



**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

*Trust and Obey*  
Adam Jolly, Piano

Daniel B. Towner

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning God created all things,

**People: And God saw that they were good.**

Leader: At our beginning, God created us,

**People: Unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God.**

Leader: In all our new beginnings, God creates something new.

**People: Open our eyes to see your presence, our souls to sense your mercy, and our hearts to sense your love.**

\*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 26

*Earth and All Stars!*

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\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, forgive us when we forget that we are created in your image. Forgive us when we distort that image in ourselves or in others. All too often we focus on competition or comparison, rather than loving ourselves or others for who you created us to be. Remind us of your deep love for us as people who reflect your likeness to the world.**

\*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  
AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Penny Morton  
Matt Drumheller

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

Prayer  
Hymn

(sung to the tune of *Morning Has Broken*)

Bless all who learn and bless those who guide them,  
Bless those who teach and counsel and care.  
May they remember you walk beside them,  
Through all their school days, you, Lord, are there.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our eyes that we may see the glory of your creation revealed in Holy Scripture. May your words bring light to our darkness, and hope in a hurting world. Amen.**

PSALM READING

*Psalm 8*

Pew Bible, page 466

ANTHEM

*All That I Am*  
Uwharrie Sound

William Himes

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 1:26-27*

Pew Bible, page 1

SERMON

*Reflected Wonders*

Mr. Drumheller

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

hymnal, page 35

**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.**

\*HYMN 503

*Lord, We Have Come At Your Own Invitation*

O Quanta Qualia

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Debby Johnston

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

*Brother James' Air*

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

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*HYMN 104

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

Valet will ich dir geben

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Rigaudon*

Andre Campra

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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 Roberty Ivey.** 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:** Salem Taylor **Preschool Partners:** Angie Earnhardt; Adrienne Averette; Kelly Lentz **Nana & Papa Team:** Chris Mabry; Elizabeth Wilson

**There will be no Children's Church during August.**

**Thanks to** Adam Jolly and Uwharrie Sound for sharing their musical talent with us in worship this morning.

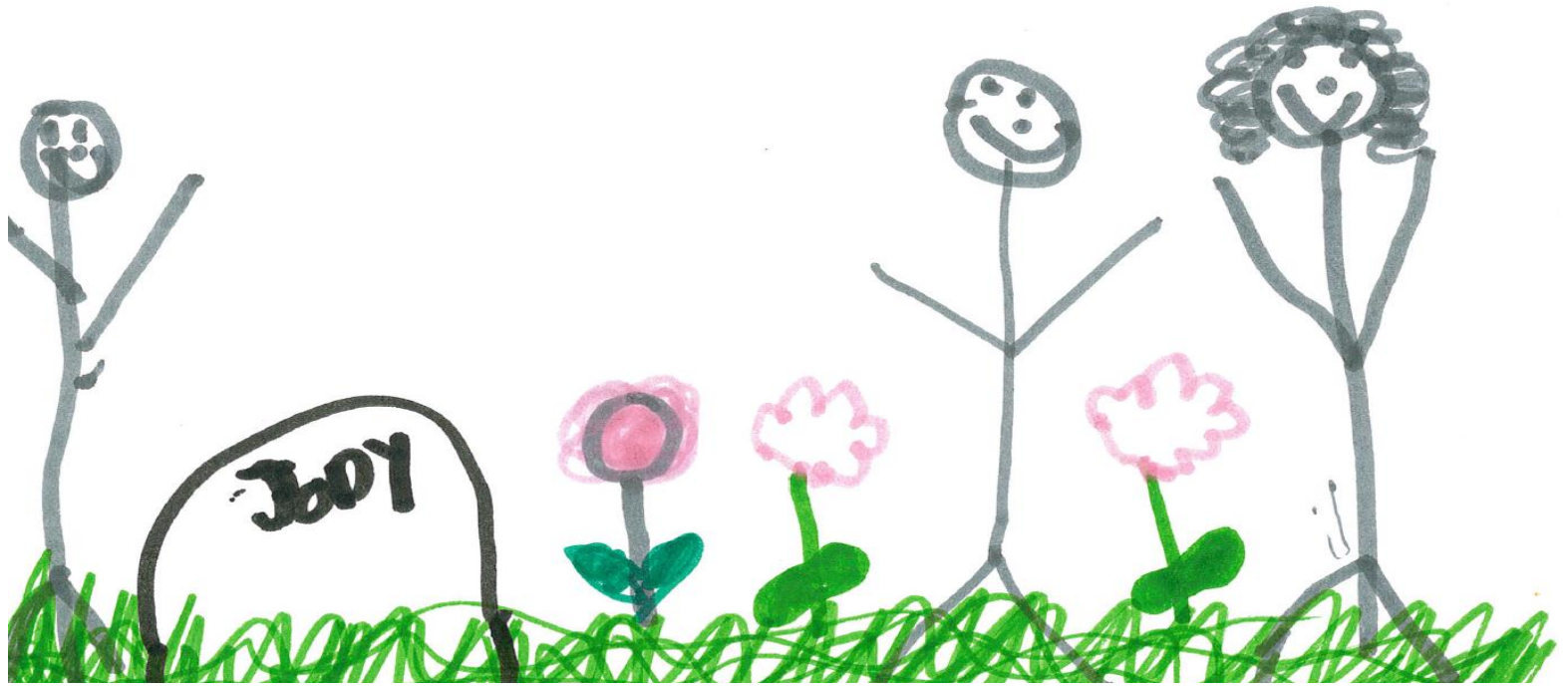
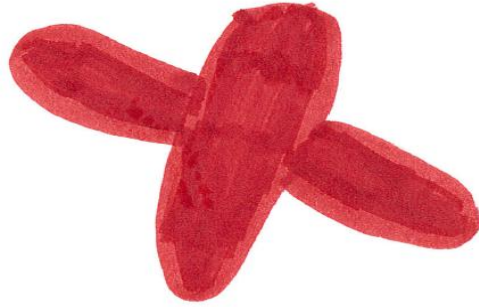
**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Elliott Efird (granddaughter of Gayle & Ned Russell; diagnosed with galactosimia), Karen Niebler (mother of Jill Niebler), David Sanges (brother of Nathan Sanges), Don Little, Glenn Burris. **See newsletter for complete list.**

