



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

Bread of the World

arr. Margaret R. Tucker

Youth Club Handbell Ensemble

Elizabeth Bryson, Juan Campechano-Palmas, Merrin Kinley, Brent Lisk,
Grant Lisk, Addison Marks, Andy McLeod, Sanya Patel, Ella Shelton,
Lily Shelton, Abby Snuggs, Eli Snuggs, Lily Snyder, and Natalie Taylor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;

People: God's praise will continually be in my mouth.

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord.

People: Let the afflicted hear and be glad.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,

People: And let us praise God's name together.

*CHORAL INTROIT

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Text: Martin Luther

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

God of grace, love and communion, you create us for relationship, to live in community with you and one another. Yet we are isolated from one another and separated from you. We neglect the means of grace which would bring us closer- prayer, scripture, and worship. We fail to heed your call to love as you love. We fail to recognize your image in others. Transforming God, forgive our unfaithfulness. Deepen our community; restore us to right relationship.

*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

ANTHEM

*Bless His Holy Name
Come Now, You Blessed Eat at My Table
Shout and Celebrate*

Andraé Crouch
Jeeva Smith
Charles F. Brown

Faith Explorers

Juan Campechano-Palmas, Hunter Josey, Kate Lemons, Andy McLeod,
Sanya Patel, Eli Snuggs, and Natalie Taylor

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Mrs. Martin and Mr. Drumheller

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Presentation of Bibles, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.

Presentation of Bibles

Congregation: Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all and its words speak to our community of faith. They tell us who we are and remind us that we belong to one another.

Children: We will read and study our Bibles. We will learn from your example.

Parents: **We will encourage and support your efforts to know God's word by reading with you and sharing our understanding of who God is.**

Congregation: We celebrate this step in your journey of faith. We pray God will guide you and all of us as we study together and grow in our love for God's Word.

All: **The Word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Great God, we approach your Word with deep gratitude – thankful for its power in this community of faith and in our lives. Gather us in as we listen for a fresh word from you and wait to be transformed by the renewing power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 19:1-10

Pew Bible, page 77

SERMON

More Than Expected

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN 612

We Praise You, O God

Kremser

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Marshall Rogers

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 Anthem

Praise

Alec Rowley

Ann Crutchfield, Soprano

To the Master of music and loveliness,

Praise, power, dominion forever.

To the Lord of the World of Creation

Be praise, power, dominion forever.

To the Maker of movement, color and light:

Praise, power, dominion forever.

To the Builder, Designer, Creator

Be praise, power, dominion forever.

To the Theme of all song, Inspiration of Love:
To the Artist of Life, To the Greatest and Least:

Praise, power, dominion forever.

For He is the greatest upon His high throne,
And He was the least as the child of a maiden:
Praise then to Jesus whose Mother was Mary,
And praise now to Christ who is God in the midst of us.

Lord of all beauty, adoring we come to Thee.

Give us Thyself both in time and eternity.

Offering all that we are or can hope to be.

Lord of all beauty, praise, power dominion forever.

*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 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Marion

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer

*POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

William Faulkes

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

Thanks to the Youth Club Handbell Ensemble and the Youth Club Faith Explorers for their participation in worship today.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Elizabeth, Matt, Stan, Frank, Gina, Kyle, Pam, Jane, and John and all the many volunteers helping to make the meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte at First Presbyterian Church a success by Susan and Banks Garrison.

Ushers: Penny Morton, captain; Kim Andrew, Stephanie Campbell, Jim Carter, Jim Ivey, Dustin Jolly, Taylor Jolly, Kim Marshall, Carolyn McLaurin, Jack Morton, David Whitley, and Ellen Whitley **Elder Greeters:** Heather Deese; Jim Ivey **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Salem Taylor **Preschool Partners:** Angie Earnhardt; Adrienne Averette; Kelly Lentz **Nana & Papa Team:** Chris Mabry **Children's Church:** Kim Andrew; Kate Melone; Jacob Palmer

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: John McIntyre, Ethel White (sister-in-law of Lynn White; end-stage mesothelioma), Frank Breische (recovering from hip replacement; brother of Gloria Bryson), Janet Gardner Flemin (stepdaughter of Ruth Ann Rogers; diagnosed with colon cancer), David Sanges (brother of Nathan Sanges); Struggling families. **See newsletter for complete list.**

POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE...Ly Cuisine Lunch Meet-Up scheduled for today.



Sunday, October 25
ENGAGE CAFÉ at 9:30 a.m.
Come early for coffee, fellowship, & treats!
ENGAGE Groups begin at 9:45 a.m.

Bibles are being presented today to third graders:
Hailey Biddle, daughter of Lisa Biddle
Sophia Blalock, daughter of Beth and Derek Blalock
Elizabeth Bryson, daughter of Kristie and Keith Bryson
Merrin Kinley, daughter of Leslie and Stephan Kinley
Brent Lisk, son of Dona and Greg Lisk
Grant Lisk, son of Dona and Greg Lisk
Addison Marks, daughter of Laura Beth and Kyle Marks
Jackson Palmer, son of Jessica and John Palmer
Danny Saltzman, son of Rose and Lenny Saltzman
Ella Shelton, daughter of Jaime and Scott Shelton
Lily Shelton, daughter of Jaime and Scott Shelton
Abby Snuggs, daughter of Christi and Jim Snuggs
Lily Snyder, daughter of Jane and Michael Snyder

This afternoon, these children, along with a parent, will meet with Gina, Matt, and Elizabeth at Second Street Sundries to learn more about the treasures contained in the Scriptures and how to use the Bible.



