



**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*

Ralph Vaughn Williams

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:8

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good.

**People: Happy are those who take refuge in the Lord.**

**All: We offer joyful praise to God as we come to worship.**

\*CHORAL INTROIT

*Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*

Basil Harwood

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, renewer of life and true reformer, you surround us with a great cloud of witnesses throughout time and place whom you have called into your work, witnessing the gospel of liberation by grace alone. Continue now to raise up witnesses for your work of renewal and reform that we may all grow more deeply into that mystery of communion that is your church. Come among us now and sustain the on-going reformation of your church. We ask this all through your child Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN 610

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from the prayers of Martin Luther

Silence

Unison

**Waken our hearts, O Lord, our God; make them ever watchful to serve you and your purposes. Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and work. Trouble us with the greatness of your command to make disciples of all nations. Trouble us with your great love for sinners and our own slowness to make you our greatest love. Trouble us with the brevity of our lives and time, talent, and treasure not invested in eternity. Comfort us by drawing us to yourself with the cords of your unfailing mercy.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

**\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.**

**Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**ANTHEM**

*Earth and All Stars  
Shout to the Lord*

David N. Johnson  
Darlene Zschech

Faith Explorers: Gabriel Beamon, Elizabeth Bryson, Ollie Henkenjohann, Thora Kilde, Merrin Kinley,  
Brent Lisk, Grant Lisk, Addison Marks, Bailey Motes, Natalie Niederer, Aidyn Osborne, Jackson Palmer,  
Danny Saltzman, Lily Snyder, and Caroline West

**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 to the chapel for Children's Church.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Spirit of the Living God*

hymnal, page 288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

[Psalm 130](#)

Pew Bible, page 542

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

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

[Colossians 3:12-17](#)  
[I Peter 2:9-10](#)

Pew Bible, page 190

Pew Bible, page 219

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Chosen Ones*

Mrs. Ayscue

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

excerpted from The Heidelberg Catechism

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: **That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death- to my faithful  
Savior, Jesus Christ. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of  
eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.  
Amen.**

**\*HYMN 761**

*Called As Partners in Christ's Service*

Beecher

*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**

Sarah Michael

**THE 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 *Chorale* Johannes Brahms  
\*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 394 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* Westminster Abbey

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *God Be in My Head* John Rutter

\*POSTLUDE *Jubilate* Roy Douglas

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\*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 Elizabeth Bryson.** After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

**Thank you** to the Youth Club Faith Explorers for their participation in worship.

**The prayers of the people** 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, Lee Boone, Heather Deese, Adam Jolly, Dona Lisk, Jack Morton, Penny Morton, Ellen Snyder **Outside Ushers:** John Howell; Kyle Marks **Elder Greeters:** Sarah Michael; Lynn White **Nursery:** Kaitlyn Massey **Toddler Room:** McKenzie Hinson **Preschool Partners:** Leah Beamon; Heather Deese **Nana & Papa Team:** Mary & Frank Green **Children’s Church:** Dona Lisk; Grant Lisk; Grace Richards

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Molly Amelia Lowder (continuing health concerns), Glynn Fowler (possible nerve damage and failed rotator cuff surgery), Cathy Dunlap (sister of Jill Freshley; recovering from heart attack), Marlene Sanges. **See newsletter for complete list.**

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**Shortbread Needed...Can You Help?**



Following our Reformation Sunday worship service on October 29, we will host a reception for our visitors from Locust and Norwood. We will need lots of shortbread makers. A sample recipe is on the bulletin board in the pit stop. Please contact Connie Wallace (704-982-8260 or [connie.wallace59@gmail.com](mailto:connie.wallace59@gmail.com)) if you can help.

## **BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**

Session has called a congregational meeting to be held immediately after worship on Sunday, October 15. The purpose of the meeting is to elect deacons and ruling elders to the Class of 2020 and to elect members of the congregational Nominating Committee. The congregation will hear and act on the report which will be presented by Nominating Committee Chair, Al Andrew. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Al Andrew, Chair, Nancy Joines, Bill Jolly, Jack Morton, Frankie Palmer, Witt Snuggs, and David Whitley. Once the committee has presented the slate of officers, the floor will be open for additional nominations. As a matter of courtesy, please check with any person whose name you plan to place in nomination prior to doing so.