**Students (children, youth, & adults) of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks to worship on Sunday, August 24.** We will have a blessing of the backpacks.

**We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, August 23.** All those who trust in Jesus Christ are invited to come to the table. The congregation will come forward, at the direction of an usher, to receive The Lord's Supper by intinction. Worshippers will come forward by the center aisles and return to their pews by the side aisles. Gluten-free elements are at the center front of the chancel area.



Addison Marks



Thanks to Addison Marks for her artwork based on the book  
*The Junkyard Wonders* by Patricia Polacco.



**You are invited to an  
Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast  
to support  
Crisis Assistance Fund of Stanly County, Inc.**

**Cost is \$7.00 per person**

**When: Saturday, September 12 from 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.**

**Where: Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar  
(517 NC 24/27 Bypass East, Albemarle)**

**For tickets, contact Debby Johnston  
(704-982-6006 or [debbyjohnston@hotmail.com](mailto:debbyjohnston@hotmail.com)).**

**Valid only at participating restaurant listed above.**

**Ticket valid for pancake event only.**

**Applebee's menu items are not included as part of purchase.**

## **CAF FACTS**

**Crisis Assistance Fund of Stanly County**

- **CAF is a nonprofit United Way agency.**
- **Established by churches of Stanly County.**
- **CAF provides emergency assistance to those in crisis situations.**
- **Keeps people in homes by helping with mortgage, rent, utilities, etc.**
- **United Way provides a portion of the funding.**
- **Donations are a large part of needed resources.**

Youth in grades 5-8 are invited to participate in worship as an acolyte. **An important training and information session for all acolytes (current and new) will take place on Sunday, August 23 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.** Acolytes should meet at the front of the sanctuary. Questions? Contact Elizabeth (704-982-2722 or [eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org)).

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**WORSHIP WORKSHOP**

- For? Children in grades 3-5 & their parents
- When? Sunday, August 30 following worship
- Why? To equip children to participate fully in worship
- What else? We'll have lunch and explore worship together.

Contact the church office ([klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-982-2722) by August 26 to let us know who to expect. Childcare available upon request.

