize you. Forgive us when we would rather see the mundane than the extraordinary. Forgive us when we resign ourselves to fear rather than hope. Forgive us when we abandon the call we receive at the table and font to love 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

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

**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

[Psalm 96](#)

Pew Bible, page 520

ANTHEM

*If Ye Love Me*

Philip Wilby

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[John 1:1-18](#)

Pew Bible, page 86

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Sign and Seal*

Mr. Drumheller

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

excerpted from The Scots Confession

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory. Amen.**

\*HYMN 481

*I Believe in God the Father*

Genevan

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Martha Sue Hall

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Offertory on the Hymntune 'Munich'*

Daniel Gawthrop

\*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 459

*O Word of God Incarnate*

Munich

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*May the Road Rise to Meet You*

Mark Schweizer

\*POSTLUDE

*Psalm XIX*

Benedetto Marcello

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\*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 Brent Lisk.** After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

**Ushers:** Taylor Jolly, captain; Leah Beamon, Lee Boone, Heather Deese, Adam Jolly, Dona Lisk, Jack Morton, Penny Morton, Ellen Snyder **Outside Ushers:** Wes Eudy; Ronnie Michael **Elder Greeters:** Sarah Michael; Lynn White **Nursery:** Kaitlyn Massey **Toddler Room:** McKenzie Hinson **Preschool Partners:** Laura Beth & Kyle Marks **Nana & Papa Team:** Chris Mabry **Children's Church:** Dona Lisk; Grant Lisk; Grace Richards

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Braden Poplin (son of Carla and Dustin Poplin; Autism Therapy), Myra Land, 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.**

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### *The Little Yellow Cup*

The SCCM Caring and Sharing Campaign continues until Sunday, October 22. Please fill your cup and return by that date. All Caring and Sharing funds are used to purchase food and supplies for the Community Tables, Food Pantry, and to provide rent and utility assistance for our neighbors.

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### *Last Day for SERRV Catalogs Individual Orders in the Pit Stop*

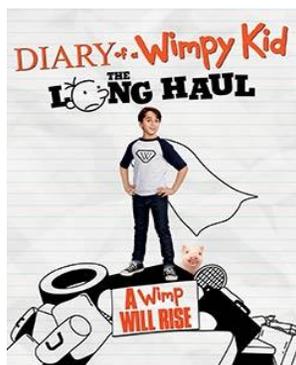
Sunday morning in the Pit Stop: October 15 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

In the Church Office on Monday, October 16

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**Shortbread Needed...Can You Help?...**Following our Reformation Sunday worship service on October 29, we will host a reception for our visitors from Locust and Norwood. We will need lots of shortbread makers. A sample recipe is on the bulletin board in the pit stop. Please contact Connie Wallace (704-699-3715 or [connie.wallace59@gmail.com](mailto:connie.wallace59@gmail.com)) if you can help.

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### *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*

**Fall Movie Night**

**Friday, October 27**

**6:30 p.m. in the Gym**

Come join us for *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul* and enjoy a family that begins an adventurous road trip that will have its ups & downs---but will be one that is never forgotten.

Bring the entire family out to a movie with friends, popcorn, candy & drinks!

Cozy up in your chair or blanket and plan to relax and laugh out loud!!!

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### **Tea & Conversation on Tuesday, October 17**

**3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor**

**Theme: Who's Who?**

All women of the church are invited to come for an afternoon of conversation and Jane's lovely tea refreshments. Bring a baby (or early childhood) picture with your name on the back. We'll see if we can figure out **Who's Who**. (Early submission of pictures to the office would be even better.) Call the office (704-982-2722) to let us know you want to be part of the fun!

## **BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**

Session has called a congregational meeting to be held immediately after worship on Sunday, October 15. The purpose of the meeting is to elect deacons and ruling elders to the Class of 2020 and to elect members of the congregational Nominating Committee. The congregation will hear and act on the report which will be presented by Nominating Committee Chair, Al Andrew. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Al Andrew, Chair, Nancy Joines, Bill Jolly, Jack Morton, Frankie Palmer, Witt Snuggs, and David Whitley. Once the committee has presented the slate of officers, the floor will be open for additional nominations. As a matter of courtesy, please check with any person whose name you plan to place in nomination prior to doing so.

### **2018 Nominating Committee:**

**Robert Ivey, Nancy Joines, Bill Jolly, Frankie Palmer**

### **Deacons (Class of 2020)**

**Kate Gibson...**For the past nine years, I have been an insurance agent at Mabry Insurance. If I am not at home or work, you will find me running many miles through the streets of Albemarle, helping with the YMCA Board, or with my family. I have been a member of First Presbyterian Church since the day I was born. My husband, Trey, and I were married here and both our girls, Carter Elizabeth and Emma Catherine, were baptized at First Presbyterian. While I have been a member for all my life, I am looking forward to giving back to the church and helping the church become a better place for all.

