



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

Be Thou My Vision

Dale Wood

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: We will call upon the name of the Lord,

People: And worship God with thanksgiving.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Good and generous God, you have blessed us with favor and counted us as your people through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Freed by your grace, let us extend your generosity to others, sharing our bread with the poor, pleading the cause of the afflicted, and receiving all who assemble in your name with the warmth of your love and the richness of your hospitality; in the good name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

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

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name.

*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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Mike McLeod

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of this conversation, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM READING

Psalm 22, selected verses

Leader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

People: **O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.**

Leader: But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

People: **All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;**

Leader: Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver – let him rescue the one in whom he delights!

People: **Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast.**

Leader: On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

People: **Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.**

CHOIR'S FAVORITE HYMNS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 37:14b-28

Pew Bible, page 33

SERMON

Joseph's Day

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Heidelberg Catechism (1562)

Leader: What do you believe when you say: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?*

People: **That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth with all that is in them, who also upholds and governs them by his eternal counsel and providence, is for the sake of Christ his Son my God and my Father. I trust in God so completely that I have no doubt that God will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul. Moreover, whatever evil God sends upon me in this troubled life God will turn to my good, for he is able to do it, being almighty God, and is determined to do it, being a faithful Father. Amen.**

*HYMN 833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

St. Margaret

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

Aria

Flor Peeters

*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 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Chorale

Johann Gottfried Walther

*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.

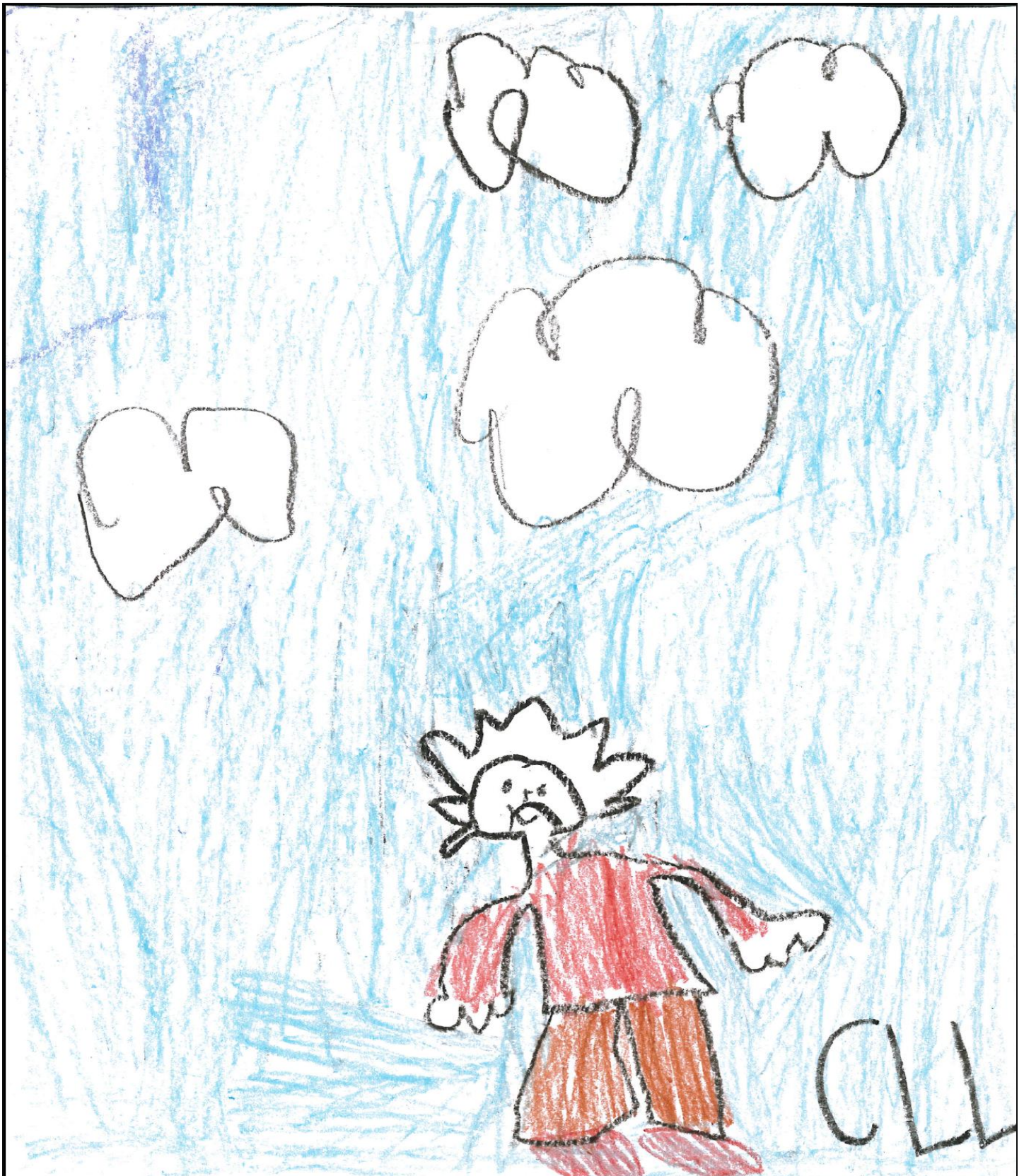
The acolyte today is Duncan Bryson. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Ushers: Wes Eudy, captain; Steve Cumming, Angie Earnhardt, Greg Lisk, Ronnie Michael, Witt Snuggs, and Morgan Smet **Elder Greeters:** Tom Norwood; Ellen Whitley **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Cici Ly **Preschool Partners:** Susan Pandich; Janet Schaefer **Nana & Papa Team:** Joan Belsan; Carroll Sitton