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**Mission Committee Challenge**

As our weather heats up and power bills rise, many folks find it difficult to pay their bills and come to Stanly Community Christian Ministry (SCCM) seeking assistance. Funds at SCCM have been stretched as far as possible. Therefore, the Mission Committee would like to offer our congregation a challenge. When you receive your power bill in August, please consider making a donation equal to 10% of your bill to the Faith on the Fifth offering that **will be received on August 30 or give your donation to the church office prior to that Sunday.** These monies will then be given to SCCM to help meet the expenses for those who struggle.



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**FIRST FAMILY GATHERING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

We are gearing up for our FIRST FAMILY GATHERING of the 2015-16 church year on Wednesday, September 2 at 6:00 p.m.!

September Menu:

- Chicken Carnitas, Pork Carnitas, Black Bean Salad, Rice Salad, Fresh Fruit, Rolls,
- Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Station, Ice Cream Sunday Bar,
- Tea, Coffee, Water and Lemonade.

Contact the church office to make your reservation ([klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-982-2722).

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**Volunteers Needed for next First Family Gathering**

- Meat and Salad Crew: Tuesday, September 1 at 10:00 a.m.
- Set up crew: Tuesday, September 1 at 4:00 p.m.
- Decorating crew: Tuesday, September 1 at 4:30 p.m.
- Final Touches crew: Wednesday, September 2 at 5:00 p.m.
- Clean-up crew: Wednesday, September 2 at 6:45 p.m.



**Labor Day Worship**

**We will celebrate the unofficial end of summer with worship outside.**

**When? Sunday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Where? Morrow Mountain State Park Shelter C (beyond the pool)**

**What else? We'll enjoy worship and after worship fellowship and light morning snacks!  
(Dress for the weather)**

**Worship outdoors in God's good creation recalling God's blessings to us in the comings and goings of summer. Coffee, fruit, and pastries will be provided by the Fellowship Committee following worship.**

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**Beginning September 13, worship returns to 11:00 a.m.**

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**Check out the Art Exhibit: Featured Artist, Joyce Lambert!**

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**Gardening for SCCM**

Remember to check out the table in the pit stop for home-grown vegetables.  
Donations for them go to SCCM.

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**Silent Partners Anyone?**

Did you know First Presbyterian Church has 21 students who are away in college? We need you to serve as a *Silent Partner* and maintain contact with a student. Will you help? Contact Kim Andrew ([kjabrk@yahoo.com](mailto:kjabrk@yahoo.com)) for more information.

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**GRANDPARENT'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS**

On Grandparent's Day, the arrangements in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of grandparents. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Grandparent's Day Arrangements*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Grandparent's Day, September 13**. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

**GRANDPARENT'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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Want to Formalize Your Relationship with First Presbyterian Church by  
Becoming a Member of the Congregation?**

Every person who enters the door (sanctuary, gym, parking lot) at First Presbyterian Church is invited to participate fully in the life of this community of faith. Brothers and sisters in Christ are welcome to worship and serve at any time. Often, though, folks want to make a deeper commitment to the church by entering into membership.

**If you're a visitor and want to know more about membership at First Presbyterian Church, plan to meet in the Church Parlor (outside the doors of the sanctuary) briefly following worship on Sunday, September 13. For more information, contact Liz Jolly (704-982-6420 or [jolly128@carolina.rr.com](mailto:jolly128@carolina.rr.com)), Membership Committee Chair.**

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**Young Adult Lunch**

We will be continuing our Young Adult Lunches during the fall. We will try to visit a variety of restaurants. If you have any requests, let Matt know ([mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)). Plan to meet at noon on the first Wednesday of every month:

September 2 at Second Street Sundries (221 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street)

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**Volunteer Opportunities at Central School**

School has started and the needs are always many. These are some of the ways we can help throughout the year:

1. Volunteer to read with children.
2. Volunteer to shelve books in the Media Center.
3. Volunteer to eat lunch with a child.
4. Volunteer to help with things like cutting, laminating, copying and other clerical ways.
5. Volunteer to be part of a team to get together and cut and bag box tops.
6. Volunteer to help staff the Book Fair in October and/or spring.