Fall Carnival
Sunday, October 25
from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Church Side Parking Lot
(1st Street)

On October 25, SNL will host our annual Fall Carnival for the church. Dress up in your best Halloween costume and join us for games and treats of all kinds. Plenty of fun for all ages! We will be outdoors in the side parking lot (1st Street) this year, so join us there from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Consecration Sunday is November 1. Plan to return your completed pledge card as we celebrate God's overwhelming gifts to us.

Sunday, November 1 is All Saints Day. We will remember the members of our congregation who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year. Additionally, each worshipper will be given a flower upon entering the sanctuary. During worship, the flower may be placed in a basket to honor the memory of one your personal saints.

Egg Cartons Needed for Group Homes of the Autistic (GHA, Inc.)...Please drop of clean & empty egg cartons in the pit stop. GHA is in desperate need of them. Thank you.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) –
South Carolina & East Coast Flooding**

The PDA National Response Team is responding to the requests of agencies in South Carolina to help with assessments and long-term recovery planning as well as simply being a present witness of the larger church during this difficult time. Once plans have been developed, there will likely be a need for work teams to help with clean-up and rebuilding. In the meantime, the most appropriate responses are as follows:

GIVE – donate to the PDA's U.S. Flooding Account – DR000191
(<https://pda.pcusa.org>)

ACT – visit the PDA's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PDACARES>) and share updates with your friends

- make Gift of the Heart Clean-up Buckets (more info to follow about this)
- inform the church office of your interest in serving on a volunteer work team in the future

PRAY – This is our best response at this time. Pray that through the response of the faith community, survivors and those offering assistance will be reminded of the hope that is found in Christ.

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 1. 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 8. 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: _____

Jane Snyder and her family are making plans for a November move to Greensboro. In worship on November 1, we will recognize her 5 years of service among us. A reception will follow worship. You are encouraged to bring a card for Jane. If you'd like to help with the reception, contact organizers Barbara Overcash (704-983-5326) and Ann Snuggs (704-986-2560).

SPECIAL COLLECTION AT THE PRESBYTERY MEETING

Here is a partial answer to the question of what we can do to support millions of families and children who are being displaced by violence in Iraq, Syria, and other countries.

The Presbytery's Community Disaster Response Team is collecting the following items: New & Gently Used Gloves, Hats, Sweaters, Warm Coats, Boots, Shoes for Children & Adults, Sleeping Bags, Blankets & Comforters.

On Tuesday, October 27, there will be a collection vehicle (18 wheeler parked on First Street). You may drop your items by then or on Sunday, October 25.

The Technology Committee is looking for 2-3 flat screen monitors to be used in a small computer lab. If you have an old computer monitor to donate, contact Matt Drumheller (704-982-2722 or mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).



The 8th Annual Empty Bowls Project
“Help Fight World Hunger at the Local Level”
When: Friday, October 30th, 4:30 PM-7:30 PM
Where: Central United Methodist Church
172 North Second Street, Albemarle

Advance Tickets may be purchased for \$20 at the church office.
For the first time, \$10 tickets for the meal only will also be available.
(No bowl will be included with at \$10 ticket.)

A ticket allows you to share in a wonderful meal of soup, bread, dessert, and beverage. Plus, you will receive a hand-crafted bowl made by a local potter. As a reminder that there are always *empty bowls* in our world, you will receive a hand-turned bowl to keep.

Advance Tickets guarantee you will receive a professionally-turned bowl.

Bowls will be limited to the first 200 tickets sold.

There will also be drawings and a silent auction during the meal.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES
PICK-UP A SHOEBOX IN THE PIT STOP OR
WRAP YOUR OWN SHOEBOX

RETURN FILLED SHOEBOX TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Pick up a Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child's shoebox and pack it for a child overseas! This box that you lovingly fill with little gifts for either a boy or a girl will bring that child great joy. **Eighteen boxes are available in the pit stop along with instructions for packing.** Use this opportunity to help Samaritan's Purse spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to children all over the world.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 25

Youth Club Handbell Ensemble rings in worship

Faith Explorers sing in worship

Bibles to be presented to 3rd Graders

9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)

9:30 am Youth Club Handbells rehearse (sanctuary)

9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE/Get to Know Your Bible
(3rd Graders)

9:45 am Faith Explorers' rehearsal (sanctuary)

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Set up for Presbytery Meeting – Meet in the Gym

12:00 pm *Get to Know Your Bible* (3rd Graders & Parents)
meet at 2nd Street Sundries

12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers' outing to Get Lost Corn Maze

3:00 pm-4:30 pm Fall Carnival

Monday, October 26

8:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study at Elizabeth's
(1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

Tuesday, October 27

9:30 am Charlotte Presbytery Meeting at First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, October 28

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

12:00 pm Personnel Committee

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Club

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)

7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Thursday, October 29

9:30 am *Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, October 30

4:30 pm-7:30 pm Empty Bowls Dinner at Central UMC (ticket required & available in the church office)

Sunday, November 1

Consecration Sunday

Ten-Cents-A-Meal

Daylight Saving Time

9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE/Get to Know Your Bible (3rd Graders)

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Reception honoring Jane Snyder (parlor and pit stop)

12:00 pm Mission Committee

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

26-Luke Marshall

27-Elizabeth Ayscue

Dave MacMurray

29-Lillie Hancock

30-Teresa Taylor

31-Ruth Cotton

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

OCTOBER

25-Mark & Chris Mabry

26-Russell & Bede Karr

31-Sam & Liz Davis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER

01-Brody Campbell

Donna Gaither

SCCM NEED FOR OCTOBER:

Paper Goods

(toilet tissue, paper towels, facial tissue, cleaning supplies)