



The Weekly Bulletin
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Gracious
compassionate
Healer
Incomprehensible
Forgiving
Loving
Omnipresent
Accepting
Forgiving
powerful
constant
Loving

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

From
Presbyterian Beliefs
by
Donald K. McKim

MORNING MEDITATION

In the Bible, we encounter God as in no other place. Thus the Scriptures have authority for us – because they are the basis for our knowledge.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONGS

Hymn 413	<i>Come into God's Presence</i>	all stanzas
Hymn 375	<i>Shall We Gather at the River</i>	stanzas 1 and 2

Based on
Psalm 145

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I will praise you, my God and King,
And bless your name forever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
God's greatness is without limit.
God's hand opens,
Satisfying the desire of every living thing.
The Lord is just in all ways,
And kind in all doings.
The Lord is near to all who call,
God hears the cry of those who love him and fulfills their desire.
My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
And all flesh will bless his holy name.
We have come to worship our God, far above us, and always near to us.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you call your church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 409 *God Is Here!* Abbot's Leigh

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence
God of past, present, and future, we confess that we live casual lives. Too often, we commit ourselves to things of little consequence and ignore what matters most to you. We are a people of many words, and yet ignorant in the ways of your Word. We are busy with many things, yet slow to respond to others with the love of Jesus Christ. Forgive us. By the power of your Holy Spirit, increase in us a faith sufficient for our time, give us hope whose roots grow deep, and enlarge our hearts so we may love others as you love us.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.
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.**

Glory to God hymnal
page 582

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of Faith Sharing with Children, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

The congregation is encouraged to participate in the prayer with the children.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word, may your Spirit rest upon us. Make us steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

*Romans 10:8b
Psalm 91:9*

OLD TESTAMENT READING [Deuteronomy 23:12-14](#) Pew Bible, page 172

ANTHEM *Aria* Felix Mendelssohn
Ann Crutchfield, Soprano

NEW TESTAMENT READING [Matthew 22:37-40](#) Pew Bible, page 24

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermons are posted to the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org). You can usually find the previous Sunday's sermon by Wednesday.

SERMON *Is God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It Adequate* Reverend Ayscue
Scripture Litany

Dare we say,

God said it. I believe it. That settles it.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What do you mean when you speak of *the Word of God*?

Jesus Christ as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture is the one Word of God whom we have to hear, and whom we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

Isn't Holy Scripture also the Word of God?

Yes. Holy Scripture is also God's Word because of its content, its function, and its origin. Its central content is Jesus Christ, the living Word. Its basic function, is to deepen our love, knowledge, and service of him as our Savior and Lord. And its ultimate origin is in the Holy Spirit, who spoke through the prophets and apostles, and who inspires us with eager desire for the truths that Scripture contains. Amen.

From the *Belonging to God* Catechisms. In the question and answer format of the Westminster Shorter Catechisms, the *Belonging to God* Catechisms were adopted by the General Assembly of the PCUSA in 1998. Using the language of the catechisms in worship makes explicit the faith commitment of the church.

*HYMN 462

I Love to Tell the Story

Hankey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

COMMISSIONING OF MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE AND MONTAÑA DE LUZ PARTICIPANTS

Introduction

Scripture and Charge

Prayer

Response

They Will Know We Are Christians

hymnal, page 300

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Debbie Bennett

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

This Is My Father's World

arr. Matt Hyzer

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

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Chorale from Cantata No. 22

Johann Sebastian Bach

*All that are able may stand.

We are grateful for your presence 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 Danny Saltzman. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thanks to Ann Crutchfield for sharing her musical talent with us today.

Thanks to Debbie Bennett for serving as liturgist today.

Thanks to Andy McLeod and Laura McLeod for their participation in worship.

There is no Children's Church in the summer. School-aged children are encouraged to remain in worship. Nursery is available for newborns-preschoolers.

Thanks to Kim & Jim Marshall for hosting lemonade on the lawn today.

The rose in the sanctuary is in honor of the birth of Hampton Thomas Moses, son of Meredith (Hinson) & Derek Moses, on July 4.

