



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

Guide My Feet

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Youth Club Orff Ensemble

Brody Campbell, Piper Campbell, Ella Cumming, Nathaniel Eudy, Oliver Henkenjohann,
Ellis Johnson, Maddox Johnson, Thora Kilde, Abby Snuggs, Holden Taylor, and Caroline West

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the wilderness, water brings life.

People: Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.

Leader: In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

People: Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

Leader: In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

People: Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.

Leader: Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity.
Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

*CHORAL INTROIT

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Karl P. Harrington

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

*Bread for the World Letters and the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger
may be brought forward at this time.*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent

Unison

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live in your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Believe the good news,

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**

Gloria Patri

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, Amen.

**RECOGNITION OF TEACHERS AND LEADERS
IN THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Jim Carter and Gina Martin

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

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

Come, Holy Spirit, that through your word we may be guided into the love of God for all the world. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 22:25-31

Pew Bible, page 474

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 8:26-40

Pew Bible, page 119

SERMON

What Is To Prevent Me?

Mrs. Ayscue

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from *The Confession of 1967*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to God's call. With an urgency born of eternal hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world, looking beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.

***HYMN 435**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mr. 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 *Chorale* Johannes Brahms
*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 837 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* Showalter

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Benediction* Peter Anglea

*POSTLUDE *Procesión Alegre* Garry A. Cornell

*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 Robert Ivey. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

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

We will receive the Bread for the World Letters and the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger today during the singing of the first hymn.

Ushers: Phillip Brown, captain; Brad Boone, Lee Boone, Mandy Brown, Wes Eudy, Don Joines, Nancy Joines, and Mary Kesselman **Elder Greeters:** Bob Johnston; Kim Marshall **Nursery:** Cici Ly **Toddler Room:** Lauren Cranford **Preschool Partners:** Penny & Jack Morton **Nana & Papa Team:** Debby Johnston; Joyce Lambert **Children’s Church:** Penny Morton

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Olin Huneycutt (father of Angie Earnhardt), Gloria Bryson (recovering from knee replacement), Barbara McManus, Anne Cyrus (aunt of Lauren Howell; stage 4 breast cancer), Anita Gower, Toby Webb, Caleb Poston (great-grandson of Joan & Roger Belsan), Becky Carter, Peter Henkenjohann, Lathan & Katherine Cox (parents of Sherrie Richards), David Sanges (brother of Nathan Sanges). **See newsletter for complete list.**

THANK YOU

Thank you to our church family for all the cards, calls, food, and prayers. Each kindness shown to us is greatly appreciated.

Becky & Joe Carter

TESTING PROCTORS NEEDED AT CENTRAL SCHOOL
EOG testing is set for May 27-June 11 at Central School. Proctors are desperately needed!!! If you can help, please contact Adeena East (adeena.east@stanlycountyschools.org) or Shelly Eudy (shelly.eudy@stanlycountyschools.org).



**Recognition of Teachers and Leaders
in Christian Education
Sunday, May 3
11:00 a.m. Worship**

*They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.*
Psalm 1:3

These folks make a year-long commitment to share the word of God with the children, youth, and adults of the church in a variety of ways. Thank you to the following who: teach Sunday School, volunteer at Sunday Night Live, lead Children's Church, plan Sunday outings for Faith Explorers, volunteer at Youth Club and Youth Cubs, serve as Childcare Staff, serve on the Christian Education Committee, serve on a Nana & Papa team, serve as a Preschool Partner, and lead the Children's Sermon.

