

An Order
for the Public Worship of God

REFORMATION SUNDAY
AND
KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

First Presbyterian Church (USA)
Albemarle, North Carolina
Founded in 1898

Eleven o'clock in the morning
The Twenty-Eighth Day of October
Two Thousand and Eighteen A.D.

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

On August 17, 1560, reformer John Knox and five of his colleagues presented the first reformed Confession of Faith written in the English language to the Parliament of Scotland. 'The Scots Confession', as it is now known, united all of Scotland in its politics and in the church. From that day on, the nation was united under a Protestant Flag, emblazoned with the cross of St. Andrew. It was the birth of the Church of Scotland, and Presbyterianism became a new denomination of Christians. We celebrate the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation and our Scottish heritage. It is from an unadorned Calvinist faith of Word and Sacrament, preached passionately in Scotland by the great reformer, John Knox, during the sixteenth century that the First Presbyterian Church continues to draw its life and mission. With voices singing and bagpipes playing, we offer our worship to the Glory of God.

PRELUDE

Andrew Warburton, bagpipes

WELCOME

Reverend Matt Drumheller

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Julie Hill

*From a prayer by Peter Marshall (b. Scotland 1902),
originator of the service leading to the Kirkin' o' the Tartans in the United States.*

One: We do need you, Lord.

Many: We need you now.

One: We know that we can do without many of the things that once we thought were necessities,

Many: But without you we cannot live, and dare not die.

One: We needed you when shadows were thrown across the thresholds of our lives,

Many: And you did not fail us then;

One: When sickness laid a hand upon our families,

Many: And we cried to you, and you did hear.

One: Speak to us, that we may have courage for hard times, strength for difficult places, determination for challenging tasks.

Many: We ask of you no easy way, but only your grace that is sufficient for every need,

One: So that no matter how hard the way, how challenging the hour, how dark the sky,

Many: We shall be enabled to overcome. Praise be to God!

*PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS

Andrew Warburton, bagpipes

*Tartans are carried by members and friends of First Presbyterian Church, Norwood,
Locust Presbyterian Church, and First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle.*

*CHORAL INTROIT

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther, arr. Roger Price

This version of Luther's well-known hymn, with its highly rhythmic energy in the style of Renaissance dance music, is what his congregation sang in the 16th century. The sturdy, regular pulse of Glory to God hymn No. 275, which we sing today, dates to the eighteenth century.

***BLESSING OF THE CONGREGATION AND THE TARTANS**

One: Raise your Tartans! (*Banner Bearers lift high their tartans.*)

Many: We raise them up to the Lord!

One: Thank you, O God, for your Word which has ordained a rich heritage of faith and sacrifice from our ancestors, from Adam to Noah, from Noah to Abraham, from Abraham to David, so onward to the incarnation of Jesus Christ, to the establishment of his church: our brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere. Never let us forget that a heritage of faith is a responsibility to be shared.

Many: Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

One: Thank you, O God, for the blessing of family; the warmth, comfort, and security of family love. Never let us forget that our family love is a gift to be shared, that the stranger may be as welcome as a sibling.

Many: Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

One: We praise you, O God, for those who have lived and died in Christ that we might have the freedom to dwell in a community of faith. Never let us forget that the days of sacrifice are not yet over, that we too, have lives to live in faith.

Many: Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

One: On behalf of all clans, families, nations, and faith communities, we stand before God in gratitude for our heritage and pray God's blessing on God's servant people in all lands.

Many: We proclaim that we are all united in the covenant of Jesus Christ, for there is but one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all. Let us worship God.

One: Post Tartans. (*Banners are lowered and posted.*)

***HYMN 275**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' feste Burg

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Martin Luther

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust You altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in You. In You I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; You are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; You are upright. With me there is an abundance of sin; in You is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with You of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

from Psalm 103:8

One: *The LORD is tender and compassionate, slow to anger, and always loving.* May we learn the humility, and find the strength, to live as those created in God's image. Friends, believe the Good News:

Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Old Scottish Chant, hymnal page 580

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Sandy Rogers

***THE SMALL ENTRANCE**

Scripture Bearers: Caroline Lisk and Greg Lisk

God's Word Is Like A Flaming Sword

CHILDREN OF THE KIRK

Reverend Matt Drumheller

PSALM OF THE DAY

I To the Hills Will Lift My Eyes (Psalm 121)

Scottish Psalter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John Calvin

Grant unto us, O Lord, to be occupied in the mysteries of Thy heavenly wisdom, with true progress in piety, to Thy glory and our own edification. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

[Genesis 50:15-21](#)

Pew Bible, page 46

ANTHEM

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord
(Text based on Ephesians 4:4-6; 13)

Craig Courtney

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died.
One voice, one song, we lift in praise to Him who was and is and shall be evermore.

