



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

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

David N. Johnson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lift up your voice and call out to God.  
People: We cry out, believing that God hears us.  
Leader: Come together and wait for God.  
People: We unite, trusting that God speaks.  
Leader: Take heart, knowing that God is present with us now.  
People: **We wait in hope, for God's** steadfast love lifts our hearts.  
Leader: Come, worship the Lord.  
All: We worship the Lord with hope.

\*CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP

hymnal 515, stanza 1

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,  
In love laid down for me.

\*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 37

*Let All Things Now Living*

Ash Grove

\*CONFESSION OF SIN

\*Call to Confession

hymnal 415, stanza 1

Craig Taylor, Cantor  
*Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.*

\*Prayer of Confession

Silent

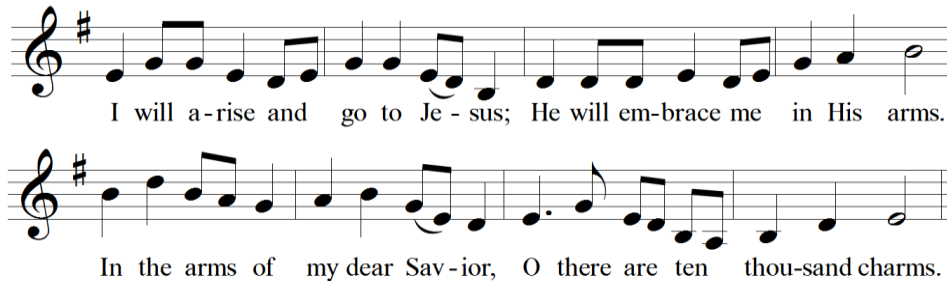
Unison

O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from us our sins. Mercifully kindle in us the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from us our hearts of stone, and give us hearts for love alone: hearts to adore you, hearts to **delight in you, and hearts to follow you, for Christ's sake.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Response to Forgiveness

hymnal 415, refrain



I will a-rise and go to Je - sus; He will em-brace me in His arms.  
In the arms of my dear Sav-ior, O there are ten thou-sand charms.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Mr. 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.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Renunciation and Affirmation

\*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

hymnal, page 14

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Introduction to the Congregation

Anthem

*Feed My Lambs*

Natalie Sleeth

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, in rushing waters and in dry wilderness, in every season and circumstance, we need your sustaining Word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, proclaim the good news among us today so that we may see anew that your kingdom has come near. Amen.

PSALTER READING

*Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22*

Pew Bible, page 528

Congregational Response

Thomas Pavlechko



The Lord de - li - vered them from their dis - tress.

GOSPEL READING

*Mark 12:41-44*

Pew Bible, page 47

ANTHEM

*If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis

SERMON

*Everything She Had*

Mrs. Ayscue

\*HYMN 708

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

Schumann

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Don Joines

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

Johann Sebastian Bach

\*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 697

*Take My Life*

Hendon

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

hymnal 515, stanza 5

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,

**We'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,**

The love that makes us one.

\*POSTLUDE

*Toccata in e minor*

Johann Pachelbel

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\*All that 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 Kimbal Chapman. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Harper Elizabeth Lovins, daughter of Abby (Whitley) and Shawn Lovins, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Elder Chris Whitley is participating in the baptism.

Ushers: John Howell, captain; Al Andrew, Jay Andrew, Brad Boone, Lee Boone, Kalyn Caudle, Bill Hall, Robin Howell, Adam Jolly, Greg Lisk, Ben McLeod, Isabel McLeod, Barbara McManus, and Joe Snuggs  
Nursery: Jana Sanderson Toddler Room: Cici Ly Preschool Partners: Jill Niebler; Isabel McLeod Nana & Papa Team: Sarah & Ronnie Michael **Children's Church:** Sheryl Stewart

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Peter Henkenjohann (recovering from hip replacement surgery), Lathan & Katherine Cox (parents of Sherrie Richards), Greg Johnson (son of June Johnson; recovering from foot operation), David Sanges (brother of Nathan Sanges), Roy and Katie Dearstyne (parents of Holly Norwood; Katie-lung cancer; Roy-multiple health concerns), Bob and Bessie Burris (grandparents of Kim Caudle), Mary Ann Greene, Karen Niebler (mother of Jill Niebler; waiting for liver transplant), Hessie Clark. See newsletter for complete list.

