



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.

GATHERING SONGS

Blessed Assurance

Hymn 839, vv 1 & 3

Lift High the Cross

Hymn 826, vv 1 & 4

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is our rock and our fortress, our refuge and strength.

People: God is our hope and our trust.

All: Praise the Lord!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

God of Life, you come to us as a consuming fire. You promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken and call us to serve you with joyful abandon. But we forget, and yield to fear. We trust in the rewards of this world, and neglect your promises. We confess that we are a divided people; we foster separations and widen rifts in our families, our communities, and in the world. Open us to your healing. Free us from all that distances us from you. Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage; through Jesus Christ.

*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

Penny Morton

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, you know us better than we know ourselves. By your word, give us wisdom, by your Spirit, grant us healing, and set us free to serve you with love. We ask this through the One who heals in your name, Jesus Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Jeremiah 1:4-10](#)

Pew Bible, page 656

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision
Craig Taylor, Bass

Irish Hymn Tune *Slane*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Luke 13:10-17](#)

Pew Bible, page 71

SERMON

Set Free

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. 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. 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 to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Rebekah Ayscue and Rich Schaefer

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Air from 'Water Music Suite'

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 694

Great God of Every Blessing

Aurelia

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare from 'Water Music Suite'

George F. Handel

*All that 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 Graham Chapman. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

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

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

Ushers: Heather Kilde, captain; Jim Carter, Michelle Cumming, David Kilde, Ben McLeod, Isabel McLeod
Elder Greeters: Debbie Bennett; Keith Bryson **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Cici Ly
Preschool Partners: John & Jessica Palmer **Nana & Papa Team:** Barbara & Bill Lindley **No Children's Church**

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Carolyn Sharpe, Cam Rogers (recovering from hip replacement), Carol Pelt (friend of Doris Forte and former member of FPC; brain cancer), Anne Montgomery (auto-immunue disease), Jim Hesley. **See newsletter for complete list.**



Women's Retreat...September 23-25
William Black Lodge located in Montreat, North Carolina
**To make your reservation,
a \$75 deposit is requested as soon as possible.**



**Summer Vespers & Homemade Ice Cream
7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 21
at the home of Robin & John Howell
(20959 Old Aquadale Rd., Albemarle)**

We'll gather for informal worship and homemade ice cream (let us know what kind you're bringing).

Worship Workshop for Families on Sunday, August 28

A workshop for children in grades 3 through 5 and their parents is planned for Sunday, August 28 following worship. We will share lunch together in the pit stop, followed by activities that introduce the elements of worship and help children to participate and delight in worshipping God. The goal is to equip children to grow in the community of faith and form a deeper relationship with God through regular worship. Plans are to finish up around 1:30 p.m. Please let the church office (klambert@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) know if you and your child plan on attending.

Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 28

The Blessing of the Backpacks will take place in worship on Sunday, August 28. Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpack and participate in this ritual as they return to school.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, August 28. Use this week to prepare your hearts to feast at the table of Jesus Christ.

Silent Partners Anyone?
Did you know First Presbyterian Church has approximately 20 students who are away in college? We need 5 people to serve as a *Silent Partner* and maintain contact with a student. Will you help? Contact Janet Schaefer (janet.schaefer@gmail.com) for more information.

First Family Gathering
Wednesday, September 7
Evening Prayer at 5:45 p.m. in the Chapel
Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym

We are gearing up for our FIRST FAMILY meal in September!!

BUILD YOUR OWN BOWL!

You will choose a starch (white rice, brown rice or Mexican rice), a protein (chicken, pork, black beans), toppings (avocado, tomato, corn, cilantro, shredded cheese, jalapeno, broccoli, cucumber, carrot, scallions, sour cream) and a sauce (salsa, garlic yogurt, peanut sauce, ginger sauce, southern white sauce).

There will be 3 stations: Thai Rice Bowl, Southern Barbeque Bowl and Mexican Bowl. We will also have fresh fruit, Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts, Tea, Coffee, Water and Lemonade.

Contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) to make reservations.

Volunteers Needed for next First Family Gathering

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| 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. |

Before and after the First Family Gathering is a great time for fellowship. We have so much fun in the kitchen. I would love to have some new folks join us this year! I have really missed our kitchen fellowship time this summer! Contact Jane Snyder (704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) if you would like to volunteer.

Labor Day Worship

YMCA Park

Sunday, September 4 at 10:00 a.m.

We'll worship together at the YMCA park and revel in the sights and sounds of God's good creation. Following worship, the Fellowship Committee will provide light breakfast refreshments.

Worship focus will be on the places we've seen and/or experienced the work of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit during the summer.



Pray & Play

- What is it?** A gathering for preschoolers & their parents.
- When?** Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.
- What happens?** 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.
- Starting Date:** Thursday, September 15

Invite friends and neighbors to share in this morning together.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY FLOWERS

On Grandparent's Day, the flowers 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 6**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Grandparent's Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Grandparent's Day, September 11**. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY FLOWERS

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____



CELEBRATE GENEROSITY AT YOUTH CLUB

What is Youth Cubs/Clubs?

