



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 250	<i>Hymn of Promise</i>	all stanzas
Hymn 305	<i>Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!</i>	stanzas 1 and 3

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For God alone, our souls wait in silence.

People: From God comes our salvation.

Leader: God alone is our rock and salvation.

People: God is our fortress. We shall not be shaken.

Psalm 62:1-2

*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 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Madrid

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy to others.

*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.

Hymn 582

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

Speak to us your word, O God, that we may hear Jesus' call to be his disciples. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Jonah 3:1-5, 10](#)

Pew Bible, page 811

ANTHEM

He Comes to Us

Jane M. Marshall

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Mark 1:14-20](#)

Pew Bible, page 33

SERMON

Answering the Call

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, *Come, Lord Jesus!* With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Pescador de Hombres

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

David Kilde

PASTORAL PRAYER

Mr. Drumheller

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Aria

Noel Nawsthorne

*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 724

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Angel's Story

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer

*POSTLUDE

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Dietrich Buxtehude

*All who 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 opening text of the anthem is by Albert Schweitzer from his 1906 book, *The Quest of the Historical Jesus*. The text and hymn tune (beginning with *O Morning Star*) were written and composed by Philipp Nicolai in 1597-99. Hymn 827, stanza 1.

The Brief Statement of Faith was written following the reunion of the northern and southern branches of the Presbyterian Church in 1983. It finds its center in a broad base of Scripture and a consensus of Reformed theology.

The acolyte today is Elizabeth Bryson. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Ushers: Steve Cumming, captain; Brad Boone, Michelle Cumming, Jim Ivey, Kyle Marks **Outside Ushers:** Mark Mabry; Kyle Marks **Elder Greeters:** Al Andrew; Joyce Lambert **Nursery:** Sara Kate Thomas **Preschool Partners:** Laura Beth & Kyle Marks **Nana & Papa Team:** Sarah & Ronnie Michael **Children's Church:** Kim Andrew

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Helen Moses (grandmother of Derek Moses), The family of Betsy Ivey Sawyer (aunt of Jim Sawyer). **See newsletter for complete list.**

Tea & Conversation

Tuesday, January 23 from 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor

Come for conversation and a few rousing games of BINGO!

Bring a wrapped/bagged gift from your house!

Think: A Christmas gift you received, but will never use. A dusty mantle adornment that you no longer like. A mismatched pair of socks. The ugliest scarf in your drawer. We'll use them as BINGO prizes. Remember: One person's trash is another person's treasure!





Grandparent & Grandchild Retreat

Sunday, January 28 from Noon-2:30 p.m.

Partnering in Christian Education... Children K-5th Grades...

Grandparents of any age...

Lunch in the Pit Stop followed by activities around the church.

Contact the church office to sign-up

(704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION & CORPORATION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Session has established the date for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation as Sunday, January 21. The meeting will be held immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive annual reports and to transact other business as may properly come before the meeting. We will also have a congregational meeting for the purpose of reviewing and approving the pastors' terms of call.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4



Our church will be participating in The Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 4. More than 20 years ago, this ministry began with a single youth group that prayed a simple prayer: *“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”* Since then more than \$100 million has been raised

for local charities across the United States!

Youth will be collecting money and cans of food at the doors of the sanctuary following worship. We will continue our annual *copetition*. As you face the front of the sanctuary, if you typically sit on the right side (choir loft side) of the middle section, the right section, choir loft, or the balcony, you are asked to bring in chicken noodle soup. If you sit on the left side of the middle section, the left section, or the section near the sound board, you are asked to bring in tomato soup. There will be designated spaces in the Pit Stop for each of these items. You bring them in that day or ahead of time. Let's see which section can collect the most food!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 21

Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm *Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation

Monday, January 22

- 7:00 pm January Book Conversation (Church Parlor)
- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square

Tuesday, January 23

- 2:00 pm-3:30 pm Tea & Conversation (Church Parlor)

Wednesday, January 24

- 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, January 25

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, January 26

- 6:00 pm-10:00 pm Officers' Retreat

Saturday, January 27

- 9:00 am-1:00 pm Officers' Retreat

Sunday, January 28

Ordination & Installation of New Officers

Grandparent & Grandchild Retreat

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm-2:30 pm Grandparent & Grandchild Retreat

*childcare provided



Visit the Winter Art Gallery Exhibit
Featuring Paintings by Matt Moeller

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! JANUARY

- 21-Drew Melone
- 23-Susan Garrison
Kim Marshall
Ronnie Michael
- 24-Dennis Gower
- 27-Linda Richards
- 28-Kim Andrew
Gus Holbrook
Dona Lisk

High School Bible Study
with Elizabeth and Jack is
on sabbatical until April.

Community Participation Needed

You are requested to complete the 2018 Community Health Assessment survey. This is the survey the Stanly County Health Department and Carolinas HealthCare System Stanly conduct to determine what our major priorities are for the next three years by analyzing community responses and State data. The information in this report is, also, used to get grants for agencies and non-profits. The survey can be done through February 28. For more information, contact Debbie Bennett at dbennett@stanlycountync.gov or 704-982-9171.

The link is:

<https://goo.gl/forms/u0c06jntFJeY1Sc32>

SCCM CHALLENGE JANUARY

Canned Fruit
(Lite or No Sugar Added)

Backpack Food Program

UPDATED LIST OF DONATIONS NEEDED:

Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Canned Tuna, and Saltine Crackers.

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Next Packing Date: Wednesday, January 31 at 10:30 a.m.