



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst, you offer the living water of grace. Grant your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may learn to profess our faith with courage and announce with joy the wonder of your love. Amen.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONGS

Hymn 463 *How Firm a Foundation* stanzas 1 and 2

Hymn 834 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* all stanzas

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Hesley

Leader: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,

People: And I will give you rest.

Leader: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me;

People: For I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Leader: For my yoke is easy;

People: And my burden is light.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, you are our light and our salvation; you are the stronghold of our lives. We pray that you will hear us when we cry aloud, that you will be gracious and answer us, and comfort our fears. Lord, hide us in your shelter on the day of trouble and set us on a high rock. Amen.

*HYMN 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

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

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Leader: Lord, when we encounter turmoil, loss, pain, or trial, we are quick to succumb to the power of fear. We confess that it is easier to give into fear than to trust in you.

Choir and Congregation Sings:

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

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Leader: Forgive us for losing sight of your promise to protect us in trial and comfort us in sorrow. Remove our fear and restore to us the peace of your hope.

Choir and Congregation Sings:

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Use the Prayer of Preparation to center your thoughts as you prepare for worship.

Matthew 11:28-30

Psalm 27

The refrain used during the Prayer of Confession is hymn number 227 in the *Glory to God* hymnal.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS** *Glory Be to the Father*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Melissa Eudy

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

Abide with Me

Malcolm Archer

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, in the words of Christ, reveal to us your truth. Help us hear your Word, that we may learn what it means to be disciples. In your Word, may we discover our hope. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

[Mark 6:45-52](#)

Pew Bible, page 39

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Elizabeth Bryson

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Fear Not

Mr. Drumheller

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Amen.

This is a Scottish version of the Gloria Patri which can be found on page 580 of the *Glory to God* hymnal.

Psalm 46:1-3, 7

*HYMN 177

I Will Come to You

You Are Mine

(The choir will sing all stanzas. The congregation will join in singing the refrain.)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* Malcolm Archer

*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 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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Hymn 507

Come to the Table of Grace

Table of Grace

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come

Festal Song

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

Green Tyler

God, be the love to search and keep me;

God, be the prayer to move my voice;

God, be the strength to now uphold me;

O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

*POSTLUDE

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Johann Sebastian Bach

*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 acolyte today is Danny Saltzman. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thanks to Elizabeth Bryson and Jim Hesley for serving as liturgists today in worship.

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger today.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Diane Marks (diagnosed with breast cancer; mother of Kyle Marks), Tommy Murrell (home). **See newsletter for complete list.**

The Lord's Table is open to all who trust in Christ or who want to trust in him more.

Communion will be served by intinction. When invited by the ushers, proceed to the nearest station.

Break off a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and then partake.

Gluten-free elements are available upon request.

Ushers: Brett Richards, captain; Mark Donham, Jim Hesley, Judy Kilgore, Grace Richards, Danny Saltzman, Rose Saltzman **Outside Ushers:** Wes Eudy; Ronnie Michael **Elder Greeters:** Mary Kesselman; Lynn White **Nursery:** Sara Kate Thomas **Preschool Partners:** Penny & Jack Morton **Nana & Papa Team:** Susan & Banks Garrison **Children's Church:** Jacob Palmer



**Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!
For 2nd & 3rd Graders**

Sunday, March 4 at 9:00 a.m. in the Media Room

Attention 2nd & 3rd graders!!! Breakfast Bunch will meet before Sunday School on March 4 at 9:00 a.m. in the media room. Come join us for a breakfast of milk, juice, muffins, yogurt, and fruit! Please let Jill Niebler (jlniebler@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us or if you have questions.

**COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES
AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ALBEMARLE**

THEME: JESUS' QUESTIONS

**WEDNESDAYS, MARCH, 7, 14, and 21 AT NOON IN THE SANCTUARY
LUNCH FOLLOWING IN THE GYM...COST: DONATION**



First Presbyterian Church is hosting the Community Lent Worship Services this year. An offering will be received to support The Mary and Martha Center for Women and Community Care.

Wednesday, March 7 Preacher: Rev. James Lawrence, Pastor of First Lutheran Church

Worship Leader: Rev. Matt Drumheller, Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church

FOOD FOR BODY & SOUL

ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7 AT 6:00 P.M.

This time together includes Evening Prayer at 5:45 p.m. in the chapel followed by dinner in the gym at 6:00 p.m. We will also have a time to reflect together on our Lenten theme, *Living the Word*, using both words and art. Dinner on March 7 will be sponsored by the Youth Group to raise money for the youth program. The menu is a baked potato bar with all the fixings.

Easter Lilies...Deadline: Sunday, March 25



If you would like to contribute to the purchase of Easter Lilies as an Easter Memorial or Honorarium, please fill out the form below exactly as you wish the memorial or honorarium to read, **attach a check in the amount of \$15.00** and place in the offering plate or leave in the church office no later than **Sunday, March 25**. Checks should be payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and designated "Easter Lilies." All memorials/honorariums received by March 25 will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 1.

