



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

Prelude

Healey Willan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Maegan Habich

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence,

People: From him comes our salvation.

Leader: God alone is our rock and our salvation,

People: Our fortress, we shall never be shaken.

Leader: On God rests my deliverance and my honor;

People: My mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

*CHORAL INTROIT

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

Basil Harwood

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

In you alone we put our hope, God the Father, Creator, and Sustainer. In you alone, we put our hope, God the Son, Savior, and Redeemer. In you alone, we put our hope, God the Spirit, Teacher, and Comforter. In you alone, we put our hope. Amen.

*HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Holy Lord, we confess that our faith begins to falter as we face the harsh reality of the world around us. When wars rage and the innocent die, we give into the pain and fear. When the news is bad, we give into hopelessness and turn away. When those in need cry out for help, we deafen our ears. Lord, forgive us for losing hope, for abandoning your call to our lives, and for our unfaithfulness.

*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

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 in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.

ANTHEM

All Creatures of Our God and King

William E. Krape

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, move in our midst and inspire us by your Spirit, that the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Matthew 25:1-13](#)

Pew Bible, page 26

SERMON

Nevertheless...Hope

Mr. Drumheller

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

excerpted from The Belhar Confession

We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness by both word and deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and culture. Amen.

***HYMN 350**

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Keep Your Lamps

The choir will sing stanza 1 once; then the congregation will join in stanzas 1 through 4.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Nancy Joines

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Brother James' Air

Dale Wood

*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 353**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

***POSTLUDE**

We Praise You, O God

Healey Willan

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

Thanks to Maegan Habich, University Chaplain and Director of Church Relations at Pfeiffer, who is helping to lead worship this morning.

Welcome to the students from Pfeiffer University who are worshipping with us this morning. Following worship, Pfeiffer students and members of First Presbyterian Church will be working on a variety of mission projects around Albemarle.

Ushers: Brett Richards, captain; Judy Kilgore, Jim Marshall, Mike McLeod, Grace Richards, Lee Snuggs
Outside Ushers: Kyle Marks; Mark Mabry **Elder Greeters:** Steve Cumming; Ellen Snyder **Nursery:** Kaitlyn Massey **Toddler Room:** McKenzie Hinson **Preschool Partners:** Jill Niebler; Isabel McLeod **Nana & Papa Team:** Susan & Banks Garrison **Children's Church:** Liz Jolly; Katherine Jolly; Grace Richards

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Anna Currie (mother of Patrick Currie), Polly Moose, Frankie Palmer, Calvin Hall (kidney cancer), Mike Lehr (brother-in-law of Connie Wallace; radiation & chemotherapy treatment for lung cancer), Braden Poplin (son of Carla and Dustin Poplin; autism therapy), Myra Land, Marlene Sanges. **See newsletter for complete list.**



SERRV Fair Trade Bazaar
Sunday, November 12
Will you help support this mission?
We'll be in the pit stop from
9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
Bring your Christmas shopping list!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Pack a box or two (boxes available in the pit stop) and return them to the church for dedication on November 19.





If you have not already returned your filled Sharing & Caring cup for SCCM, please do so as soon as possible.

CAN YOU HELP?

Central School needs belts for their students...men's belts, women's belts, children's belts. They can be new or gently used. Will you clean out your closets and find those that others may use? There is a collection bin in the pit stop.

VETERAN'S DAY FLOWERS

IN MEMORY OF:

GIVEN BY:

