



**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

*Love Your Neighbor*

Susan Eltringham

Trusty Travelers: Gabriel Beamon, Hailey Biddle, Sophia Blalock, Elizabeth Bryson, Brody Campbell, Hugh Carpenter, Ella Cumming, Emily Deese, Sidney Eudy, Nathaniel Eudy, Ollie Henkenjohann, Thora Kilde, Brent Lisk, Caroline Lisk, Grant Lisk, Addison Marks, Stella Marks, Leo McLeod, Aidyn Osborne, Jackson Palmer, Sanah Patel, Kezia Redfearn, Danny Saltzman, Lily Snyder, Holden Taylor, and Caroline West

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*CHORAL INTROIT

*Make Me a Servant*

Kelly Willard

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Holy God, present in our midst yet beyond all comprehension, by your light, we see light; by your healing, we are made whole; by your mercy, we know your greatness. Turn your gaze upon our weakness and show us the way of your love that we may live with unveiled faces, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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

Silent  
Unison **Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion, the measure of our falling short. We have not loved as you command. We have not spoken the truth. We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds, our lives might come to honor you.**

\*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 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

**By your Spirit, O God, enlighten our hearts, open our minds, fill our vision with your radiance, and give us life, as we hear your Word today. Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Psalm 99*

Pew Bible, page 522

*The leader will read the odd numbered verses; the congregation will respond by reading the even numbered verses.*

### ANTHEM

*He Comes to Us*

Jane M. Marshall

Text: Albert Schweitzer

He comes to us as one unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside,  
He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us, He speaks the same word:  
*Follow thou me!* and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill our time.

He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is.

O Morning Star, how fair and bright thou beamest forth in truth and light.  
O Sovereign meek and lowly. Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son, My Lord and master,  
Thou hast won my heart to serve Thee. Thou are holy, fair, and glorious, all victorious,  
rich in blessing. Rule and might o'er all possessing.

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Luke 9:28-36*

Pew Bible, page 65

### SERMON

*Keep Pounding*

Mrs. Ayscue

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

excerpted from *The Confession of 1967*

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the mind of humanity. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of love. Amen.**

### \*HYMN 192

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Shine, Jesus, Shine

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Katherine Jolly and Leah Kilde

### 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.**

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Leah Beamon

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Offertory*

César Franck

\*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 12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

St. Denio

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*A Gaelic Blessing*

John Rutter

\*POSTLUDE

*Festive Trumpet Tune*

David German

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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 flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Maude Boysworth.

**The acolyte today is Kimbal Chapman.** After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

**We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering** for hunger today.

**Ushers:** Jim Hesley, captain; Duncan Bryson, Keith Bryson, Banks Garrison, Jim Ivey, Robert Ivey, Sandy Saunders, Harold Sharpe, Joe Snuggs, and Elizabeth Wilson **Elder Greeters:** Al Andrew; Heather Deese  
**Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Misty Honbarrier **Preschool Partners:** Taylor Jolly; Dona Lisk  
**Nana & Papa Team:** Joan Belsan; Debby Johnston **Children's Church:** Angie Earnhardt; Jacob Palmer

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Sally Grantier, Connie Watson (sister of Dan Samples; recovering from a stroke), Ray Michue (awaiting a heart transplant), Jeff Underwood, Dexter Efird. **See newsletter for complete list.**

**Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent.** We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Use the week ahead to prepare your heart and mind to feast at the table of Jesus Christ.

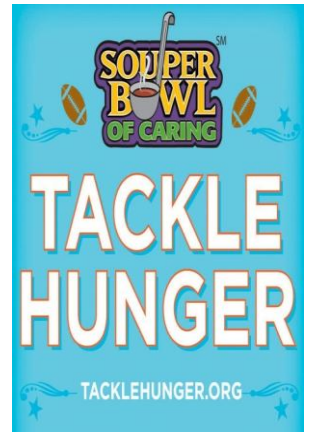
**If you would like to use the weeks of Lent to pray specifically for one member of the worshipping community while someone is praying specifically for you,** please complete one of the *prayer cards* in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. On February 14, names will be distributed to those who want to be involved in this prayer practice. People of all ages are encouraged to participate.

**Small study groups will meet during Lent beginning the week of February 14.** Today you have an opportunity to sign-up for the group of your choice. Stop by the table in the pit stop before and after worship. Members of the Lent Planning Committee will provide more information.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

**Bring your cans of food to the pit stop on Sunday, February 7!**

Sunday, February 7 is not only the day of the big football game, it is also the Souper Bowl of Caring. Youth will be collecting money and cans of food at the doors of the sanctuary following worship. Depending on where you typically sit in the sanctuary, you are encouraged to bring in a certain kind of canned soup. **As you face the front of the sanctuary, if you typically sit on the right side (choir loft side) of the middle section, the right section, or the balcony, you are asked to bring in chicken noodle soup. If you sit on the left side of the middle section, the left section, or the section near the sound board, you are asked to bring in tomato soup.** Youth will also be collecting canned food and money following worship.



