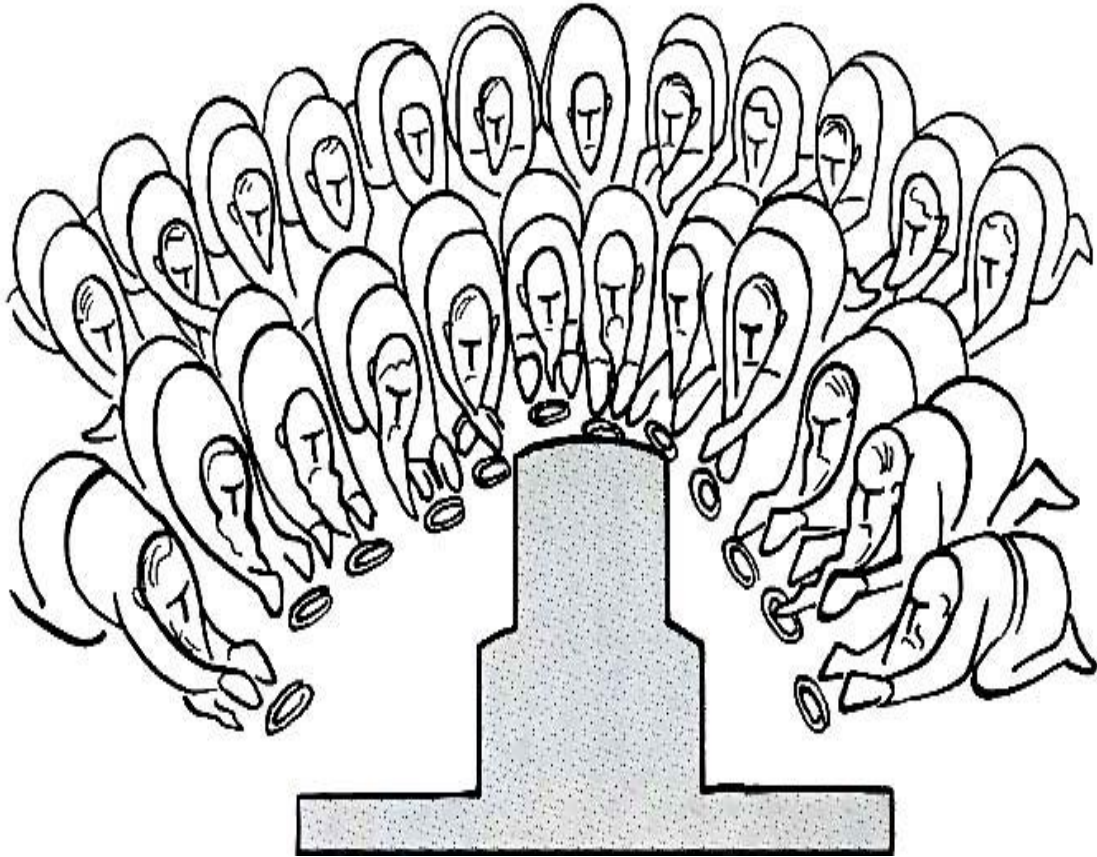




The Weekly Bulletin
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.

PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Old Hundredth Psalm Tune'

Henry Purcell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I looked and heard the voice of angels, thousands and thousands around God's throne, singing:

People: **Worthy is the lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!**

Leader: Then I heard every creature on earth, and under the earth, and in the sea, singing:

People: **To the one who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!**

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Come into God's Presence

hymnal, page 413

Come into God's presence singing *Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord.*

Praise the Lord together singing, *Worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb.*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living Lord, you meet us in unexpected places and surprise us with the abundance of your love. Feed us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may follow you this day, and always; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN 369

Blessing and Honor

O quanta qualia

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

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Believe the good news,

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the living king!**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Mr. Drumheller

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Children's Greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

ANTHEM

Eternal Father, Strong to Save
Craig Taylor, Bass

John Bacchus Dykes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God of light, by the power of your Holy Spirit, restore our sight, that in these words of Scripture and sermon we may see Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Revelation 5:6-14](#)

Pew Bible, page 233

SERMON

The One on the Throne

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Declaration of Faith

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Air from 'Water Music'

George F. Handel

*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 337

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

America

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

O Thus Be It Ever
Craig Taylor, Bass

John Stafford Smith

*POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso from 'Water Music'

George F. Handel

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

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Johnny Andrew by his family.

Thanks to Craig Taylor for his musical participation in worship today.

Ushers: John Howell, captain; Brad Boone, Lee Boone, Bill Hall, Robin Howell, Adam Jolly, Jack Morton, Penny Morton, and Ellen Snyder **Elder Greeters:** Peggy Finley; Jim Carter **Nursery:** Misty Honbarrier **Toddler Room:** Anna Wainwright **Preschool Partners:** Penny & Jack Morton **Nana & Papa Team:** Carroll Sitton **No Children's Church**

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Mary Lou Andrew (fractured femur), Alice Brooks (family friend of Don & Nancy Joines; bone cancer in leg), Jim Hesley, Cemita Gibbs. See newsletter for complete list.

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



Summer Vespers & Homemade Ice Cream
7:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 10 at the home of
Connie Wallace & Ken Knight
(32034 Valley Drive, Albemarle)

We'll gather for summer vespers and ice cream (let us know what kind you're bringing). We will sing, pray, and read scripture together.