Edward Arnold	Linda Anderson
Emmitt Henry Beard	Robbie Beard
Richard T. Forte, U.S. Navy.....	Doris R. Forte
Roger Downtin	Mary & Frank Green
Philip Green.....	Mary & Frank Green
Horace M. Boger	John & Debbie Hahn
J.C. Hahn	John & Debbie Hahn
John M. Hesley, U.S. Navy WWII.....	Jim Hesley
Ruth W. Hesley, U.S. Navy Wave WWII.....	Jim Hesley
John M. Hesley, Jr., U.S. Army Vietnam Vet.....	Jim Hesley
Clegg Hall Carpenter, U.S. Army	Kyle Lambert
Verne Moose	Polly Moose
Gerald Paul, U.S. Army, WWII	Keith & Kay Nahrgang
Roy Dearstynne	Dr. & Mrs. Tom (Fred) Norwood
W.T. "Freck" Norwood.....	Dr. & Mrs. Tom (Fred) Norwood
William Barringer, U.S. Army	Frankie Palmer
Melvin Hatley, U.S. Air Force	Frankie Palmer
Bob Palmer, U.S. Air Force	Frankie Palmer
Hubert F. Goad, U.S. Army	Jean Rabe
John P. Robertson, Jr.....	Jeff & Kim Robertson
Joe Russell, Sr.	Miriam, Joe Jr., and Tom
M. Palmer Harris, Sr., U.S. Army WWI	Palmer Jacob Schultz
M. Palmer Harris, Jr., U.S. Army WWII POW.....	Palmer Jacob Schultz
CPL. W.H. White	Lynn White
Capt. Harry E. Dyer, Jr.....	Martha White

IN HONOR OF:

GIVEN BY:

Bob Gaither, U.S. Army	Donna Gaither
Dennis Gower.....	Anita Gower
Frank Green	Mary Green
Nathan Harwood, U.S. Air Force	Bill Hall
Sgt. Bubba Hesley, U.S. Army Iraq Vet	Jim Hesley
Sgt. Jennifer Hesley, U.S. Army Iraq/Afghanistan Vet	Jim Hesley
Capt. H.T. Webb, U.S. Marines WWII Vet	Jim Hesley
Daniel Hall Lambert, TSgt U.S. Air Force	Danny & Kyle Lambert
Rodney Morgan, U.S. Army	Rita Morgan
Terry Morgan, U.S. Army	Austin, Allison, Morgan, and Merrin
Greg Nahrgang, U.S. Air Force, 2001-2007	Keith & Kay Nahrgang
Col. Scott Nahrgang, U.S. Air Force, 1996-Present	Keith & Kay Nahrgang
Commander 548 th Intelligence/Surveillance Reconnaissance Group, Beale Air Force Base, CA	
Wade Hatley, U.S. Marine Corps.....	Frankie Palmer
Bill Pickler.....	His Family
Tom Rabe, U.S. Army.....	Jean Rabe
Ned V. Beachum	Kim & Jeff Robertson
Lt Col Dan Samples, U.S. Air Force (Retired)	Palmer Jacob Schultz



Live a Generous Life

Live a generous life! Let us all thank God for the many gifts he has bestowed. Thank you for your generosity! Thank you for returning your pledge cards! If you have not already returned your pledge cards, you mail or drop them off at the church this week.

Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, 'Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.'

Luke 21:1-4



children's hope
— ALLIANCE —

**2017 Thanksgiving Offering on Sunday, November 19
for Children's Hope Alliance
(formerly called Barium Springs Home for Children)**

Your generous donation will make an impact on each child. Bring your offering on Sunday, November 19.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

John 15:12 (NSRV)



**Community Thanksgiving Worship at First Baptist Church
(202 North 2nd Street, Albemarle)
Sunday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.**

Join other downtown worshippers as we celebrate God's gifts in this harvest season. Members of our choir will be part of the combined choir. Earl Bradshaw, pastor at Central United Methodist Church, will preach and an offering will be received for on-going hurricane relief. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the service.

Sanctuary Window Décor for Advent

Would you be willing to share a nativity set with the church in this Advent? We would like to fill the sanctuary windows with a variety of nativity scenes this year. Contact Ellen Snyder (704-991-5560 or ellens@carolina.rr.com) to let her know you have one to loan for this season.



SERRV BAZAAR

November 12, 2017 in the Pit Stop

Our purchases at this bazaar promote justice. Small scale producers and farmers receive a fair price for their product and help in marketing their crops. This assists them in providing basic education for children and in community development.

Make your selections on this form and bring it to the pit stop.