There is one body, one Spirit, as you were called to one hope.
One Lord, baptism, and faith, one God and Father of all, who is in you all.

Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts,
We are given to each other for the unity of faith,
That we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God in the fullness of Christ.

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died.
One voice, one song, we lift in praise to Him who was and is and shall be evermore.
One faith, one hope, one Lord, one God!

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

[Matthew 6:10](#)

Pew Bible, page 5

SERMON

The Four Scariest Words in the Bible

The Reverend Doctor Jan Edmiston

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Scots Confession of 1560*

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory. Amen.

*HYMN 694

Great God of Every Blessing

Aurelia

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Highland Cathedral

Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Celebration

Reverend Elizabeth Ayscue & Reverend Evan Amo

The Lord's table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ. The elements will be received by intinction. On cue from an usher, worshippers are asked to move forward by the center aisles to receive the sacrament and return to their seats by the side aisles. The elements are also available in the balcony and at the rear of the sanctuary. Gluten-free elements are available upon request at the front of the sanctuary.

Prayer 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 649	<i>Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound</i>	Amazing Grace
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>	Peter C. Lutkin
RECESSIONAL		Andrew Warburton, bagpipes
	<i>The congregation will be seated during the recession of the tartans.</i>	
*POSTLUDE	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>	Percy Fletcher

*All who are able may stand.

Visitors are always welcome at First Presbyterian Church. We especially welcome those who have come to worship with us today as we celebrate the rich Scottish history of the Presbyterian Church.

A nursery is available this morning.

Plan to stay following worship for refreshments and fellowship in the pit stop.

Special thanks to the Fellowship Committee, the Worship Committee, and the many folks who have shared their gifts to make worship this morning a moving experience.

Thanks to Bagpiper, Andrew Warburton, who is the Director of Bands & Chorus at South Stanly High School, and to the choirs of Norwood First Presbyterian Church, Locust Presbyterian Church, and First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, for their participation in worship.

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

Communion servers today are Jane Blackman and John Spencer from Locust Presbyterian Church, Finley Sutton and Jeff Russell from First Presbyterian Church, Norwood, Dona Lisk and Taylor Johnston from First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, and the pastors of all three churches.

Ushers: Jack Morton, captain, Taylor Barbee, Duncan Bryson, Jim Ivey, Robert Ivey, Greg Lisk, Penny Morton, and Jeff Robertson **Elder Greeters:** Lee McLaurin; Lynn White **Nursery:** Cortney Brown **Kids Care Crew:** Gayle & Ned Russell

There will be no Children's Church today. School-aged children are encouraged to participate in worship.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Cam Rogers, Cyndi Thornton (niece of Lynn White; breast cancer), Sally Warburton (friend of Debbie & John Hahn), Marty Goforth (friend of Debbie & John Hahn; treatment for melanoma), Margaret Brooks (friend of Debbie & John Hahn), Katherine Cox (mother of Sherrie Richards; health concerns), Conor Granger (nephew of Laura McLeod; mental health issues), Holly Norwood, Judy Murrell. See newsletter for complete list.

Tartan Bearers

Tartan

Buchanan
Clergy
Davidson
Frazier
Glasgow
Glasgow
Gordon
Gunn
Keith
Leslie
Lindsey
Livingston
MacDonald
MacDougall
MacDuff
MacFarland
MacFarland
MacKay
MacLeod of Harris
MacNaughton
MacNeil
MacQueen
McLeod
Montgomery
Robertson
Ross
Shaw
Stewart
Stewart
Tara
Wallace
Wallace
Watson

Donor Family

Hahn
Ayscue
Finley
Frazier
Palmer
Palmer
Hahn
McManus
Andrew
Abernathy
Cumming
Andrew
Cotton
Sanges
Ayscue
Ayscue
Ayscue
Troutman
Bryson
Carter
Hall
Palmer
McLeod
Montgomery
Knight/Wallace
Liles
Montgomery
Liles
Myers
Jolly
Palmer
Wallace/Knight
Green