Shortbread Bakers Needed... Shortbread bakers are needed for Scottish Communion on July 17. If you can help by making a batch, sign-up on the bulletin board in the pit stop or contact Mark Donham (919-702-8733 or mdonham1@nc.rr.com) or Penny Morton (704-985-8239 or mortonpen@gmail.com).

Endowment Committee Grants

The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until **July 15**. Applications are available in the church office. If you have questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org). Applications may be submitted by individual church members or committee chairpersons. Once funding requests are received, the Endowment Committee will review the applications and determine which requests will be funded. Personal interviews may be requested if further information is needed regarding a funding request.

If you have questions about the application process, please contact the office. Endowment Committee members include: Patrick Currie, Chair; Ronnie Michael, Sandy Saunders, Ellen Snyder, Martha Wolf, Elizabeth Ayscue, ex-officio, Bob Gaither, ex-officio, and Lee McLaurin, ex-officio.



Women's Retreat
September 23-25

William Black Lodge located in Montreat, North Carolina
To make your reservation, a \$75 deposit is requested by July 15.

CIRCLE THE SANCTUARY

The summer months at SCCM find the food pantry in need. Children are home from school and we don't want any of them to go hungry. So, once again, the Mission Committee is asking you to help out by bringing the requested food items and placing them in the appropriate places around the perimeter of the sanctuary. The collection will take place on July 10th, 17th, and 24th.

Let's make this the biggest collection ever!

Food item categories are:

- **canned meat (tuna, salmon, ham, beef stew)**
- **canned fruit (in light syrup)**
- **macaroni and cheese/ramen noodles**
- **cereal, grits, oatmeal**
- **spaghetti sauce**
- **canned vegetables**
(peas, beets, potatoes, mixed vegetables, carrots)
- **no green beans or corn are needed**



Portland 2016



**A Retrospective on the PCUSA's General Assembly
Sunday, July 24 at 11:00 a.m. in the parlor**

Matt represented the Presbytery of Charlotte as a commissioner to this summer's General Assembly in Portland, Oregon. Join Matt for conversation about the decisions made, and the joys and challenges of being a commissioner.

Produce Basket...One week a month, our church volunteers to pick-up produce at the Richfield Food Lion and deliver it to the Albemarle Food Bank. We need one more volunteer to do the pick-up on Friday once a month. Please contact Janet Schaefer (336-461-3422) if you would like to help.





**LEMONADE ON THE LAWN
SUNDAY, JULY 24
FOLLOWING 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP**

GARDENING FOR SCCM

!!! ATTENTION VEGETABLE GARDENERS !!!

As you harvest your summer vegetable garden, please share some of the fruits of your labors with members of our congregation as well as the clients at SCCM. 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 given to SCCM. Vegetables remaining will be taken to the SCCM food pantry.





For Montaña de Luz

Our group is leaving for Montaña de Luz on Wednesday, July 13.
Your donation(s) of the following supplies would be greatly appreciated:

Kitchen Items:

Hair Nets
Aprons for Adults & Children
Kitchen Towels & Washcloths
Sponges & Scrubbies

Hygiene Items:

Sunscreen
Insect Repellent
Large Shampoo & Conditioner
Deodorant
Lotion

Pharmacy/Medical Items:

Lice Shampoo Kits
Antacids
Bandages
Multi-Vitamins

School Supplies:

Colored Construction Paper
Copy Paper
Masking Tape
Backpacks

Office Supplies:

HP 85A and HP 60 Printer Ink
Rechargeable Flashlights

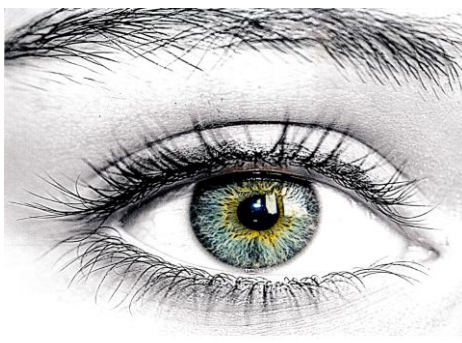
**For a complete list, see the Mission Bulletin Board.
Donations needed by Sunday, July 10.**

**SCOTTISH COMMUNION
AND
KIRKIN' O' TARTANS**

SUNDAY, JULY 17

10:00 A.M.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Visit the First Presbyterian Church
Summer Art Gallery Exhibit featuring
The Art of Photography by Lachlann Currie
(Located in the church basement.)**

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 3

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering

10:00 am *Worship

Monday, July 4

Independence Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, July 5

1:00 pm Congregational Nominating Committee

6:00 pm Workgroup Planning

Wednesday, July 6

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Thursday, July 7

8:30 am-1:00 pm SNL Thursday Morning Mission

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, July 8

Summer Friday – Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 10

Circle the Sanctuary

10:00 am *Worship

7:00 pm Summer Vespers at the home of Connie Wallace & Ken Knight
(32034 Valley Drive, Albemarle)

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY

03-Addison Marks

04-Don Abernathy

05-Rodney Morgan

07-Barbara Lindley

Stella Marks

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JULY

10-Don & Janice Abernathy

SCCM FOOD CHALLENGE

FOR JULY:

Macaroni & Cheese

Rice

Pasta

REVELATION BIBLE READING

July 3 Revelation 8:6-13

July 4 Revelation 9:1-11

July 5 Revelation 9:12-21

July 6 Revelation 10:1-7

July 7 Revelation 10:8-11

July 8 Revelation 11:1-14

July 9 Revelation 11:15-19

July 10 Revelation 12:1-6