*An afternoon of Christian Education adventures
for children ages 3-5th grade.*

**First Day of Youth Cubs/Youth Club is
Wednesday, September 14 from
3:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.**

**Orff (percussion) instruments for K-2nd graders led by Daniel Dickens
5:15 p.m. -5:45 p.m.**

Location: Adult Discussion Classroom Basement

**Handbells for 3rd-5th 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.**

For more information, contact Gina Martin

(gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722).



Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders)

Sunday, September 11

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)

know that you are coming by Wednesday, September 7.

Everything DOTS

Rally Day 2016

Sunday, September 11

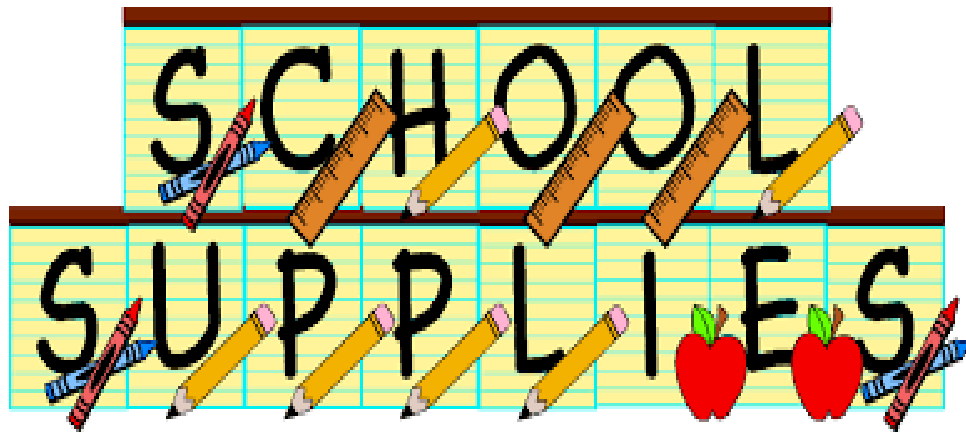
9:30 a.m. in the gym

**The Christian Education Committee is planning a DOT filled morning to kick off the new year in
Christian Education.**

Come prepared to hear of ways you can Do One Thing to make God's world better.

Games, Art, Music, & More...

Pancake Breakfast with all the trimmings...



Please take the list below and begin shopping for supplies for our partner school, Central Elementary. A designated bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.



Uniform shirts for youth are \$7.50

(these are plain polo shirts).

**Donations for 1 or more shirts
would be greatly appreciated.**

**Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and in the memo put:
CES uniform donation**

Donations may be placed in the pit stop through Sunday, August 28.

**If you shop at OfficeMax/OfficeDepot,
Central Elementary School will receive 5% back.**

At checkout, present ID number 70060235.

Student Supplies

Crayola Crayons – (Crayola brand only)

Glue Sticks

#2 Pencils

Big Fat Pencils

Scissors (Child-size)

Scissors (Youth-size)

Pink Pearl Erasers

Dry Erase Markers – small size

Notebook Paper (wide-ruled)

Notebook Paper (regular-ruled)

Small Zipper Pencil Pouch or Pencil Box

Dividers with pockets

Spiral Notebooks with pockets

Composition Books Hard Cover Wide-Ruled (not spiral bound)

Plain Solid 2-pocket folders

Pocket folders with prongs

2” – 3 Ring Binders

Pencil top erasers

1 pk. Highlighters

Colored Pencils

Colored Paper

Card-stock Paper

Index Cards (3x5)

Ear Buds

Ear Phones

Small Pencil Sharpener

Sticky Notes

Classroom Supplies Needed Include:

Lysol or Clorox Wipes

Kleenex

Baby Wipes

Hand Sanitizer

Paper Towels

Ziploc Bags (sandwich, quart, gallon)

Band-aids

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 21

- 10:00 am *Worship
- 7:00 pm Summer Vespers at the home of Robin & John Howell
(20959 Old Aquadale Rd., Albemarle)

Monday, August 22

- 7:00 pm Community Christmas Dinner Steering Committee
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Wednesday, August 24

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

Thursday, August 25

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, August 26

Summer Friday – Church Office Closed

Sunday, August 28

- 11:00 am *Worship

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

AUGUST

- 21-June Johnson
- 22-Hannah Domenech
- 24-Martha Chapman
Adrienne Averette
- 25-Jane Hartsell
- 28-Loni Lambert

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

AUGUST

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

SCCM NEED FOR AUGUST:

Canned Vegetables

!!! TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!

**Visit the Art Gallery
Summer Exhibit
Before It's Gone**

**FEATURING
THE ART OF PHOTOGRAPHY
BY
LACHLANN CURRIE**