### **2018 Nominating Committee:**

**Robert Ivey, Nancy Joines, Bill Jolly, Frankie Palmer**

### **Deacons (Class of 2020)**

**Kate Gibson...**For the past nine years, I have been an insurance agent at Mabry Insurance. If I am not at home or work, you will find me running many miles through the streets of Albemarle, helping with the YMCA Board, or with my family. I have been a member of First Presbyterian Church since the day I was born. My husband, Trey, and I were married here and both our girls, Carter Elizabeth and Emma Catherine, were baptized at First Presbyterian. While I have been a member for all my life, I am looking forward to giving back to the church and helping the church become a better place for all.

**Jill Niebler...**My daughter Melanie and I have been attending this church for approximately 4 years, and I became a member within 6 months of our first visit. My daughter Melanie is in 1st grade at Mount Gilead Elementary School and attends church with me regularly. I work as a substitute teacher for Montgomery County Elementary Schools and serve as PTO president for Mount Gilead Elementary School. I teach Sunday school, serve as preschool partner, and coordinate Breakfast Bunch. My hobbies are hiking, reading, dancing, and running my daughter around to her activities. I look forward to new experiences as a Deacon as I work closely with new friends.

**Tom Norwood...**I am a retired dentist and have been a member of our church since the early '80s. I enjoy gardening, playing golf, being with my daughter and her family, and UNC sports. I have previously served as a deacon and elder and enjoy serving our church. I am lucky to be married to Holly Norwood.

**Salem Taylor...**I have been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 2006. I am married to Thomas Taylor and have 2 children: Holden (age 8) and Madelyn (age 6). I serve as the Helping Hands Program Director at SCCM, and prior to that worked with Homes of Hope and Monarch. My hobbies include yoga, cooking, concerts and keeping up with Cub Scout and gymnast activities. I am passionate about community issues and ways to improve life for everyone, and I look forward to serving on the Diaconate in hopes that my experiences and perspective will be a benefit to the church.

### **Elders (Class of 2020)**

**Lee Boone (Youth Representative)...**I have been a member of First Presbyterian Church all my life and have enjoyed participating in church activities at every age level. I'm a junior at Gray Stone Day School where I play on the tennis team & swim team. I am also on the Science Olympiad team and an Eagle Scout. This past summer, I worked as a lifeguard for Albemarle Parks & Recreation and volunteered at Camp Cheerio as a CIT. Brad and Jane Boone are my parents. I enjoy fishing & hiking every chance I get. I look forward to learning more about church leadership this year as a Youth Elder.

**Taylor Johnston...**I have attended First Presbyterian Albemarle my whole life. My wife, Lisa, and I have a one year old daughter, Colette. We look forward to raising her as part of this congregation. I work for a commercial truck dealership in Salisbury. In my free time, I enjoy playing golf and being outside. While serving as a deacon previously, I really enjoyed being part of the mission committee. I am grateful to be nominated for this role in our church, and look forward to working with everyone.

**Gayle Russell...**I am retired from public education and enjoy spending time with my husband, Ned, and our children and grandchildren. We are avid campers and love to travel when we aren't gardening or working with our beagles. I have been a member of First Presbyterian Church since moving to Albemarle in 1985. I was raised in the Presbyterian church in Whiteville, North Carolina where my parents were active in many leadership roles. I feel called to use my talents, as my parents did, to serve at church. I have taught Sunday school, assisted with Youth Club, served on the Diaconate and Session, sung in the choir, and helped lead a Lent group. I enjoy being in the kitchen with Jane and am responsible for coordinating the Nana/Papa program. I look forward to the challenge of serving as an elder for the next three years.

**Sandy Saunders...**I joined First Presbyterian 42 years ago. I have served on the Diaconate one time and this will be my third time on the Session. I am retired and spend my time working in my yard, volunteering at church, playing tennis and pickleball. I have two adult daughters that grew up in this church. God has truly blessed me, and I feel as a Christian I should be giving back and by serving on the Session, I feel that I'm doing that...