**Jill Niebler...**My daughter Melanie and I have been attending this church for approximately 4 years, and I became a member within 6 months of our first visit. My daughter Melanie is in 1st grade at Mount Gilead Elementary School and attends church with me regularly. I work as a substitute teacher for Montgomery County Elementary Schools and serve as PTO president for Mount Gilead Elementary School. I teach Sunday school, serve as preschool partner, and coordinate Breakfast Bunch. My hobbies are hiking, reading, dancing, and running my daughter around to her activities. I look forward to new experiences as a Deacon as I work closely with new friends.

**Tom Norwood...**I am a retired dentist and have been a member of our church since the early '80s. I enjoy gardening, playing golf, being with my daughter and her family, and UNC sports. I have previously served as a deacon and elder and enjoy serving our church. I am lucky to be married to Holly Norwood.

**Salem Taylor...**I have been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 2006. I am married to Thomas Taylor and have 2 children: Holden (age 8) and Madelyn (age 6). I serve as the Helping Hands Program Director at SCCM, and prior to that worked with Homes of Hope and Monarch. My hobbies include yoga, cooking, concerts and keeping up with Cub Scout and gymnast activities. I am passionate about community issues and ways to improve life for everyone, and I look forward to serving on the Diaconate in hopes that my experiences and perspective will be a benefit to the church.

### **Elders (Class of 2020)**

**Lee Boone (Youth Representative)...**I have been a member of First Presbyterian Church all my life and have enjoyed participating in church activities at every age level. I'm a junior at Gray Stone Day School where I play on the tennis team & swim team. I am also on the Science Olympiad team and an Eagle Scout. This past summer, I worked as a lifeguard for Albemarle Parks & Recreation and volunteered at Camp Cheerio as a CIT. Brad and Jane Boone are my parents. I enjoy fishing & hiking every chance I get. I look forward to learning more about church leadership this year as a Youth Elder.

**Taylor Johnston...**I have attended First Presbyterian Albemarle my whole life. My wife, Lisa, and I have a one year old daughter, Colette. We look forward to raising her as part of this congregation. I work for a commercial truck dealership in Salisbury. In my free time, I enjoy playing golf and being outside. While serving as a deacon previously, I really enjoyed being part of the mission committee. I am grateful to be nominated for this role in our church, and look forward to working with everyone.

**Gayle Russell...**I am retired from public education and enjoy spending time with my husband, Ned, and our children and grandchildren. We are avid campers and love to travel when we aren't gardening or working with our beagles. I have been a member of First Presbyterian Church since moving to Albemarle in 1985. I was raised in the Presbyterian church in Whiteville, North Carolina where my parents were active in many leadership roles. I feel called to use my talents, as my parents did, to serve at church. I have taught Sunday school, assisted with Youth Club, served on the Diaconate and Session, sung in the choir, and helped lead a Lent group. I enjoy being in the kitchen with Jane and am responsible for coordinating the Nana/Papa program. I look forward to the challenge of serving as an elder for the next three years.

**Sandy Saunders...**I joined First Presbyterian 42 years ago. I have served on the Diaconate one time and this will be my third time on the Session. I am retired and spend my time working in my yard, volunteering at church, playing tennis and pickleball. I have two adult daughters that grew up in this church. God has truly blessed me, and I feel as a Christian I should be giving back and by serving on the Session, I feel that I'm doing that...

**Rich Schaefer...**I have been a member of First Presbyterian Church for 9 years. During that time I have served as a deacon and Chair of Diaconate. I have been a member of the Stewardship, Membership, and Personnel Committees. I have journeyed on life-changing mission trips to Montana de Luz and Mwandia and have also done local mission work for the church. I enjoy being a discussion leader of the Wired Word Sunday School Class and also volunteer in the church office. I am a retired marketing executive and serve on the board of the Stanly Health Foundation. In my spare time, I enjoy tennis, golf and bridge. I am married to Janet and we have two children and three grandchildren who live in North Carolina. I look forward to the opportunity to serve on Session.

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**OCTOBER FAITH ON THE FIFTH OFFERING**  
**Opportunity to donate to SCCM Clothing Closet Renovation**  
**Sunday, October 22 (the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)**

This is an opportunity to support the SCCM Clothing Closet Renovations through our October Faith on the Fifth that will be held on Sunday, October 22. With the help of donations, SCCM has been able to do major roof repair, parking lot resurfacing, painting, and purchase of new fixtures. They hope to receive grant funds leaving a balance of \$12,000 needed to complete the floor and installation of fixtures. With renovations nearing completion, the air conditioning unit is now failing. With a quote of \$9,000 for a new unit, they are now looking at approximately \$21,000 to complete the project.