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**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 9 at 6:00 P.M.**

Pancakes abound on this last day before the beginning of Lent.

Enjoy a variety of pancakes, sausage, bacon, fruit, coffee, juice & milk!

Activities for children of all ages...

RACE, TOSS, BALANCE AND CRAWL with pancakes...

**NEW THIS YEAR...PANCAKE DECORATING CONTEST**

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*Love Mugs*

Faith Explorers have created the perfect gift for that special person in your life...

On sale in the pit stop for \$8 per mug

Sundays, February 7, 14, & 21

All proceeds benefit two local organizations helping the homeless in our community:

Homes of Hope & Stanly Community Christian Ministry (SCCM)

*...and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God...Micah 6:8*

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**Ash Wednesday Worship...February 10**

The Lenten journey appropriately begins in worship. This year, there are two options.

**Worship at Noon: Music and Meditation**

For thirty minutes, the sanctuary will be filled with instrumental music, prayer, and scripture reading. Come for this contemplative time together. Ashes will be available.

**Worship at 6:30 p.m. in the Pit Stop:**

Plan to begin this season of penitence and preparation in worship. We will be reminded of our sin by the imposition of ashes. We will feast at the table of our Lord Jesus Christ to gain strength for the journey. Childcare provided.



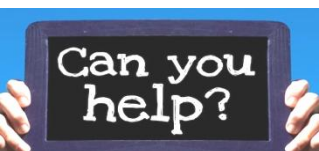
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**Habitat for Humanity Needs Your Help...**If you are interested in helping in some way with the Habitat for Humanity BBQ Fundraiser, sign-up sheets are on the Mission bulletin board in the pit stop.

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**CAN YOU HELP?**

The Faith Explorers (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders) will provide dinner on Wednesday, February 24, for Food for Body & Soul. They are seeking desserts. Let Kyle (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) know if you can provide one.





### Which Ministry Is Right for You?

Many of our committee chairs are putting together groups to share in ministry. Please prayerfully consider how you might be involved in the work of one of these committees. Contact the folks below to say, *Here I Am!*

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>Contact (email, phone number)</u>
Childcare	Taylor Jolly	<a href="mailto:tayjolly12@gmail.com">tayjolly12@gmail.com</a> 704-796-8302
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### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BARBEQUE CHICKEN FUNDRAISER

½ BBQ Chicken, Slaw, Chips, Roll, and Dessert

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

**11 AM- 7 PM**

**CENTERVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**

**(508 NORTHEAST CONNECTOR)**

**Drive Thru, Take-Out, Delivery, & Dine-In**  
**(Delivery Available with Orders of 5+ plates)**

**Tickets are \$9.00 by February 24...\$10.00 Day of Event**

**Catered by Port-A-Pit BBQ**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE!**

## **OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

### **Sunday, February 7**

*Trusty Travelers sing in worship*

*Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering*

*Souper Bowl of Caring*

*Faith Explorers' Love Mugs for sale in the pit stop*

- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:30 am ENGAGE Café (pit stop)
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School/ENGAGE!/  
Trusty Travelers rehearse in the sanctuary
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)
- 12:00 pm Decorating Committee (Old Session Room)

### **Monday, February 8**

- 8:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

### **Tuesday, February 9**

*Shrove Tuesday*

- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (gym)

### **Wednesday, February 10**

*Ash Wednesday*

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship (sanctuary)
- 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)
- 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship (pit stop)
- 7:00 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

### **Thursday, February 11**

- 9:30 am \*Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

### **Sunday, February 14**

*First Sunday of Lent*

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

*Valentine's Day*

*Faith Explorers' Love Mugs for sale in the pit stop*

- 8:45 am \*Diaconate
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 5:30 pm-7:00 pm SNL
- 6:30 pm Worship Committee
- 7:00 pm \*Session

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

### **FEBRUARY**

- 07-Jennifer Mabry
- 08-Mellanie Morgan
- 09-Debbie Bennett
- 10-Susan Pandich
- 11-Davis Fort  
Katherine Jolly  
Naly Sydalack
- 12-Karen Hinkle
- 14-Hunter Matthews

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

### **FEBRUARY**

- 09-Bill & Diane Stevenson
- 12-Ernie & Jane Borders

*Visit the  
First Presbyterian Church  
Winter Art Exhibit  
Featured Artist  
Judy Murrell*

**\*childcare provided**