Carrier

Debbie Hahn
Reverend Evan Amo
Peggy Finley
Andy Cotton
Jackson Palmer
Jacob Palmer
John Hahn
Lee McManus
Mark Andrew
Don Abernathy
Ella Cumming
Al Andrew
James Cotton
Natalie Niederer
Ruth Cotton
Rebekah Ayscue
Brent Lisk
Grant Lisk
Duncan Bryson
Courtney Niederer
Bill Hall
Ellie Niederer
Eric Niederer
Elizabeth Bryson
Ken Knight
Maverick Baucom
Michelle Cumming
Stephen Remsburg
Elaine Coats
Katherine Jolly
Kirk Wallace
Connie Wallace
Eric Jones

THE SCOTTISH TRADITION

The Presbyterian Church is steeped in Scottish tradition as it was developed in the 16th century by John Knox. In 1560, he developed the First Book of Discipline which attempted to apply the theocratic system, developed in Geneva, Switzerland by John Calvin, to a whole kingdom. In each congregation, there would be a minister and elders holding office and forming a Session with the consent of the congregation. Presbyteries, Synods, and General Assemblies were part of this plan as well. Besides the ecclesiastical features, the book sketched out notable schemes of national education and relief for the poor.

For conduct of public worship, Knox prepared a Book of Common Order which was approved by the General Assembly in 1564. This document suggests much about the order of Scottish worship and its rugged simplicity included in today's service. A few comments are in order so that worshipers might fully appreciate this service.

1. The Entrances are of strategic importance. The Scottish Presbyterian held in highest honor the open Word of God and the Communion (Great Entrance). Thus, each Sunday the people would stand in honor as the holy items were brought into and taken from the Sanctuary. This custom is still observed in the old parish churches of Scotland.
2. The *Old Scottish Gloria Patri* will be sung by the choir.
3. Scottish Presbyterians are heard affirming their faith. Today's service includes the Scots Confession. This confession was written in 1560 by six ministers, including John Knox, in a period of four days. It is grounded on the infallible word of God.
4. The bagpipes are Scotland's traditional music makers. The sounds are stately, joyous, and thrilling. Depending on the particular clan of Scots, the royal dress was that of tartan kilts.
5. While our service order is not an exact replica of the traditional Scottish service, it highlights the tone and distinctiveness of that worship event.

THE SCOTS CONFESSION AND BANNER SYMBOLS

1. The Blue (Presbyterian blue) is the background color of the seal of the Church of Scotland.

2. The Tartan, X-shaped cross is called the St. Andrews cross since he was the apostle, who according to tradition, brought the Gospel to Scotland. The tartan, or plaid, is of the Hamilton clad, because Patrick Hamilton was the first martyr of the Scottish Reformation.

3. The Celtic Cross is associated with early Christians in the British Isles and especially St. Columba and the Isle of Iona, on the West Coast of Scotland. Three stone Celtic crosses still stand on the Island. The Celtic Cross is the traditional symbol of the Presbyterian Church.

4. The Ship is a symbol of the Church. There is also the Biblical imagery of the ark. The Confession contains a remarkable strong doctrine of the church.

5. The Bible and the Sword: Paul called the Word of God *The Sword of the Spirit*. John Knox's preaching of the Word was a major power for Reformation in Scotland. Knox, a teacher himself, put considerable emphasis on the study of the Word of God and Church Education. He said there should be a school in every church parish.

6. The Burning Bush, unconsumed, reminds us of Moses' experience on Mt. Sinai. It is a symbol of God's presence and His call to us in our day and time. *The Scots Confession was written in Scotland in 1560 by John Knox and five other men in several days time.*



KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

2018

Worshippers gathered 76 years ago on Sunday evening, April 27, 1941, in Washington, D.C., at a special service led by Peter Marshall, famed pastor (1935-1949) of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, and Chaplain to the United States Senate (1947-1949). Attended by some members of the St. Andrews Society of Washington, D.C., the service had Scottish airs as a prelude to the service.

Originally designed to raise funds, this service sought to aid Scottish churches during the early days of World War II, as well as the British war effort by providing a mobile kitchen, according to the church bulletin. This service later evolved into what is today the Kirkin' o' the Tartan held in many locations across America. Since 1952, an annual Kirkin' has been held at the National Cathedral in the nation's capital.

Remembrance of early Scottish Presbyterianism, Kirkin' o' the Tartan worship services have spread across America. In Albemarle, our first Kirkin' was held in July 2003.