**Rich Schaefer...**I have been a member of First Presbyterian Church for 9 years. During that time I have served as a deacon and Chair of Diaconate. I have been a member of the Stewardship, Membership, and Personnel Committees. I have journeyed on life-changing mission trips to Montana de Luz and Mwandu and have also done local mission work for the church. I enjoy being a discussion leader of the Wired Word Sunday School Class and also volunteer in the church office. I am a retired marketing executive and serve on the board of the Stanly Health Foundation. In my spare time, I enjoy tennis, golf and bridge. I am married to Janet and we have two children and three grandchildren who live in North Carolina. I look forward to the opportunity to serve on Session.

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**Tea & Conversation**  
**Tuesday, October 17**  
**3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor**  
*Theme: Who's Who?*

All women of the church are invited to come for an afternoon of conversation and Jane's lovely tea refreshments. Bring a baby (or early childhood) picture with your name on the back. We'll see if we can figure out **Who's Who**. (Early submission of pictures to the office would be even better.) Call the office (704-982-2722) to let us know you want to be part of the fun!

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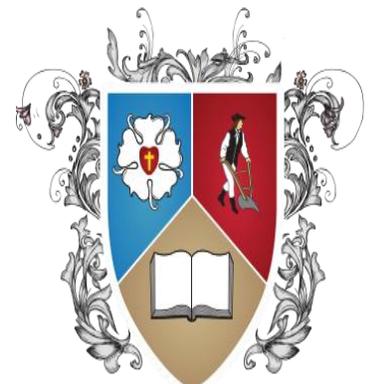
**Tuesday Morning Study Beginning Tuesday, October 10**  
*Which Way, Lord?*

Beginning on Tuesday, October 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Old Session Room, we'll explore the purpose of our lives using the journeys of Paul. Book Cost: \$12.00. The class will study for 6 weeks. Sign-up or show-up!

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**REFORMATION STUDY**  
**SUNDAY MORNINGS OCTOBER 8, 15, 22**  
**9:45 A.M. IN THE SESSION ROOM**

Join Elizabeth for conversation about significant people and places and the Protestant Reformation - What happened? Why did it happen? How did the events of the Reformation affect the Christian Church and the way worship is conducted now?





**SERRV Catalogs Available for  
Review & Placing  
of Individual Orders in the Pit Stop**

On Sunday mornings in the Pit Stop: October 8 & 15 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
During the week, in the church office until October 16. After that, the order will be compiled and placed. These individual orders will be available for pick-up at the SERRV sale scheduled for November 12.

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**The Little Yellow Cup**

The SCCM Caring and Sharing Campaign continues until Sunday, October 22. Please fill your cup and return by that date. All Caring and Sharing funds are used to purchase food and supplies for the Community Tables, Food Pantry, and to provide rent and utility assistance for our neighbors.

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**Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!**

- Who can come? 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders
- What? Breakfast...muffins, fruit, yogurt, milk, juice, etc.
- When? Sunday, October 8 at 9:00 a.m.
- Where? Media Room
- Why? To pray together & build strong community of faith



Please let Jill Niebler ([jlniebler@gmail.com](mailto:jlniebler@gmail.com)) know if you are able to join us. \*Parents...there will be coffee & muffins for you in the parlor, so please take advantage of this opportunity to relax with other moms & dads while your children are spending quality time together each month.

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**Faith Explorers Get Lost in the  
CORN MAZE**

**Sunday, October 8 Noon-3:00 p.m.**

We'll have a picnic lunch at City Lake Park following worship and then on to an **AMAZING** afternoon at *Get Lost Corn Maze* in Millingport. Bring a bag lunch (bottled water provided) and \$9 for admission ticket and additional money for optional activities at the maze. Transportation provided to and from the maze –pick up at church at 3:00 p.m. Please let Leah Beamon know if your 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Explorer will be attending ([lbeamon@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:lbeamon@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-982-2722) Wednesday, October 4.