Janice Abernathy	Banks Garrison	Bill Lindley	Frank Poolos
Linda Anderson	Susan Garrison	Dona Lisk	Brett Richards
Kim Andrew	Kate Gibson	Greg Lisk	Linda Richards
Mildred Andrew	Frank Green	Cici Ly	Sandy Rogers
Adrienne Averette	Mary Green	Chris Mabry	Rose Saltzman
Elizabeth Ayscue	Martha Sue Hall	Laura Beth Marks	Jana Sanderson
Skeet Ayscue	John Howell	Kim Marshall	Jillian Scardina
Joan Belsan	Lee Johnson	Carolyn McLaurin	Janet Schaefer
Debbie Bennett	Debby Johnston	Ben McLeod	Carroll Sitton
Keith Bryson	Bill Jolly	Isabel McLeod	Larry Sitton
Kristie Bryson	Dustin Jolly	Laura McLeod	Ann Snuggs
Josh Campbell	Taylor Jolly	Mike McLeod	Billie Jean Snuggs
Jim Carter	Heather Kilde	Barbara McManus	Lee Snuggs
Kim Caudle	John Kilde	Kate Melone	Caroline Snyder
Anissa Chapman	Bryce Kimrey	Ronnie Michael	Ellen Snyder
Chris Chapman	Nikki Kindelberger	Sarah Michael	Jane Snyder
Lauren Cranford	Morgan Kinley	Bruce Mittendorf	Sheryl Stewart
Betty Crook	Ken Knight	Marlene Mittendorf	Kassie Taylor
Patrick Currie	Danny Lambert	Catherine Moeller	Salem Taylor
Virginia Currie	Joyce Lambert	Matt Moeller	Teresa Taylor
Heather Deese	Kyle Lambert	Jack Morton	Connie Wallace
Matt Drumheller	Emma Lemons	Penny Morton	Shirley Welch
Angie Earnhardt	Melissa Lemons	Jill Niebler	Martha White
Melissa Eudy	Robin Lemons	Susan Pandich	Elizabeth Wilson
Wes Eudy	Kelly Lentz	Lynn Poplin	
Bob Gaither	Barbara Lindley	Beth Poolos	

SUPER SUPPER FIRST FAMILY GATHERING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

EVENING PRAYER
5:45 p.m. in the Chapel

DINNER
6:00 p.m. in the Gym

Super Supper Bar Menu:

This is a Super Salad Bar with over 15 options! This will include choices for the super healthy to the super picky eaters! We will also have a Super Ice Cream Sundae Bar! So come hang out and eat at the bar with us. Contact the church office 704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org by noon on Tuesday, May 5 to say you're coming.



Featuring Artwork from the Children of Central School

Delicious, Goopy, Dangerous Desserts

Needed from First Presbyterian Church



Our partner school, Central Elementary, will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week beginning May 4. We'll contribute by providing the treats on Thursday, May 7. Can you provide a delicious dessert for the deeply committed staff at Central? Contact Carroll Sitton (carrollsitton@rtmc.net or 336-461-5158) or let the church office know (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) what you're bringing.

Volunteers Needed for next First Family Gathering

- Dessert Crew: Tuesday, May 5th at 10:00 a.m.
- Set up crew: Tuesday, May 5th at 1:00 p.m.
- Meat Crew: Wednesday, May 6th at 10:00 a.m.
- Salad and Toppings Crew: Wednesday, May 6th at 1:00 p.m.
- Final Touches crew: Wednesday, May 6th at 5:15 p.m.
- Clean-up crew: Wednesday, May 6th at 6:45 p.m.

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 3**. 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 10**. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

MOTHER'S 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: _____

NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP

May newsletters are available for pick-up in the narthex, pit stop, and the common area outside the church office. Newsletters are available for those without email addresses. One per family, please. Pick up your copy today!



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS**

(completed 4th – 6th Grades)

June 22-25 (Monday-Thursday)

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

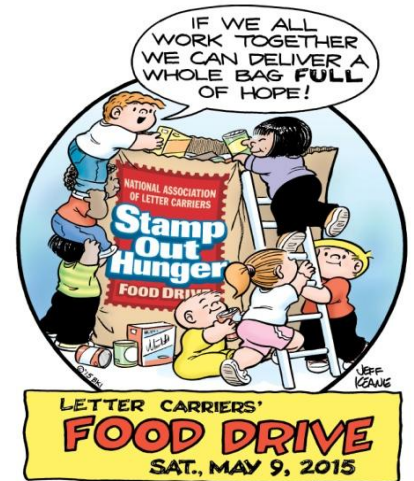
Cost: \$30.00 per child

Camp Limit of 12 children

**Contact Jane Snyder for more information and to register
(704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org).**

**The 23rd Annual Letter Carriers’
Stamp Out Hunger
Food Drive
Saturday, May 9**

For more than 20 years, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) has conducted an annual nationwide food drive on the second Saturday in May. Using the unparalleled postal networks, letter carriers collect non-perishable food donations on that day as they deliver mail along their postal routes. For more than a decade, the drive has annually collected more than 70 million pounds of food. Over the course of its history, the food drive has collected 1.3 billion pounds of food to help feed our neighbors.

