



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

Hymn 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Hymn 698

Take, O Take Me as I Am

(sing 3 times)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: You are the light of the world.

People: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

Leader: Let your light shine before others.

People: Those who wait for the Lord shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Leader: Whoever follows Jesus will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

All: We gather around Jesus, light of the world. Let us worship God together.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you gave the law to show your people the way of righteousness. Help us receive your commandments as grace and live as your obedient children that your goodness may shine through us, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 673

Jesus, Light of Joy

Lauda anima

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

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Forgive our self-righteousness and make us faithful so that the light of Jesus Christ may shine through our lives.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Believe the good news,

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS



Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the Son, — whose grace has
par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, — whose love has set me free.
As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A-men.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

Let Me Be Your Servant, Jesus
Rejoice in the Lord Always
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Trusty Travelers

Judith A. Helms
Traditional; Philippians 4:4
arr. Mark Sedio

En'yanna Baldwin, Gabriel Beamon, Zi'yonna Brown, Brody Campbell, Piper Campbell, Hugh Carpenter, Ella Cumming, Emily Deese, Cidney Eudy, Nathaniel Eudy, Melanie Hendrix, Ollie Henkenjohann, Maddox Jolly, Caroline Lisk, Stella Marks, Leo McLeod, Ellie Niederer, Natalie Niederer, Sanah Patel, Sophie Poplin, Kemarian Redfearn, Ke'zia Redfearn, Seth Richards, Holden Taylor, Madelyn Taylor, Caroline West, Eston West, Jake Whisnant

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 to the chapel for Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our understanding by the power of the Holy Spirit, that as the Word is proclaimed we may receive holy wisdom to understand the gifts you have bestowed on us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Isaiah 58:6-12](#)

Pew Bible, page 647

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

Craig Curry

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Matthew 5:13-20](#)

Pew Bible, page 4

SERMON

The Power of Light

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

an excerpt from the *Confession of Belhar*

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN 314

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

Christ, Be Our Light

During the hymn, ushers will collect your written prayers to be included in the Prayers of the People.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Trusty Travelers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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

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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 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Star of the County Down

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

God's Wonderful Peace Be With You

William M. Runyan

*POSTLUDE

Epilogue on 'Dix'

William H. Harris

*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 Blake Taylor. 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 honor of Cathryn and Claude Harwood by Mary & Frank Green and Ann & Joe Snuggs.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Blue Honeycutt, Caroline West, Pam Medlin (cousin of Janice Abernathy; multiple health concerns). **See newsletter for complete list.**

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

The prayers of the people today will include thanksgivings and intercessions by members of the congregation. Please write yours on the paper at the ends of the pews and be prepared to hand them to an usher during the second hymn.

Ushers: Taylor Jolly, captain; Leah Beamon, Cameron Biddle, Lee Boone, Heather Deese, Adam Jolly, Dona Lisk, Jack Morton, Penny Morton, Ellen Snyder **Elder Greeters:** Steve Cumming; Mary Kesselman **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Misty Honbarrier **Preschool Partners:** Stephanie & Josh Campbell **Nana & Papa Team:** Debby Johnston; Mary Kesselman **Children's Church:** Angie Earnhardt; Adrienne Averette; Kelly Lentz; Jacob Palmer

Legacy Campaign - Second (and Final) Phase...All church members should have received a letter with information about the exciting renovation of the gym to begin soon. If you have not received one, please contact the church office (704-982-2722). Timely return of your pledge card will enable us to move forward with construction. Questions? Contact Mark Mabry (704-982-0540) or Larry Sitton (336-461-5158).

Roots of Kindness Jar Ministry continues at Youth Club...

Trusty Travelers are creating and selling these tulip and hyacinth bulbs in a recycled jar, the money raised will bring about change in our community. All proceeds will go to Stanly Community Christian Ministries (SCCM) to help folks heat their homes this winter. Share kindness with your Valentine by purchasing *Roots of Kindness*, for your teacher, pastor, friend, mother, aunt or grandmother...



On sale for \$10 each in the pit stop: Sunday, February 5 and Sunday, February 12

**You are invited to the First Presbyterian Church
Volunteer Reception on Thursday, February 9**

10:00 a.m.-Noon in the church parlor

RSVP to Pam Knighten (pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org) or
Kyle Lambert (klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) or
call the church office (704-982-2722).

Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 5

Our church will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 5. In over 20 years, this ministry has raised over \$100 million across the country.

Youth will be collecting money at the doors of the sanctuary and cans of food in the Pit Stop. We will, once again, have a *competition*.

As you face the front of the sanctuary, if you sit on the right side of the sanctuary, choir loft, or balcony, please bring chicken noodle soup.

If you sit on the left side of the sanctuary or in the back soundboard section, please bring tomato soup.

There will be designated sections in the Pit Stop for each group. Let's see which side can collect the most food!

Legacy Campaign Second Phase

As of January 31 –

36 pledges have been received; Total pledged: \$63,780

WINTER MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

6:30 PM IN THE GYM

Come warm up from the cool winter breeze & enjoy

!!! Trolls !!!

Dreamworks animated family musical comedy tells the story of poppy, the happiest troll ever, and her friend, Branch, as they set out on a mission to rescue their friends.

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!!!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 5

Souper Bowl of Caring

Ten-Cents-A-Meal

Youth Return from Ski Trip

Trusty Travelers Fundraiser "Roots of Kindness" Sale in the pit stop

Trusty Travelers Sing in Worship

9:00 am Breakfast Bunch

9:45 am *Sunday School/Trusty Travelers Rehearse

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Planned Giving Task Force

Monday, February 6

1:00 pm-3:00 pm Celebrate Geneoristy with a Paint Brush
(Classroom 3 on 3rd Floor)

7:00 pm Circle #5 at the home of Sally Grantier
(522 Avondale Ave., Albemarle)

8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square

8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Wednesday, February 8

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club

4:00 pm Lent Planning Committee

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Club Handbells & Orff Rehearsals

7:00 pm *Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 9

9:30 am *Pray & Play

10:00 am-Noon Volunteer Reception

Friday, February 10

6:30 pm Movie Night in the Gym

Saturday, February 11

11:00 am-1:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 82 Chili Sale at the Goody Shop Cafe

Sunday, February 12

Faith Explorers sing in worship

Youth Club Handbell Ensemble in Worship

Trusty Travelers Fundraiser "Roots of Kindness"

Sale in the pit stop

8:45 am *Diaconate

9:30 am Youth Club Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal

9:45 am *Sunday School/Faith Explorers Rehearsal

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Faith Explorers' Bake & Take

3:30 pm-8:30 pm Youth Connection Trivia Night in Charlotte

7:00 pm *Session

***childcare provided**



Backpack Food Program Donation List Items Needed:

Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish,

Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper,

Canned Tuna, Snack Crackers, Pineapple, Fruit Cocktail Cups

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FEBRUARY

05-Keith Byrd

Robin Howell

06-Melissa Eudy

Bob Johnston

07-Jennifer Mabry

08-Mellanie Morgan

09-Debbie Bennett

10-Susan Pandich

11-Davis Fort

Katherine Jolly

Naly Sydalack

12-Karen Hinkle

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

FEBRUARY

06-Steve & Laura Blalock

09-Bill & Diane Stevenson

12-Ernie & Jane Borders

SCCM NEED FOR FEBRUARY:

Toiletries and Household Items...

Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant,

Toothpaste, Laundry Detergent, Bar Body Soap,

Feminine Hygiene Products