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**Prospective Members Lunch & Learn**

**Sunday, October 8 following worship in the parlor**

Prospective members are invited to share lunch and conversation about the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) and the congregation of First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 8 following worship. We will meet in the parlor. Childcare provided upon request.

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**FALL PRIMETIMERS' LUNCHEON  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT NOON IN THE PIT STOP  
GUEST SPEAKER: ANDY COTTON**

The Fall Prime Timers Luncheon will be on Thursday, October 19 at noon in the pit stop at First Presbyterian Church. The menu will include barbecue, slaw, pasta salad, fruit salad, rolls, tea and dessert. Andy Cotton will show slides and speak on his trips to Africa. Please RSVP to Kyle (704 982-2722 [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)) by Monday, October 16 if you plan to attend.



**FAMILY SEASONING CLASS**

How would you like to leave the church on Wednesdays with your dinner done?

Classes are on October 11, 18, 25 and November 1.

We will prepare dinner from 4:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m. and class will be from 4:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

Come to as many as you can.

Cost per family meal is \$15.

**If you want to just come to the class portion, it is free.**

During the dinner prep (4:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.), we are going to make a simple meal for you to take home for dinner. In the class (4:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.), we are going to share some simple ways to make dinner time special.

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**Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:**

- Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish,
  - Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Hamburger Helper,
  - Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups
- A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.



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*Live a Generous Life*

Live a generous life! God loves us all and is generous beyond comprehension. We can show our appreciation for God's love and generosity by loving, sharing, giving, and caring. Stewardship season is beginning! Pledge cards will be mailed soon. Consecration Sunday will be held on November 5. On Consecration Sunday, everyone is invited to a luncheon following worship to thank the congregation for their generosity.

*In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)*

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**Volunteers Needed for Central School Book Fair October 9-13**

The Central School Book Fair is Monday, October 9 through Friday, October 13. Volunteers are needed to help staff the book fair. The busiest time is 7:30 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. each day. The book fair will be open each day until 3:00 p.m. If you can help, please contact Kristie Bryson ([kristie.bryson@stanlycountyschools.org](mailto:kristie.bryson@stanlycountyschools.org) or 864-230-6074).

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, October 8

*Faith Explorers Sing in Worship*

*SCCM Caring & Sharing Yellow Cup Campaign*

- 8:45 am \*Diaconate
- 9:00 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalogs Available for Review & Placing of Individual Orders (pit stop)
- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders-Media Room)
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm \*Prospective Members Lunch & Learn (Parlor)
- 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers' Picnic Lunch at City Lake Park & Trip to Get Lost Corn Maze
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee
- 7:00 pm \*Session

### Monday, October 9

- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square
- 8:30 pm Senior High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

### Tuesday, October 10

- 10:00 am-11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

### Wednesday, October 11

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 am-11:00 am \*Pray & Play
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/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)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 12

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Goody Shop Cafe

### Sunday, October 15

*SCCM Caring & Sharing Yellow Cup Campaign*

*Congregational Meeting*

- 9:00 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalogs Available for Review & Placing of Individual Orders (pit stop)
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm Congregational Meeting
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

**\*childcare provided**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY! OCTOBER

- 08-Robert Land
- 09-Chloe Dombrowski
- 10-Grace Dombrowski  
Scott Griffin
- 12-Ella Cumming
- 13-Isabel McLeod

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! OCTOBER

- 08-Kellyn & Luis Luna
- 11-Philip & Shirley Welch

## SCCM CHALLENGE OCTOBER:

Canned Meat  
(tuna, chicken, spam, salmon)



## QUARTER MINISTRY FOR THE MARY & MARTHA CENTER FOR WOMEN

Our Quarter Jar is in the pit stop. Quarters will be donated to the Mary & Martha Center for their clients to use at the laundromat. For more information, contact Kim Marshall (704-983-1378 or [bookworm284@live.com](mailto:bookworm284@live.com)).

## Fall Art Exhibit at First Presbyterian Church

*Mixed Media Madness*

Featuring works by GHA Autism Supports