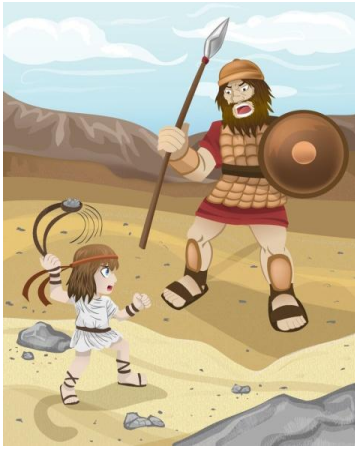


Brown grocery bags are available for you to pick-up in the pit stop and narthex.

Don’t forget to leave non–perishable food by your mail box!

Most needed items are canned soup, dried peas and beans, canned meat, mac–n–cheese, pasta, rice and noodles.

Thank you for giving generously to the citizens of Stanly County!



The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit

First Presbyterian Church

Music & Arts Camp

June 14-18, 2015

Children and adults will delight in the exciting story of David and Goliath, where the message of the story comes alive in a fresh, new way. There is plenty of humor in the musical comedy, *Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit*, by Allen Pote & Tom Long, with the timeless power of the message: *Our great God is worthy of trust, and His power is victorious if we trust Him with every challenge.* Music & Arts Camp promises to provide a fun-filled week of entertainment for the camper and volunteers!

FOR WHOM?

For you if you are age 4 (must turn 4 before June 30) or older - - all the way through completed 6th grade AND if you love to create, sing and have fun with others. Everyone is welcome.

WHAT WILL WE DO?

We'll sing and dance, create sets, play percussion instruments, study the Bible in new ways, act and play. It will be a full and exciting week.

WHEN WILL WE DO IT? It all begins on Sunday, June 14 at 2:00 p.m. ('til 5:00 p.m.). On June 15-18, these are the hours:

Ages 4-5

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Grades K-6 (completed)

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

WHAT ELSE?

Early Bird Registration Fee is only \$30.00 (by May 29).

Late Registration Fee is \$35.00 (after May 29).

Children who have completed grades K-6 should bring a lunch each day. Drinks will be provided.

**The camp's grand finale will be a performance of on Thursday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m.
(Ice Cream follows)**

Name _____	Age _____	& Grade Completed (as of June 10) _____
Address _____		
Phone _____	Email Address _____	
Parent's Name _____		
Emergency Contact during hours of Music & Arts Camp _____		
Food or other allergies _____		
T Shirt Size: YX-Small (2-4) YSmall (6-8) YMedium(10-12) YLarge (14-16) YXLarge(18-20)		
Adult S M L XL		
Other things we should know about this child _____		

Return registration form to:
First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578
126 West North Street
Albemarle, NC 28002

Questions? (704) 982-2722
or email Gina Martin
(gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org)

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 3

Recognition of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education

Youth Club Orff Ensemble performs in worship

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering

Mother's Day Flower Form due to Church Office

9:45 am *Sunday School

9:45 am Youth Club Orff Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)

4:45 pm-7:45 pm SNL

Monday, May 4

7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Joyce Lambert
(750 Pee Dee Ave., Albemarle)

8:30 pm Senior High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Tuesday, May 5

10:00 am First Family Dessert Crew

1:00 pm First Family Set-up Crew

7:00 pm-8:30 pm Confirmation Class (Session Room)

Wednesday, May 6

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:30 am *Pray & Play

10:00 am First Family Meat Crew

12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

12:00 pm Young Adult Luncheon at El Ranchito (Hwy. 52)

1:00 pm First Family Salad & Toppings Crew

5:15 pm First Family Final Touches Crew

5:45 pm Evening Prayer (Chapel)

6:00 pm First Family Dinner (Gym)

6:45 pm First Family Clean-up Crew

7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Thursday, May 7

National Day of Prayer

Desserts for Central School Teacher Appreciation

9:00 am Muffins & More

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

4:45 pm-7:45 pm SNL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

03-Carole Yost

04-Brad Boone

08-Barbara McManus

Lee Snuggs

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MAY

09-Lee & Barbara McManus

SCCM NEED FOR MAY:

TOILETRIES

Shampoo, Toothpaste, Soap, Deodorant, Personal Hygiene Items

***childcare provided**