



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

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
Youth Club Handbell Ensemble

Robert Jackson
arr. Margaret R. Tucker

Juan Campechano, Sophia Blalock, Elizabeth Bryson, Merrin Kinley, Brent Lisk, Grant Lisk, Addison Marks,
Andy McLeod, Sanya Patel, Ella Shelton, Lily Shelton, Lily Snyder, and Natalie Taylor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God.

People: Let all the peoples praise you.

*CHORAL INTROIT

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Karl P. Harrington

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, you make all things new. In its earliest years, you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences and gave your people the gift of the Holy Spirit. May that same spirit give us open hearts and minds that we will engage in the reconciliation of your people and the healing of all creation.

*HYMN 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Regent Square

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Believe the good news,

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

hymnal, page 240

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

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 the chapel for Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God of promise, your word made flesh in Jesus Christ is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may it rise up in us this day like a gift refreshing our souls and opening our minds. Amen.

PSALM READING

[Psalm 148](#)

Pew Bible, page 550

The leader will read the odd numbered verses; the congregation will respond by reading the even numbered verses.

ANTHEM

The God of Love My Shepherd Is

Mark Hayes

The God of love my Shepherd is, and He that doth me feed;
While He is Mine and I am His, what can I want or need?
He leads me to the tender grass, where I both feed and rest;
Then to the streams that gently pass, in both I have the best.

Or if I stray, He doth convert, and bring my mind in frame,
And all this not for my desert, but for His holy Name.
Yea, in death's shady black abode well may I walk, not fear;
For thou art with me, and Thy rod to guide me, Thy staff to bear.

Thou dost make me sit and dine, even in my enemies' sight.
My head with oil, my cup with wine runs over day and night.
Surely Thy sweet and wondrous love shall measure all my days;
And as it never shall remove, so neither shall my praise.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[John 13:31-35](#)

Pew Bible, page 102

SERMON

If you have love...

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Confession of 1967*

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the mind of humanity. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the redeemer is the Lord and creator who made all things to serve the purpose of love. Amen.

*HYMN 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Peter Scholtes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matt Drumheller

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Peace I Give to You

Robert Lehman

*POSTLUDE

Joyous Processional

Garry A. Cornell

*All who are able may stand.

We rejoice that you are worshiping 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 Leah Kilde . After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thanks to the Youth Club Handbell Ensemble for their participation in worship today.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Adult Choir, Frank Poolos, and Stan Scheer, in gratitude for their faithfulness to worship leadership.

Ushers: Heather Kilde, captain; Jim Carter, Michelle Cumming, David Kilde, Ben McLeod, Isabel McLeod, Mandy & Phillip Brown **Elder Greeters:** Bob Johnston; Mary Kesselman **Nursery:** Cora Harrison **Toddler Room:** Misty Honbarrier **Preschool Partners:** Angie Earnhardt; Adrienne Averette; Kelly Lentz **Nana & Papa Team:** Chris Mabry **Children’s Church:** Laura McLeod; Andy McLeod; Jacob Palmer

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Gay Ellington (former co-worker of Martha White; diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer), Mike Dearstyne (brother of Holly Norwood; medical concerns). **See newsletter for complete list.**

If you would like to contribute intercessions or thanksgivings to the weekly prayers of the people, please email them to Elizabeth at eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org.



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD...BREAD FOR YOU
Focus: Helping Mothers & Children Survive & Thrive
Letter Writing Sunday, April 24
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. & following worship in the pit stop

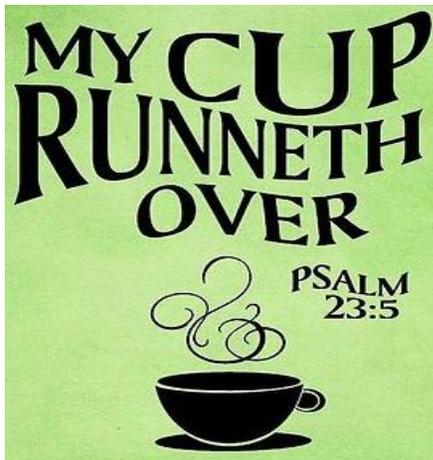
This is Letter Writing Sunday! Come to the pit stop beginning at 9:00 a.m. to put *faith into action* to improve the nutrition of mothers and children. An old-fashioned letter gets the attention of congressional leaders. Plan to enjoy a variety of breads from Presbyterian ovens for a donation to SCCM!

SNL SCAVENGER HUNT
FOR FOOD & SUPPLIES TO DONATE TO SCCM
SUNDAY, APRIL 24 5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

Youth will be visiting homes of members throughout our congregation for canned food and non-perishable items to stock SCCM shelves. If you are interested in having youth visit you, contact Matt (704-982-2722 or mrdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).



The Stanly County Chorale will present its 2016 Spring Concert on Saturday, April 30, at 7:30 PM, in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church. The concert is titled, *Jazz Impressions* and will feature jazzy choral arrangements of songs such as *Cheek to Cheek, Bewitched, Swinging with the Saints, Jazz Alleluia, Amazing Grace, Take the A Train, In My Life, Blackbird* and more. Caroline Stephenson is the Musical Director, and Zoey Brouters will be returning as the group's accompanist.