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**REFORMATION STUDY SUNDAY MORNINGS**  
**OCTOBER 15 & 22 AT 9:45 A.M. IN THE SESSION ROOM**

Join Elizabeth for conversation about significant people and places in the Protestant Reformation - What happened? Why did it happen? How did the events of the Reformation affect the Christian Church and the way worship is conducted now?

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**FALL PRIMETIMERS' LUNCHEON**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT NOON IN THE PIT STOP**  
**GUEST SPEAKER: ANDY COTTON**

The Fall Prime Timers Luncheon will be on Thursday, October 19 at noon in the pit stop at First Presbyterian Church. The menu will include barbecue, slaw, pasta salad, fruit salad, rolls, tea, and dessert. Andy Cotton will show slides and speak on his trips to Africa. Please RSVP to Kyle (704 982-2722 [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)) by Monday, October 16 if you plan to attend.



# Live a Generous Life

Live a generous life! We are all blessed with God's gifts. Your generosity makes it possible for First Presbyterian Church to continue to offer enriching programs for all ages, and meaningful and powerful ministries. Stewardship season is underway! Pledge cards will be mailed this week. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2018. You may return your pledge card on or before Consecration Sunday, November 5. Everyone is invited to a luncheon hosted by the Fellowship Committee following worship on November 5.

*A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water.  
Proverbs 11:25*

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## Fall Carnival Sunday, October 29 5:00 p.m.-6:30 pm. In the Church Gym

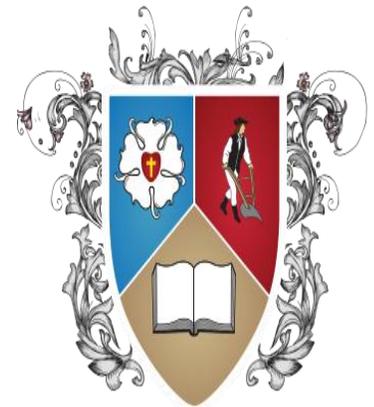
On October 29, our youth will host the annual Fall Carnival for the children and families of the church. Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of costumed fun. There will be prizes of all shapes and sizes, plenty of candy, and even a costume contest. Please join us from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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## REFORMATION SUNDAY & KIRKIN OF THE TARTANS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

We'll celebrate this seminal moment in the life of the Christian church in a big way.

- ❖ Company is coming from the Presbyterian churches in Locust and Norwood.
- ❖ We'll enjoy the bagpipes.
- ❖ We'll celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- ❖ We'll bless our family tartans and people everywhere.
- ❖ Fellowship with shortbread and cider will follow worship.



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## FAMILY SEASONING CLASS



**How would you like to leave the church on Wednesdays with your dinner done?**  
**Classes are on October 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 dinner time special.

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, October 15

*SCCM Caring & Sharing Yellow Cup Campaign*

*Congregational Meeting*

9:00 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalogs Available for Review & Placing  
of Individual Orders (pit stop)

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm Congregational Meeting

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

### Monday, October 16

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 17

10:00 am-11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

12:00 pm Deadline for October Newsletter Articles

3:00 pm-4:30 pm Tea & Conversation (Parlor)

7:00 pm Theology Lite with Matt (Little Tokyo Hwy. 52)

### Wednesday, October 18

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:15 am-11:00 am \*Pray & Play

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

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 19

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm PrimeTimers' Luncheon (Pit Stop)

### Saturday, October 21

5:30 pm-9:00 pm Youth Group Outing to Corn Maze  
with Tailgating & Bonfire

### Sunday, October 22

*Youth Club Handbell Choir/Trusty Travelers Sing*

*Presentation of Bibles to 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders*

*SCCM Caring & Sharing Yellow Cup Campaign*

*Faith on the Fifth Offering for SCCM Clothing Closet Renovation*

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm-2:00 pm \*Get to Know Your Bible w/3<sup>rd</sup> Graders & Parents

6:00 pm Youth Group Dinner

\*childcare provided

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**OCTOBER**

20-Cody Stewart

21-Leo McLeod

22-Billie Jean Snuggs

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**OCTOBER**

16-Keith & Kristie Bryson

19-Art & Sandy Rogers

**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. For more information, contact Kim Marshall (704-983-1378 or [bookworm284@live.com](mailto:bookworm284@live.com)).

**Fall Art Exhibit at First Presbyterian Church**

*Mixed Media Madness*

**Featuring works by GHA Autism Supports**

**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.