There will be no Children’s Church during August.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Charles Miller (husband of Marion Andrew Miller), Elliott Efird (granddaughter of Gayle & ned Russell; diagnosed with galactosimia), Randall Kimrey (father of Bryce Kimrey), Anita Gower, Karen Niebler (mother of Jill Niebler), Barbara McManus, David Sanges (brother of Nathan Sanges), Don Little, Glenn Burris. **See newsletter for complete list.**

Following worship on Sunday, August 9, Lee Boone will host a brunch which will provide funding for his Eagle Scout project (check out the wall of storage cabinets on the gym stage!). There is no cost for brunch, but your contribution (of any amount) is welcome.



**Thanks to Caroline Lisk
for her artwork based on the book
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
by Judith Viorst.**



Central Elementary School Supply List 2015-2016

DONATIONS MAY BE PLACED IN THE DESIGNATED BINS IN THE PIT STOP.

1½ Inch 3 Ring Binder w/pockets	2 Inch 3 Ring Binder
3 Inch 3 Ring Binder	5 Subject Spiral Notebooks
Primary Pencils	3 Ring Dividers with Tabs (pack of 5)
#2 Pencils	Lead Pencils (1.3mm)
Glue Sticks	Staplers
Bottle of Elmer's Glue	Rolls of Scotch Tape
Pink Pearl Erasers	Pencil Top Erasers
Highlighters	Sharpened Pencils
Small Handheld Pencil Sharpener	Small Zipper Pencil Pouch
Small Plastic Pencil Box	Scissors (child-size; youth size)
1 Subject Spiral Notebook Composition Notebook (<u>no spiral bound</u> ; wide ruled)	
Pack of Notebook Paper (<u>wide ruled and college</u>)	Index Cards (3 x 5)
Folders with Pockets	Folders with Pockets and Prongs
Pack of Hole Reinforcements	White/Colored Cardstock Paper
Various Colors of Posterboard (for projects)	Sticky Post-it notes (2"x2" or larger)
Dry Erase Markers	24 count Crayola Crayons
Pack of Crayola Markers	Crayola colored pencils
Playdough (playdough brand)	Legal Pads
Headphones (no earbuds)	Packs of Color or White Copy Paper
Folders w/3 hole punch	Gallon Size Ziplock Bags
Sandwich Size Ziplock Bags	Kleenex
Baby Wipes	Hand sanitizer
Lysol/Clorox wipes	Anti-bacterial wipes
Paper towels	Band aids

Craft Supplies: felt squares, paint, yarn, buttons, playdough, tissue paper, glitter, scrapbook paper, etc.