Scotland, in the mid-18th century, saw the English parliament and monarch (*The Disarming Act, 1746-1782*) banning weapons, as well as the wearing of tartans or kilts by Highland clansmen (effective August 1747). Some legends and folklore have it that clansmen would carry small pieces of the banned tartan cloth to the Church (Kirk) and the clergymen would slip a blessing into the service.

Holy Scriptures were the responsibility of The Beadle, a lay person in the Scottish Kirk. The Beadle brought the Bible into the Kirk for the worship service, as we do for today's service.

In early history, clans were simply a gathering of peoples for their protection and for economic, political, and social support. They were not necessarily related by blood. Specific tartans developed simply because each area liked to weave a certain design using local herb dyes. Why then do we celebrate clans and tartans? It is because the clansmen and clanswomen demonstrated true brotherhood and the clan was the family. The tartan is a symbol of this love and togetherness.

Prayer and praise are central to all Kirkin' worship services. Today, we invite you to remain in prayer as we remember ancient times and our present kith and kin, while asking God's help and blessings for the future.

The Reformation

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, a Catholic monk, posted *The Ninety Five Theses*, the common title to his *Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences* on the castle door at Wittenburg. Though the disputation did not take place, it launched a Reformation of the church and resulted in the birth of the Protestant Church. On this 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's act, we commemorate this memorial date and celebrate the particular gifts of the Reformation which we hold dear. Among those are the *solas* that have formed the theology of the Presbyterian Church.

Sola scriptura (by Scripture alone)

Sola fide (by faith alone)

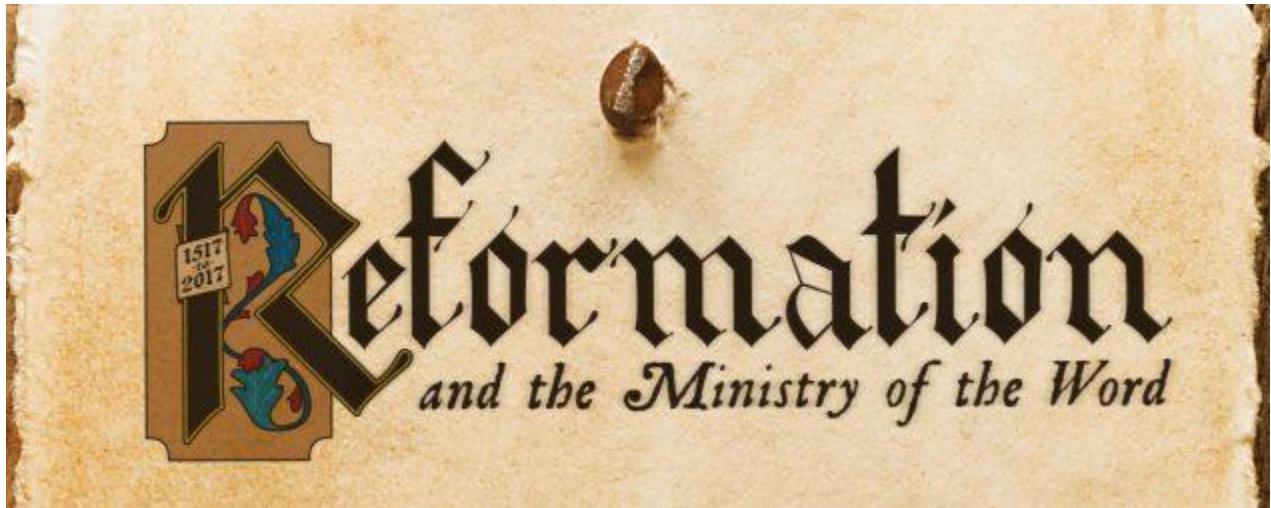
Sola gratia (by grace alone)

Solo Christo (through Christ alone)

Soli Deo (glory to God alone)

We celebrate our common commitment to Jesus Christ and our acknowledgement that we come to know Christ only by God's grace.

To God be the glory.



Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF during Sunday School on October 28

The children's classes will visit the Youth Sunday School and all adult Sunday School classes with information about UNICEF and their UNICEF boxes. Please be prepared to support UNICEF and the children of First Presbyterian Church as they support the children of the world on Sunday, October 28.

Your gifts make a difference!



Fall Carnival

Sunday, October 28

5:00 p.m.-6:30 pm. in the Church Gym



On October 28, our youth will host the annual Fall Carnival for the children and families of the church. Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of costumed fun. There will be prizes of all shapes and sizes, plenty of candy, and even a costume contest. Please join us from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



All Young Adults are invited to meet for lunch at noon on the first Thursday of every month.