If you are interested, please contact :

Carroll Sitton at [carrollsitton@rtmc.net](mailto:carrollsitton@rtmc.net) or [336-461-5158](tel:336-461-5158)

or

Kristie Bryson at [kristie.bryson@stanlycountyschools.org](mailto:kristie.bryson@stanlycountyschools.org) or [704-982-9519](tel:704-982-9519)

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<b>What is it?</b>	<b>A gathering for preschoolers &amp; their parents.</b>
<b>When?</b>	<b>Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>What happens?</b>	<b>Parents will meet in the parlor for prayer and study while children are supervised in the childcare areas. And then, parents and children will play together in the gym.</b>
<b>Starting Date:</b>	<b>Thursday, September 10</b>

**Adult Conversation will be around the book  
*The Jesus Priorities* by Christopher Maricle.**

**Invite friends and neighbors to share in this morning together.**





**You're in for Treat, A Rally Day that's  
SUPER SWEET  
Sunday, September 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the Gym  
The Christian Education Committee is mixing up a delicious morning of fun  
to kick off the new year in  
Christian Education.**

- ❖ **Food Stations...Pancakes, Muffins, Donuts, Fruit, Yogurt & More!**
- ❖ **Candy Walk**
- ❖ **Building God's Sweet Community & More!  
How Sweet It Is...And Will Be!**

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# **BACK TO SCHOOL POOL PARTY!**

**Faith Explorers (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders)  
Sunday, September 13  
Noon-3:00 p.m.  
At the home of Penny & Jack Morton  
Cook out burgers and hotdogs!  
Bring swim suit, towel and sunscreen!  
*(transportation from church to Morton's home provided)*  
Please let Gina Martin ([gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org)) know that you are coming  
by Wednesday, September 9.**

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## **Deepening Community through Grace & Gratitude Youth Club Connects...**

**First Day of Youth Cubs/Youth Club is  
Wednesday, September 16 from 3:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.  
Orff (percussion) instruments for K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders led by Daniel Dickens  
5:15 p.m. -5:45 p.m.  
Location: Adult Discussion Classroom Basement  
Handbells for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders led by Frank Poolos  
5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.  
Location: Choir Room  
\*Childcare provided for preschoolers until 5:45 p.m.**

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, August 23

- 10:00 am \*Worship
- 11:00 am Acolyte Training
- 11:00 am Adult Christian Education Taskforce  
(Old Session Room)

### Wednesday, August 26

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

### Thursday, August 27

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

### Friday, August 28

*Church Office Closed – Summer Friday*

### Sunday, August 30

- 10:00 am \*Worship

**\*childcare provided**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

#### AUGUST

- 24-Martha Chapman  
Adrienne Averette
- 25-Jane Hartsell
- 28-Loni Lambert
- 29-Bede Karr  
Melissa Lemons

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

#### AUGUST

- 23-Ben & Liz Jolly  
Bill & Jane Pickler
- 25-John & Robin Howell
- 26-John & Angie Earnhardt
- 28-Stephan & Leslie Kinley

### Summer Fridays

The church office is closed on Fridays through August.

### SCCM NEED FOR

#### AUGUST:

Canned Vegetables



## MORNING OF MISSION

### MORNING OF MISSION SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

We will have our next Morning of Mission on Saturday, September 19. The scheduled workday back on June 20 was cancelled because of the extreme heat. That means that we still have that big stack of requests, by way of the Senior Citizens Center, for help with small home repairs such as patching roofs and fixing handrails, and yard work that includes cutting away overhanging limbs and trimming hedges and shrubs.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Pit Stop beginning August 30. **It is essential that Don Joines knows who will be available to work by Wednesday (September 16) before the workday.** This allows time to plan for the number of work requests that can be accommodated as well as time to secure materials and tools.

The need is great so please plan to come out and help with these projects. If you would like to contribute to the cost of materials and supplies, you can make your check to First Presbyterian Church and note that it is for Morning of Mission.

For anyone who is not familiar with the Morning of Mission routine, we meet at the church at 8:00 AM for breakfast – remember that the kitchen is being remodeled – share in a brief devotion at 8:30 and then get our team assignments and head out to work.

If you have questions, contact Don Joines at H: 704 982-0348, C: 704 985-9596 or email: [djoines@ctc.net](mailto:djoines@ctc.net).