The downtown worshipping community will gather at noon for worship at First Presbyterian Church on Wednesdays during Lent. On Wednesday, March 18, Dr. Andy Jung, pastor of First Baptist Church, will preach. Lunch will follow at 12:30 p.m. in the gym. Cost for lunch is donation only. All proceeds will be directed to benefit the construction costs at the Community Inn.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY LENT LUNCHEON  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

If you are interested in volunteering to help prepare and serve and/or provide a dessert,  
contact Ann Duckwall (704-983-3498) or the church office (704-982-2722).

CENTRAL SCHOOL BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM

First Presbyterian Church, in conjunction with other downtown churches, is sponsoring the Central School Backpack Food Program.



Items needed are:

Saltine Crackers and Individual Packets of Grits

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donations. If you would like to volunteer to help pack the backpacks, contact Debby Johnston (704-982-6006 or [debbyjohnston@hotmail.com](mailto:debbyjohnston@hotmail.com)).

**From the Scholarship Committee...**

Scholarship Applications are now available on the counter in the common area outside the church office or online. The deadline to return completed applications is Thursday, April 9. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2015 are: Ruth Cotton, Chair, Phillip Brown, Heather Deese, and Lee McLaurin, ex-officio.

Easter Eve Camping at Morrow Mountain on April 4

If you want to camp on Easter Eve, contact Ken Knight (704-985-6277 or [kbknight17@gmail.com](mailto:kbknight17@gmail.com)). We'll have a great evening of fellowship and trek to the sunrise service together.

TRIVIA NIGHT ON SUNDAY, MARCH 22 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE GYM  
SPONSORED BY SNL

On Sunday, March 22, SNL will hold its second Trivia Night at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. This is a fundraising event for the entire congregation which will benefit our youth programs. 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 dinner and you will compete with your table or team in a trivia challenge. The questions will cover a broad range of topics and the prizes are going to be well worth the effort. Come test your trivia knowledge and support our youth!



The first Morning of Mission for 2015 will be on Saturday, March 21, starting with breakfast at the church at 8:00 a.m. and followed by a short devotional before the teams head out to the work sites. We are partnering with the Stanly County Senior Center to do home repairs and yard work for residents who cannot do for themselves because of age, health, or financial issues.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Pit Stop or you can contact Don Joines at [djoines@ctc.net](mailto:djoines@ctc.net) or

H:704.982.0348; C: 704.985.9596. Sign-ups are very important to the success of the work projects.

20<sup>th</sup> Annual YMCA Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, April 1  
6:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m. at Stanly Regional Medical Center

Join us for an inspirational message provided by Rev. Brad Lynch, pastor of North Albemarle Baptist Church, and music by Dee Pankey and Charlotte Maness. In addition, the annual Sally C. Stoker Achievement Award will be presented. Contact Sandy Rogers for tickets (704-982-2649 or [sandyrogers119@msn.com](mailto:sandyrogers119@msn.com)). Tickets are \$15.



### Toiletry Items Needed for The Community Inn

If you would like to donate toiletry items for the guests at the Community Inn, please place the following in the yellow bin in the pit stop:

Chapstick, Hand Soap, Washcloth, Hand Lotion,  
Deodorant, Kleenex (travel size)

The toiletry sacks will be assembled at the Palm Sunday Fair on Sunday, March 29 at 9:30 a.m.

This is a wonderful way that your family can boost morale and make a difference in the lives of those in our community who are in need of care.

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### Youth Breakfast

March 16-20, 2015 6:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church Gym

The Stanly County Youth Breakfast begins the week of March 16. The theme for the youth breakfast this year is *Unity*. We will explore the way we are all united by our faith in Jesus Christ. Youth are invited to gather in the gym at 6:30 a.m. each morning of that week for breakfast, fellowship, music, and time to reflect on God. Invite your friends to come join us for the fun! It promises to be a wonderful week of good food and good fun!

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### Easter Lilies

Deadline: Sunday, March 29

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 \$20.00 and place in the offering plate or leave in the church office no later than Sunday, March 29. Checks should be payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and designated "Easter Lilies." All memorials/honorariums received by March 29 will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 5.

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### 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.

# Food for Body & Soul

## Wednesdays in Lent

### March 18 & 25

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer in the Chapel

5:45 p.m. Dinner prepared and served by the Faith & Family Class; Cost...Donation.

Menu: BBQ, Slaw, Baked Beans, Hushpuppies, PB & J Station, Tea, Coffee, Water

- Please sign the Friendship Register if you are planning to attend dinner.