If you are interested, please contact Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org). November 1 at El Ranchito (720 NC 24-27, Albemarle)



Chancel Choir Retreat

**Saturday, November 3...9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Henry Pfeiffer Chapel...Pfeiffer University**



**!!! ATTENTION !!!
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4.
REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS
BACK ONE HOUR!**

VETERANS DAY FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

On Veterans Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of veterans. **Each name is \$2.00.** Please mail, deliver or place in the offering plate your money with the form below no later than Sunday, November 4. Please make your check payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and designate for Veterans Day Arrangements. The names of donors and those being remembered/honored will be listed on Sunday, November 11. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.



VETERANS DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Sharing God's Many Blessings Consecration Sunday is November 4 with lunch following worship



Menu:

Roast Beef with gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Apple Cider Infused Carrots, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert, Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, and Water

The Fellowship Committee is seeking volunteers to bring desserts.

Please contact Connie Wallace (connie.wallace59@gmail.com or 704-699-3715) if you can help.

All Saints Day...Sunday, November 4



On the day we remember all those who have gone before us, the Worship Committee will provide an opportunity for you to remember your saint. Please pick up a daisy provided as you enter the sanctuary on Sunday, November 4. During the service at the designated time, you may place your daisy in a basket located at the front of the sanctuary as you remember your loved one.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Return Filled Boxes on Sunday, November 4

First Family Dinner

Wednesday, November 7

Evening Prayer at 5:45 p.m. in the Chapel

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym

Menu: Taco Bar, Nachos & Cheese, Black Beans, Mexican Rice, PB & J Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts, Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

Contact the church office to make reservations (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)

by noon on Tuesday, November 6 to say you're coming.



Volunteers Are Needed for First Family Gathering

- Los Dessert Crew: Tuesday, November 6 at 10:00 a.m.
- Los Taco & Salad Crew: Wednesday, November 7 at 10:00 a.m.
- Los Set-up Crew: Wednesday, November 7 at 3:45 p.m.
- Los Final Touches Crew: Wednesday, November 7 at 5:00 p.m.
- Los Clean-up Crew: Wednesday, November 7 at 6:45 p.m.



Please call Senora Jane Snyder at the church (704-982-2722) or on her cell phone (704-438-3358) if you would like to help!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 28

Reformation Sunday & Kirkin' of the Tartans

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

9:45 am *Sunday School/Trick or Treat for UNICEF

11:00 am *Worship

5:00 pm-6:30 pm Fall Carnival (Gym)

Monday, October 29

8:00 pm Monday Evening Bible Study w/Matt

Wednesday, October 31

No Youth Club

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 1

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at El Ranchito
(720 NC 24-27, Albemarle)

Saturday, November 3

9:00 am-2:00 pm Choir Retreat at Pfeiffer University

Sunday, November 4 *Consecration Sunday/All Saints Day/*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Ten-Cents-A-Meal/

Faith Explorers Sing/Youth Club Handbell Ensemble Ring/

Dedication of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes/

Deadline for Veteran's Day Flower Form/Daylight Saving Time Ends

8:30 am Mission Committee

9:00 am Breakfast Bunch

9:30 am Faith Explorers' Rehearsal

9:45 am Youth Club Handbell Rehearsal

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Consecration Luncheon (Gym)

2:00 pm-5:00 pm New Officer Training (pit stop/parlor)

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

7:00 pm Called Session Meeting

*childcare provided

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

29- Lillie Hancock

30- Teresa Taylor

31- Ruth Cotton

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

OCTOBER

31- Sam & Liz Davis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER

01- Brody Campbell

Donna Gaither

03- Bailey Holshouser Radanovich

Barbara Overcash

04- Connie Wallace

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

NOVEMBER

03- Matt & Katie Carpenter

SCCM FOOD CHALLENGE FOR OCTOBER:

Peanut Butter & Jelly

SCCM FOOD CHALLENGE FOR NOVEMBER:

Canned or Dried Beans, Canned Tomatoes,
Rice



Presbyterian Habitat for Humanity Build

Groundbreaking for the Badin house

Sunday, November 11 at 12:45 p.m.

**We'll meet the homeowner, Kendra Johnson and her family, and
have homemade chili together.**

**Bring a chair, dress casually,
and plan to be part of this shared endeavor!**