What if you could purchase a beautiful pottery coffee mug made by local potters and have 100% of the proceeds go to any local charity of your choice here in Stanly County?

Stop by Glory Beans anytime between 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 30 and fill your mug of choice with coffee/tea/hot cocoa. Light breakfast refreshments will be served and no tickets necessary. Just come and support your favorite local charity.

Saturday, April 30
8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
at Glory Beans
(134 West Main Street)
Mugs: \$20 each



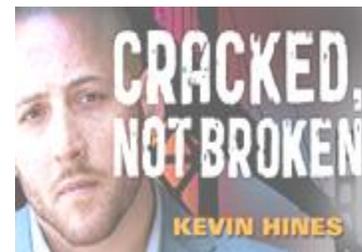
SNL Trivia Night & Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m.

SNL will host its 3rd annual trivia night to benefit our summer trips. Tickets are \$15.00 for an individual or you can form a team of 8 people (\$50.00 family maximum). Members of SNL will serve a spaghetti dinner and you will compete with your table or team in a trivia challenge. This is a fundraising event for the entire congregation which will benefit our youth programs. Come test your trivia knowledge and support our youth! Contact Matt Drumheller for more information (704-982-2722 or mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).

Suicide: Let's Talk About It

with presenter Kevin Hines, the man who jumped off the Golden Gate Bridge and lived, author of Cracked Not Broken.

Tuesday, May 3
Stanly County Agri-Civic Center
Booths 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Presentation 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.



- No Charge
Limited Seating
Book signing provided by Stanly County Partners in Health

Please register by April 29 to attend the event at: www.KEVINHINESStanly.eventbrite.com.

MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

On Mother's Day, the arrangements in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of mothers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MAY 1. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for Mother's Day Arrangements. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on Mother's Day, May 8. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

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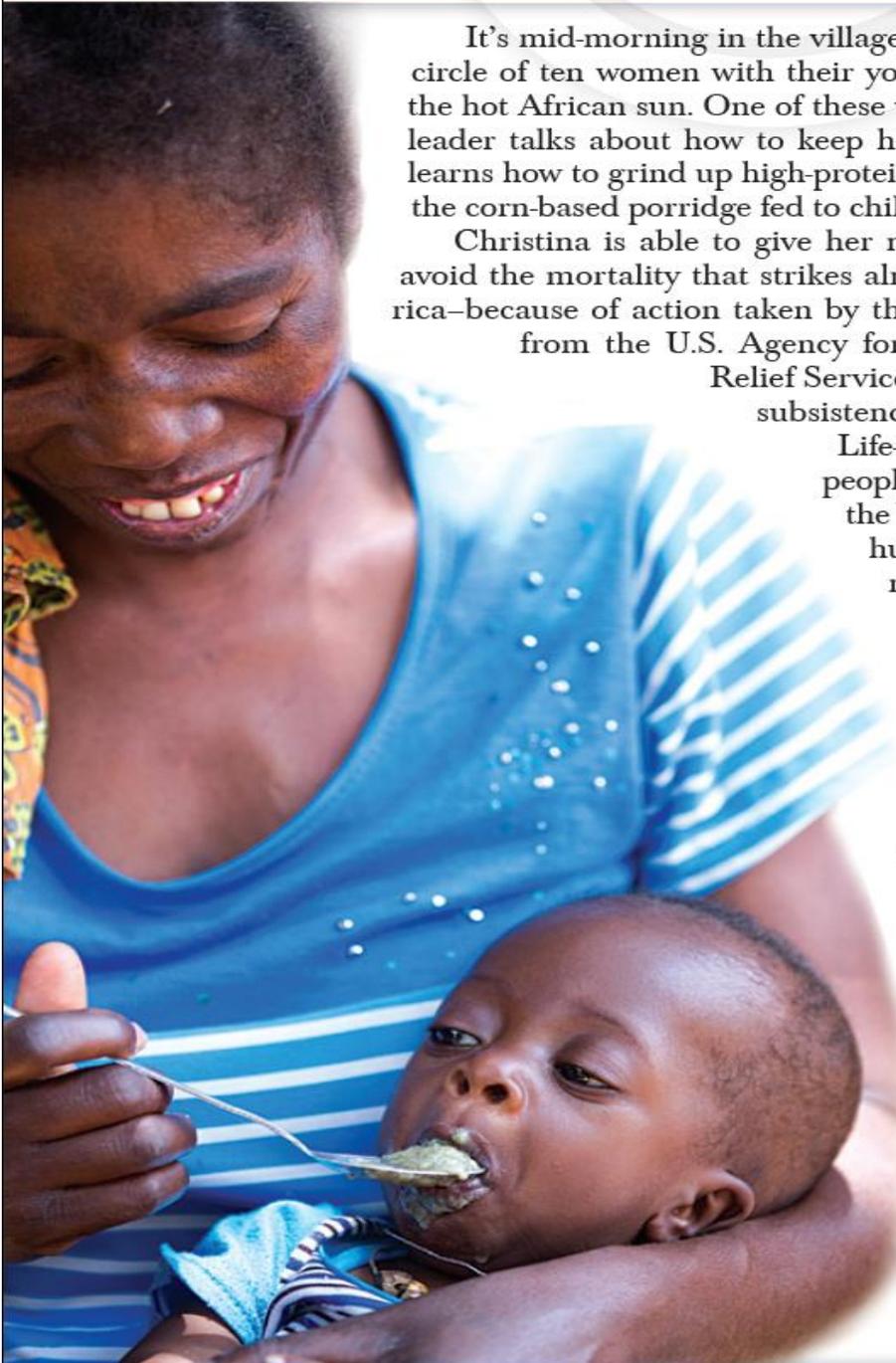
In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