SERRV BAZAAR Order Form

Bean Soup, other

Qty.		Total
___	Traditional Za'atar Mix (\$5.50)	___
___	Organic Olive Oil 8 fl.oz. (\$7.50)	___
___	Set of 2 Condiment Bowls (\$14.00)	___
___	Toni's 10 Bean Soup (\$6.95)	___
___	Spicy Split Pea Soup (\$6.95)	___
___	Lentil Soup (\$6.95)	___

Jams, Chutney \$7.25

Qty.		Total
___	Peach'n Ginger Jam	___
___	Hot Mango Chutney	___
___	Mango & Pineapple Jam	___
___	Mixed Fruit Chutney	___

Large Chocolate Bars 3.5oz \$3.00

Qty.		Total
___	White Chocolate/Strawberry	___
___	Dark Chocolate (70%)	___
___	Dark with Ginger/Orange	___
___	Chocolate w/Toffee & Sea Salt (Dark)	___
___	Dark Chocolate Raspberry	___
___	Dark Chocolate Hazelnuts & Cranberries	___
___	Milk Chocolate w/Toffee & Sea Salt	___

Other Chocolates

Qty.		Total
___	Milk Chocolate Coins (\$2.99)	___
___	Mint Thins (\$6.99)	___
___	6 Little Bars (variety) (\$4.99)	___

Small Chocolate Bars (\$1.35)

___	70% Dark Chocolate	___
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Order form continues on the back.

Page1 Subtotal _____

SERRV BAZAAR Order Form

Coffee

No. of packs	Total
___ Café Salvadore, Drip (\$5.90)	___
___ Organic Ethiopian, Drip (\$6.40)	___
___ Organic Ethiopian, Whole Bean (\$6.40)	___
___ Organic, Decaf Drip (\$7.40)	___
___ Organic Sisters Blend, Drip 16 oz. (\$7.00)	___
___ Single Serve Organic Unwind Decaf (\$6.50) K-cup comparable	___

Tea

Qty.	Total
___ Irish Breakfast, Organic (\$2.75)	___
___ Darjeeling, Organic (\$2.75)	___
___ Decaf English Breakfast, Organic (\$2.75)	___

Other

Qty.	Total
___ Organic Hot Cocoa (\$5.00)	___
___ Organic Baking Cocoa 8oz. (\$5.00)	___
___ Travel Mugs (\$2.00)	___

Other

Qty.	Total
___ Organic Tamari Almonds (8 oz.) (\$6.50)	___
___ Mango Cashew Bar (\$1.40)	___

Herbs, Spices, Balsamic Vinegar

___ Cape Malay Curry (\$7.95)	___
___ Hot Rocks – Mild (\$4.95)	___
___ Moroccan Harissa (\$5.95)	___
___ Victoria Falls Rainbow Pepper (\$5.95)	___

Balsamic Vinegar Reductions

___ Pomegranate (\$7.95)	___
___ Sundried Fig (\$7.95)	___
___ Rooibos & Honey (\$7.95)	___
OR All 3 for \$20.00	___

Subtotal p.1 _____

Subtotal p.2 _____

Total _____

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 12

Pfeiffer Day of Mission

SERRV Bazaar in the Pit Stop Before & Following Worship

- 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 Mission Committee (Session Room)
- 4:00 pm-7:00 pm Youth Group Christmas Kitchen Prep (Church)
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee
- 7:00 pm *Session

Monday, November 13

- 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, November 14

- 10:00 am-11:30 am Adult Bible Study
- 12:00 pm December Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, November 15

- 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, November 16

Deadline for filled Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Sunday, November 19

Thanksgiving Offering for Children's Hope Alliance

Dedication of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 1:00 pm Faith Explorers' Christmas Card Making & *Honk Jr.* Play at AHS presented by The Talent Company
- 5:30 pm Youth Group Thanksgiving Potluck
- 7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service at First Baptist Church (202 North 2nd Street, Albemarle)

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER

- 12-Jay Andrew
Blake Taylor
- 13-Lori Ivey
- 14-Carol Sasser
- 15-Blue Honeycutt
- 16-Reese Dombrowski
- 17-Taylor Johnston

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

NOVEMBER

- 17-Steve & Michelle Cumming
Richard & Joyce Lambert



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).

SCCM CHALLENGE

NOVEMBER

Canned Fruit

(Lite Syrup or No Sugar Added)

Fall Art Exhibit at FPC

Mixed Media Madness

Featuring works by

GHA Autism Supports