Please help Central School and its 600 students stock up on basic school supplies.

Last year's generous donations were depleted by Christmas.

It's most cost effective to buy now. Many thanks!

Uniform donations are also needed...khaki shorts, pants, and skirts of all sizes!

Uniform shirts for youth are \$7.50 and adults are \$8.50. These are plain polo shirts.

The greatest need is in youth sizes.

Donations are needed by August 17 and may be placed in the pit stop.

The kitchen renovation is underway and on schedule. Much of the electrical work and plumbing has been done. It is not too late to make a pledge or contribution to the *Our Living Legacy* campaign. Each gift moves us closer to being able to complete work in the gym.

The Community Inn will have its annual BBQ fundraiser on Friday, August 14. Can you help by providing one or more un-iced pound cakes or by helping with delivery or some other way? A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the pit stop.

The Mwandi travelers departed yesterday. While at the Mwandi Mission, they will be painting the maternity ward at the hospital. Please hold them close in your prayers as they travel and serve.



**LEMONADE ON THE LAWN
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
FOLLOWING 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOSTS THE ANNUAL
CENTRAL SCHOOL FACULTY & STAFF LUNCHEON
MONDAY, AUGUST 17 AT 11:30 A.M.**

On August 17, First Presbyterian Church will host a back-to-school luncheon for faculty and staff at Central Elementary School. We are planning a menu for 90-100 people. Contact Ruth Cotton (704-983-2481 or hugawolf@hotmail.com), Carolyn Sharpe (704-982-2814 or carolynsharpe@live.com), or Sandy Saunders (704-982-3845 or swsaunders63@gmail.com) let her know you would like to provide a salad (of any type) or dessert.

**First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery presents
the Summer Art Exhibit
Featured Artist, Joyce Lambert**

A collection of oil paintings by Joyce Lambert, a member of this congregation, are exhibited in the First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery. This exhibit features wildlife, the Mwandi Village, several portraits, and landscapes. We appreciate Joyce sharing her art work with us.

ATTENTION VEGETABLE GARDENERS!!!

As you tend your summer vegetable garden, please remember to plant a little extra so that you can share some of the fruits of your labors with members of our congregation as well as the clients at the Stanly Community Christian Ministry. Bring your harvest to the table in the pit stop on Sunday mornings so that folks can have an opportunity to make a purchase. The donations will be sent to SCCM. Whatever vegetables remain will be transported to the SCCM food pantry.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 2

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering

10:00 am *Worship

Monday, August 3

8:30 am SNL Monday Morning Mission

Wednesday, August 5

6:30 am Toby Webb Men’s Prayer Breakfast

12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Thursday, August 6

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, August 7

Church Office Closed – Summer Friday

Sunday, August 9

9:00 am Diaconate

10:00 am *Worship

11:00 am Brunch hosted by Lee Boone
(pit stop)

11:00 am Adult Christian Education Task Force

6:00 pm Worship Committee

7:00 pm Session

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

AUGUST

- 03-John McIntyre
- 04-Terrie Holshouser
- 05-Caroline McLeod
- 06-Gabriel Beamon
Phillip Brown
- 07-Greg Lisk
Keith Wolf
- 08-Leslie Carter
Martha Sue Hall
Mellanie Hendrix

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

AUGUST

- 06-Gus & Pam Holbrook
- 07-Ross & Terrie Holshouser

Summer Fridays

The church office is closed on
Fridays through August.

SCCM NEED FOR AUGUST:

Canned Vegetables