Ushers: Brett Richards, captain; Mark Donham, Judy Kilgore, Ethan Richards, Grace Richards, Danny Saltzman **Outside Ushers:** Matt Carpenter; Jim Marshall **Elder Greeters:** Debbie Bennett; Steve Cumming **Nursery:** Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Jack & Penny Morton

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Jim Sawyer, Mark Mabry, Jordan Andrew (daughter of Bo & Lauren Andrew), Jane Pickler (pancreatic cancer), Caroline Morton Chisholm (chemotherapy), Elaine Coats, Davis Fort. **See newsletter for complete list.**

Melissa Eudy, Katherine Jolly, and Adam Jolly will participate in the Montreat Youth Conference this week. Please keep them close in your prayers as they worship, make new connections, and deepen relationships and faith.

Montaña de Luz participants are: Cherry Ayscue, Skeet Ayscue, Spencer Ayscue, Mark Donham, Debby Johnston, and Anna Wainwright. They will depart for Honduras on July 24.

The June Faith on the Fifth Offering for Will's Place was \$1,275. Thank you for your generosity.



We will Circle the Sanctuary for the SCCM food pantry again this summer. You may bring non-perishable food items to designated areas in the sanctuary during the weeks of **July 14 and 21.**

Most Needed Items Are:

Canned Fruit (No Sugar Added), Canned Vegetables (Low Sodium), Canned Meats, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Macaroni & Cheese, Oatmeal/Grits, 1lb bag of rice



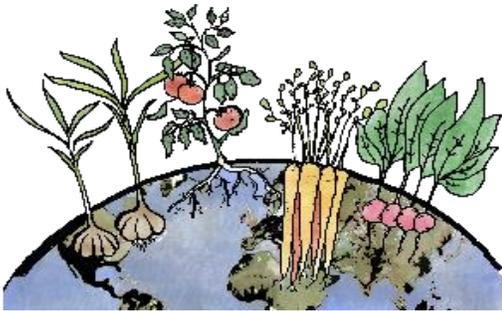
PLEASE NOTE:

Recently mailed statements from the 2nd quarter do not reflect gifts received after June 23. Those gifts will be reflected on the 3rd quarter statement.



**LEMONADE ON THE LAWN
SUNDAYS FOLLOWING WORSHIP
IN THE PIT STOP**

Stop by to connect with your church family
over lemonade and tasty treats!



Gardening for SCCM

If you have extra garden produce,
consider sharing it at the designated table in the Pit Stop.
Church members who need it can take some for a donation.
Contributions and extra produce will be donated to SCCM.

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DINNERS FOR 7

Dinners for 7 will return in the fall.
These dinner groups will gather (in home, restaurants, or around a picnic table in the park)
once a month through the fall.
Sign-up to be part of one and make new connections.



Wish List

For Montaña de Luz

Our group is leaving for Montaña de Luz on Wednesday, July 24.
Your donation(s) of the following supplies would be greatly appreciated:

Toiletries

Shampoo (for men & women)

Conditioner

Lice Shampoo/Lice kits

Body wash (for men & women)

Feminine pads (no tampons)

Razors (for men & women)

Deodorant (for men & women)

Hair gel

Body lotion

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Baby wipes

Education

Dry erase markers

Composition notebooks

Pencils (no mechanical pencils)

Pencil sharpeners

Blue, black and red pens

Printer paper

Other

Flip flops/Crocs (men & women ages 9-20)

Games

Interactive games for kids ages 1 & 2, Puzzles, Child and young adult coloring books, Jenga, Uno card game, Sidewalk chalk, Friendship bracelet materials, Paint materials for art projects

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 14

Circle the Sanctuary

10:00 am *Worship

11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (pit stop)

Monday, July 15

8:00 pm Bible Study at Off the Square

Wednesday, July 17

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, July 21

Circle the Sanctuary

10:00 am *Worship

11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (pit stop)

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY

17-Matt Carpenter

Michael Laton

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JULY

21-Kent & Shannon Newport

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR JULY

Staple Items...

Flour

Sugar

Vegetable Oil

Broth

Cooking Spray