6:15 p.m. Classes

• *That's What I Don't Like About Jesus*

Leader: Our own Pastor David Kilde

Class Location: Church Parlor

*We will reflect on stories about Jesus and the early church in the context of our own experiences of prejudice. All of us view others through the lens of our own experience and belief system. Many of the stories in the New Testament challenge us to view others as Jesus would view them, brothers and sisters with us in the family of God. During our time together, we will share stories about Jesus, and stories from our own experiences as we explore what this means for us today.*

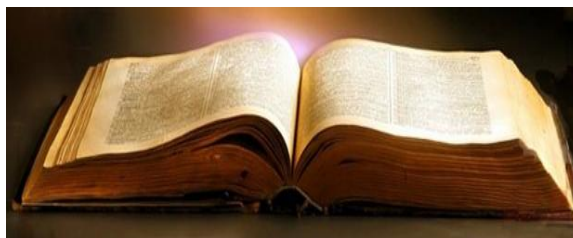
• *Balancing the Christian Life*

Leader: Dan Wray, retired professor at Stanly Community College.

Class Location: Session Room (Basement)

*The Bible is a rich book full of many images and examples of faith and life. It calls us to be active participants in the life of God in Christ in a troubled world. In this study, we will mine the Scriptures for help in shaping a balanced Christian lifestyle, considering such issues as faith and reason, prayer and action, dreams and symbols.*

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### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

When? Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m.

Where? Second Street Sundries; Small Private Room (Lunch is Dutch Treat.)

What? Interested folks will gather with Matt and Elizabeth for wide-ranging discussion about the scripture for the coming Sunday. We'll consider images and issues in building the sermon.





*The Lady's Last*  
by  
Quinton Wainwright

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 15 *Fourth Sunday of Lent/The Sacrament of Baptism*  
*SERRV Sale in the Pit Stop before & after worship*

9:15 am Faith Explorers meet at Annunciation Catholic Church  
(pick up at 2:00 p.m. at the YMCA park)

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

5:00 pm SNL set-up for Youth Breakfast

6:00 pm Small Group at Elizabeth's

Monday, March 16

6:30 am-7:30 am Youth Breakfast (Gym)

10:00 am Small Group with Debby Johnston

7:00 pm Small Group with Connie Wallace & Ken Knight

7:00 pm Small Group with Billie Jean Snuggs at Ly Cuisine

Tuesday, March 17

6:30 am-7:30 am Youth Breakfast (Gym)

11:45 am Gathering Around the Word (Second Street Sundries)

12:00 pm April Newsletter Deadline

6:30 pm Small Group with Greg Lisk

7:00 pm-8:30 pm Confirmation Class

Wednesday, March 18

6:00 am Small Group with Elizabeth

6:30 am-7:30 am Youth Breakfast (Gym)

9:30 am \*Pray & Play

12:00 pm Community Lent Worship at FPC

12:30 pm Community Lent Lunch (gym)

2:00 pm Backpacks for Central School

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

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff/Handbells Ensembles

5:30 pm Evening Prayer Service (Chapel)

5:45 pm Lent Dinner

6:15 pm-7:15 pm Lent Classes

7:15 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 19

6:30 am-7:30 am Youth Breakfast (Gym)

10:00 am Muffins & More

10:00 am Staff Meeting

2:00 pm Small Group with Mary Kesselman

8:00 pm Theology Lite at Little Tokyo (Hwy. 52)

Friday, March 20

6:30 am-7:30 am Youth Breakfast (Gym)

12:00 pm Small Group with Matt Drumheller

Saturday, March 21 *Morning of Mission*

8:00 am Morning of Mission breakfast & prayer

9:00 am Morning of Mission Service in the Community

Sunday, March 22 *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

9:45 am \*Sunday School

10:30 am-11:00 am First Fellowship (pit stop)

11:00 am \*Worship

6:00 pm Trivia Night

6:00 pm Small Group at Elizabeth's

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MARCH

15-Kate Melone

16-Steve Coats

17-Bob Gaither

Frank Green

Rita Whitley

18-Kendall Taylor

19-Catherine McIntyre

Chris Whitley

20-Bo Andrew

Lee McLaurin

21-Sherrie Richards

Laney Smith

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MARCH

20-David & Lillie Hancock

SCCM NEED FOR MARCH: CANNED MEAT  
(Tuna, Chicken, Spam)

Lent Scripture Readings

March 15 Mark 11:1-11

March 16 Mark 11:12-14

March 17 Mark 11:15-19

March 18 Mark 11:20-23

March 19 Mark 12:1-12

March 20 Mark 12:13-27

March 21 Mark 12:28-44

March 22 Mark 13:1-8

\*childcare provided