HELP MOTHERS AND CHILDREN SURVIVE AND THRIVE



It's mid-morning in the village of Chimudomba in eastern Zambia. A circle of ten women with their young children sit in the shade to escape the hot African sun. One of these women, Christina, listens as the group's leader talks about how to keep her baby well-fed and healthy. Christina learns how to grind up high-protein peanuts and black-eyed peas to add to the corn-based porridge fed to children in her village.

Christina is able to give her newborn child a good start in life—and avoid the mortality that strikes almost half of all children under 5 in Africa—because of action taken by the U.S. government. Thanks to funding from the U.S. Agency for International Development, Catholic Relief Services is able to carry out a program among subsistence farmers in Zambia.

Life-saving programs like this exist because people of faith—working together as Bread for the World, a collective Christian voice to end hunger—have urged our nation's decision makers to enact policies and programs that address the causes of hunger.

As part of Bread for the World's 2016 Offering of Letters, concerned individuals in your church and thousands of others across the country will write to their members of Congress. The personalized letters they send will encourage Congress to support legislation that will improve nutrition among mothers and young children in Zambia and other countries.

As we offer these letters, we live out the prayer that Jesus has taught us: that God's will be done on earth as in heaven, that all may have daily bread (Luke 11:1-4). By helping mothers and their children survive and thrive, we participate in God's vision of a world where people "hunger nor more, and thirst no more" (Revelation 7:16).



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HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. For more than 40 years, Bread for the World's members have helped win bipartisan support for measures that address the causes of hunger. Each year, thousands of churches from many different faith traditions take part in the Offering of Letters.

YOU CAN HELP MOTHERS AND CHILDREN SURVIVE AND THRIVE

Help Christina and other mothers learn how to give their children a good start in life through better nutrition and other means. Join thousands of others in churches across the country who are taking part in Bread for the World's 2016 Offering of Letters. Working together, we can urge Congress to support measures that help mothers and children get the nutrition they need to be healthy and live active lives.

For more information about writing a letter to Congress, visit www.bread.org/OL.

SAMPLE LETTER

Dear Senator _____, or Dear Rep. _____:

Our country has led the way in improving the nutrition and health of mothers and children so they can achieve their full potential. We have seen tremendous progress, but our work remains unfinished. My faith calls me to urge that we continue until every mother and child has the chance to survive and thrive. Every life is precious.

As Congress considers funding for next year, I ask you to support at least \$230 million for international maternal and child nutrition programs in the Department of State foreign operations appropriations bill's global health account.

Sincerely,

[your name]

[your address]

- I want to join thousands of others who have committed to praying for an end to hunger. Please send me—free of charge—"Daily Prayers to End Hunger."
- Enclosed is my gift of \$_____ to support the work of Bread for the World.

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Please mail this coupon to the address at right. You may use our toll-free number or visit our website to request or download free resources and sign up for email updates. Thank you!



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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 24

Youth Club Handbell Ensemble rings in worship

- 9:00 am *Breakfast Bunch
- 9:00 am *Bread for the World Letter Writing (Pit Stop)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE!
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Bread for the World Letter Writing (Pit Stop)
- 5:00 pm-7:00 pm SNL Scavenger Hunt

Monday, April 25

- 2:00 pm Our Living Legacy Committee
- 8:30 pm Senior High Bible Study at Elizabeth's
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Tuesday, April 26

- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study

Wednesday, April 27

Administrative Professionals Day

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 28

Take Our Daughters & Sons to Work Day

- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, April 29

Arbor Day

Saturday, April 30

- 7:30 pm Stanly County Chorale Concert at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 1

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

Ten-Cents-A-Meal

Deadline for Mother's Day Arrangement Form

- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE!
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)
- 6:00 pm SNL Sponsored Trivia Night & Spaghetti Dinner

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

- 24-Liz Davis
 - Anita Gower
 - Alexis Poolos
 - Jacqueline Poolos
 - Nicole Poolos
- 25-Emma Grace Lemons
 - Tommy Murrell
- 26-John Kilde
- 27-Ella Averette
 - Ethan Richards
- 28-Aaron Whisnant
- 29-Harold Sharpe

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

- 01-David Holbrook

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

APRIL

- 24-Robin & Melissa Lemons
 - Vanhna & Pine Sydalack

**SCCM NEED FOR APRIL:
CANNED FRUIT**

**SCCM NEED FOR MAY:
TOILETRIES
(shampoo, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, personal hygiene items)**