Easter Lilies

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

I plan to take my lily after worship on Easter.

I will leave my lily for delivery to a homebound member.

**PRIMETIMERS' LUNCHEON
THURSDAY, MARCH 8
AT NOON IN THE PIT STOP**

Guest Speaker: Mr. Bill Stevenson

The PrimeTimers will meet in the pit stop on Thursday, March 8 at noon to enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship together. Along with lunch, the group will be treated with a look back in time to another place with Mr. Bill Stevenson. He will share his experience as a youth growing up in England during the war.

The menu for lunch is: Bean Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, & Tomato Soup, along with mini-sandwiches, vegetables, fruit, and desserts.

Please RSVP to the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) by Tuesday, March 6 that you are coming and/or if you need transportation.



**First Presbyterian Church
Welcomes to the Art Gallery Spring Exhibit
The Artwork of Central School Students**

We are excited to be sharing the 2018 Central Elementary School art collection with you. This will be a compilation of works that our Kindergarten through 5th grade students have been creating all year. You may see a bit of math, social studies, or science hidden in these pieces as we try to integrate our subjects for optimal learning, or you may recognize a favorite book character swinging from the vines on our papers. We learn about a variety of artists and their styles in our art room, so you will see those reflected in some of these masterpieces as well.

Our hope is that you will recognize the hard work our students have put in to each piece and that you will be visually stimulated by the fun we have had in the process. Thank you for your support of our school and our art program.

Tammy Palmer, Art Teacher

**You Are Invited to a Meet & Greet Reception for
Congregation, Central School Staff, Artists & their families on
Tuesday, March 6
3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church Common Area
(Basement)**



**Volunteers Needed
for
Central School Book Fair
March 5-9**

The Central School Book Fair is scheduled for March 5-9.

There is a great need for volunteers.

If you are interested in helping with the book fair or need more information, contact Michelle Cumming

(704-984-0435 or michelle.cumming@stanlycountyschools.org).

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 4

Third Sunday of Lent/The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Ten-Cents-A-Meal

9:00 am Breakfast Bunch

9:45 am *Sunday School

*Classical Discussion Group with Skeet Ayscue in the Media Room (Basement)

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Mission Committee Meeting

3:00 pm Hiking Group meets at Morrow Mountain State Park

3:00 pm Reading Group with Courtney Niederer & Kim Marshall (Parlor)

5:00 pm-8:00 pm Youth Group Game Night

Monday, March 5

7:00 pm Circle #5 at the home of Ann Duckwall (609 N. 6th Street, Albemarle)

7:00 pm Film Group with Nancy & Don Joines
(Church Theatre-basement/children's building)

8:00 pm-9:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square

Tuesday, March 6

9:30 am Cooking Group with Gayle Russell & Jane Snyder (Pit Stop/Kitchen)

11:00 am Walking Group with Mary Louise Sawyer in the Gym

3:30 pm-5:00 pm Art Gallery Reception for Central School

7:30 pm Yoga Group with Rebekah Ayscue & Alexis Poolos in Classroom 2 (Basement)

Wednesday, March 7

6:00 am Traditional Discussion Group & Breakfast with Steve Cumming

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

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

12:00 pm Community Lenten Service at FPC

12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)

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)

5:45 pm Food for Body & Soul Evening Prayer (Chapel)

6:00 pm Food for Body & Soul Dinner (Gym)

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 8

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm PrimeTimers' Luncheon

7:00 pm Fruit of the Vine Small Group

Sunday, March 11

Fourth Sunday of Lent/The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

The Sacrament of Baptism/Daylight Saving Time Begins

8:45 am *Diaconate

9:45 am *Sunday School

*Classical Discussion Group with Skeet Ayscue (Media Room-Basement)

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Worship Committee (Old Session Room)

2:45 pm-6:30 pm Youth Group Kickball Tournament

3:00 pm Hiking Group meets at Morrow Mountain State Park

3:00 pm Reading Group with Courtney Niederer & Kim Marshall (Parlor)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MARCH

05- Becky Andrew

06- Keith Andrew
Robert Ivey

07- Chris Mabry

09- Cidney Eudy
Ginny Marshall
David Whitley

10- Russ Carpenter

11- Jim Carter

Nancy Jolly

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MARCH

10- David & Carroll Holbrook

SCCM CHALLENGE

MARCH

Boxed Pasta Meals

(Hamburger Helper),

Instant Potatoes, Stuffing Mix

Backpack Food Program

UPDATED LIST OF DONATIONS NEEDED:

Breakfast Cookies

Individual Bags of Goldfish

Large Cans of Soup

Canned Tuna

Saltine Crackers

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Next Packing Date:

Wednesday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m.



**Remember to *spring forward*
one hour**

**in the early morning
hours of March 11**

(or before you go to bed on March 10).

***childcare provided**