



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

Prelude

Frank Bridge

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hear, O people of God, and turn from your sorrow; God loosens our sackcloth and girds us with gladness.

People: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Leader: Sing praise to God, O you saints of God, and give thanks to God's holy name.

People: Let our souls praise you and not be silent. O God, we will give thanks to you forever.

*CHORAL INTROIT

O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord

Donald Moore

*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 409

God is Here!

Abbot's Leigh

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Great God of the universe, how can we stand before you? We have judged others by our own standards, not by yours. We have lived by our own designs, pretending we are faithful. We have deserted your way and followed our own pursuits. We have denied our kinship with those who disagree with us. We have loved the things of this world more than the One who says to us, *Feed my sheep. Save us, O God.*

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Mr. Drumheller

Leader: Believe the good news,

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

hymnal, page 240

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Barbara McManus

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

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PSALM READING

[Psalm 30](#)

Pew Bible, page 478

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

ANTHEM

Thy Perfect Love

John Rutter

Ann Crutchfield, Soprano

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, Thy perfect love close in my breast.
That I thee love and never rest; And make me love thee all things best,
And wounde my heart in they love free, That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[John 21:15-19](#)

Pew Bible, page 109

SERMON

Through the Grace of God

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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 694

Great God of Every Blessing

Aurelia

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Blessed Jesus at Thy Word

Johann G. Walther

*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 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Hymn to Joy

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Fourfold Amen

John Stainer

*POSTLUDE

Processional

Martin Shaw

*All who are able may stand.

We rejoice that you are worshipping 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 Blake Taylor. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Ushers: Heather Kilde, captain; Jim Carter, Michelle Cumming, David Kilde, Ben McLeod, Isabel McLeod, Mandy & Phillip Brown, Alternates **Elder Greeters:** Bob Johnston; Mary Kesselman **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Cici Ly; Cora Harrison **Preschool Partners:** Heather & John Kilde **Nana & Papa Team:** Mary & Frank Green **Children’s Church:** Virginia Currie; Jacob Palmer

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Gay Ellington (former co-worker of Martha White; diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer), Mike Dearstyne (brother of Holly Norwood; medical concerns). **See newsletter for complete list.**

If you would like to contribute intercessions or thanksgivings to the weekly prayers of the people, please email them to Elizabeth at eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org.

Scholarship applications are available on the counter in the common area outside the church office. **The deadline to return completed applications is Monday, April 11.**

BREAD FOR THE WORLD...BREAD FOR YOU
Focus: Helping Mothers & Children Survive & Thrive
Letter Writing Sunday, April 24
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. & following worship in the pit stop



Question: Why are we focusing on mothers and children?
Answer: Because making progress on their malnutrition and health is key to ending chronic hunger around the world.

Question: Why are the first five years of life the most dangerous?
Answer: Babies and children have immune systems that are still developing so they are more susceptible to illness and disease. Premature births, pneumonia, diarrhea, malaria, and other illnesses result in 5.9 million deaths of children under 5 every year. Most of these health challenges are avoidable. Malnutrition also makes children more susceptible to diseases and lifelong health problems with education, productivity, and earning potential.

Bread Bakers Needed for Bread for the World Letter Writing Campaign...If you make quick breads, sourdough breads, or yeast breads, and can supply some for the *sale* table on April 24 as part of the *Bread for the World* letter writing campaign, contact Ann Duckwall (704-983-3498). Remember that all donations for the bread are given to SCCM!



The SERRV Spring Catalog for 2016 is available!
Check it out & place an order!
Catalogs are available in the church office.
An order will be placed on Monday, April 18.

THE GOAL

Youth Breakfast at First Presbyterian Church



April 11-15

Starts at 6:30 a.m. each morning

Join us each morning the week of April 11-15 for the annual Stanly County Youth Breakfast. Starting at 6:30 a.m., we will have a delicious breakfast, listen to live music, and hear from some of our local athletes and coaches as they talk about our theme: *The Goal*. This is a great time to hang out with about 150 other youth from all over Stanly County. Come join us!

Youth Club !!! End-of-the-Year Cookout !!!

Wednesday, April 13...3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. At the YMCA Park

All Youth Cub/Club families invited.

Games and activities for the children at 3:00 p.m. and eat at 3:45 p.m.

Earth Day Movie Night on Friday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the gym

Come celebrate *Earth Day* & enjoy Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax*



A 12-year-old boy searches for the one thing that will enable him to win the affection of the girl of his dreams. To find it he must discover the story of the Lorax, the grumpy yet charming creature who fights to protect his world.

Bring the entire family out to a movie with friends,
popcorn, candy & drinks!!!

Cozy up in your chair or blanket and plan to relax and laugh out loud!!!

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 1**. 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 8**. 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: _____

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 10

- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE!
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 4:00 pm SNL Set-up for Stanly County Youth Breakfast
- 7:00 pm *Session

Monday, April 11

Deadline for Scholarship Applications

- 6:30 am Stanly County Youth Breakfast
- 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Coach's Grill
(720 Hwy. 24/27 East)
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Tuesday, April 12

- 6:30 am Stanly County Youth Breakfast
- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study

Wednesday, April 13

- 6:30 am Stanly County Youth Breakfast
- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 3:00 pm Last Day of Youth Club Cookout
at YMCA Park
- 7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 14

- 6:30 am Stanly County Youth Breakfast
- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, April 15

- 6:30 am Stanly County Youth Breakfast

Saturday, April 16

- 3:00 pm SNL Youth Sunday Practice

Sunday, April 17

GreenFest

Youth Sunday

Trusty Travelers and Faith Explorers sing in worship

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:00 am *GreenFest in the gym
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers' Outing to Morrow Mountain

***childcare provided**

**SCCM
NEED
FOR
APRIL:
CANNED
FRUIT**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

- 10-Murphy Hall
Holden Taylor
- 11-Annie Ruth Kelley
Marlene Mittendorf
- 12-Laura Blalock
Jake Davis
Holly Norwood
- 14-Anissa Chapman
- 17-David Kilde

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

APRIL

- 13-Gus & Nancy Feather
- 16-Kyle & Laura Beth Marks



Coltrane LIFE Center, Inc.
Adult Day Care Services
Living Interest For Elderly

Mini-Rock-A-Thon

Sunday, April 17

1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

at the Stanly County Senior Center

To register, contact Debbie Bennett at 704-986-3016.



O.A.S.I.S.

Older Adult Services in Stanly

Save the Date: Thursday, April 21

It's *Dumpling Day* at Handi Mart
(Burleson Square Hwy 24/27 Bypass)

Please come out for lunch and/or supper to support this O.A.S.I.S. fundraiser. Myra Whitley is graciously donating a percentage of that day's sales to O.A.S.I.S. In addition to dumplings, there will be: Stew Beef, Fried Chicken, Chicken Tenders, Pintos, Rice, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Cabbage, Corn, Stewed Apples, Yams, Fat Back, Homemade Biscuits, & Desserts! (Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, & Salads are also available.)