



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

In the church, everyday brokenness becomes a blessing. When we bring our cracked and chipped lives to the baptism font, to the communion table, to the people, to the Lord, we find ourselves on holy ground.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Make a joyful noise to the Lord,

Come into God's presence with singing.

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

***INTROIT**

Halle, Halle, Halle

Hal H. Hopson

Choir: Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Praise God in this holy place, every nation, every race.

Come, make joyful music to the Lord. Sound the trumpet, sound it clear.

Sound it for the world to hear. Come, make joyful music to the Lord.

Refrain: Choir & Congregation (sing 2 times)

Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah. (Repeat 4 times)

Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather to worship together,

Different people, different lives, different histories,

Yet all children of the same God.

Created lovingly by the creator of all life!

We gather to reconnect with one another,

Different people, different lives, different histories,

Yet all disciples of Jesus Christ.

Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwells among us.

We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears....

Different people, different lives, different histories,

Yet one people. One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

**We are here to celebrate the presence of God at work in us, among us,
and through us, in this place and around the world, now and forever.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Esta Jarrett on the
NEXT Church blog.

*HYMN *God's Got the Whole World in His Hands*
The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger may be brought forward at this time.

God's got the whole world in His hands,
God's got the whole world in His hands,
God's got the whole world in His hands,
God's got the whole world in His hands.

God's got the wind and rain in His hands,
God's got the sun and moon in His hands,
God's got the seas and stars in His hands,
God's got the whole world in His hands.

God's got the little baby in His hands,
God's got the little baby in His hands,
God's got the little baby in His hands,
God's got the whole world in His hands.

God's got you and me, brother, in His hands,
God's got you and me, sister, in His hands,
God's got all of us together in His hands.
God's got the whole world in His hands.

From
The Presbyterian
Church of Cameroon

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

O Lord, with sorrow and dismay we confess before you our failure to live up to the trust committed to us. For so many years your word has been preached among us, but has yielded little fruit. We have not given the example of redeemed lives. Because of our lack of love and joy and devotion there are still those, even among our friends and in our families, who have not yet accepted you as Savior and Lord. Even many who are baptized and have grown up in our midst have become cold and have turned away from you, O Lord. We humble ourselves before you in shame, and plead with you, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Glory to God hymnal
page 582

*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

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Melissa Eudy

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

ANTHEM

O Living Bread of Heaven

Lloyd Larson

O living bread of Heaven, how well You feed Your guest!
The gift that you have given has filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing, O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, Your gift possessing, with praises overflows.

O Lord, by faith You've led me to this most holy place;
Your love and mercy feed me with treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given what earth could never buy,
The gift of life from heaven, that I shall never die.

I receive You, bread of Heaven, this food death can't destroy.
Your sacrifice has given the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit the favor You have shown,
But humbly in spirit I bow before Your throne.

Lord, grant me by Your mercy the strength that I shall need,
To follow in Your footsteps the path that You shall lead.
And when You call my spirit to leave this world below,
I will enter, by Your merit, where joys unending flow. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of the universe, give us ears to hear your story in the words of Scripture. Give us eyes to see your story in the faces of those who surround us. Give us faith enough, that by your grace, we may serve you until the end of our days. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Luke 21:1-3](#)

Pew Bible, page 80

SERMON

Bold Indeed!

Reverend Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. God created people and wanted them to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe on earth. We have known this High God in the darkness, and now we know God in the light. God promised in the book called The Bible, the Word of God, that all nations and tribes of the world would be saved. We believe that God made good this promise by sending Jesus Christ, the Son of God, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and people, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by this people, tortured and nailed-hands and feet-to a cross and died. He lay buried, but the hyenas did not find his body, and on the third day, he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord! We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love, and share the bread together in love, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive! He lives! This we believe. Amen!

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

This African Affirmation of Faith comes to us from Kenya.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

What Wondrous Love Is This

David N. Johnson

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and The Lord's Prayer

Come people, come to the table of the Lord. Together we will make a giant loaf and together prepare the jars of wine as at the wedding feast of Cana.

Come, people, come to the table of the Lord.

May the woman not forget the salt nor the man forget the yeast. We shall invite many guests; the crippled, the blind the mute, the poor.

Come, people, come to the table of the Lord.

And now, we shall follow the Lord's instruction. Together we knead the dough with our hands and watch how the loaf rises.

Come, people, come to the table of the Lord.

Because today we're celebrating the promise of Jesus Christ. Today, we are renewing our promise to the kingdom and no one will be hungry.

Come, people, come to the table of the Lord.

Around this table, we unite our hearts, our minds, and our voices as we sing the prayer Christ taught his disciples.



Fa - ther God in heav'n, Lord most high, hear your chil-dren's prayer, Lord most
May your king-dom come here on earth. May your will be done here on
Give us dai - ly bread, day by day; and for - give our sins, day by
Lead us in your way. Make us strong. Whentemp - ta - tions come, make us
All things come from you. All are yours. King-dom, glo - ry, pow'r, all are



high. Hal - lowed be your name, Lord most high. O Lord, hear our prayer.
earth; as it is in heav'n, so on earth.
day; as we too for - give, day by day.
strong. Save us all from sin. Make us strong.
yours. Take our lives and gifts. All are yours.

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Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* Let Us Break Bread

On cue from the organ, the congregation is invited to sing during the serving of communion.

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees;)

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;)

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN 526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* Linstead

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 540 *Farewell, Good Friends!* Shalom, Chaverim!

Sung once by the choir in Hebrew.

Choir and Congregation sing once together in English.

Sung as a round following the director's cue and joining the choir members in your section.

*POSTLUDE *The Rejoicing* Charles Callahan

*All that are able may stand.

An appropriate response to receiving the bread and cup, is *Thanks be to God.*

The variety of textures and colors of bread is a reminder of the variety of people who share this meal around the world today.

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 Nathaniel Eudy. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thanks to Karlyn Cox and Marlene Sanges for their participation in worship this morning.

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

There is no Children's Church today. Children in grades K-2 are encouraged to remain in worship.

The table of Jesus Christ is open to all who trust in him and those who want to trust him more. The bread and cup will be taken into the pews for those unable to come forward.

Ushers: Jill Niebler, captain; Steve Cumming, Ella Cumming, Heather Deese, Katherine Jolly, and Dona Lisk

Outside Ushers: Wes Eudy; Tom Norwood **Elder Greeters:** Steve Cumming; Lee McLaurin **Nursery:** Kate

White Kids Care Crew: Kristie Bryson; Elizabeth Bryson **Children's Church:** No Children's Church

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Barbara Whitley (recovering from back surgery), David Bailiff (kidney transplant complications; friend of Debbie Hahn), Davis Fort (Trinity Place-Room F10), Cam Rogers, Don Joines, Mark Mabry, Jane Pickler. **See newsletter for complete list.**



!!! Please return filled yellow cups by Sunday, October 13 !!!

SERRV Fair Trade

Stop by the SERRV table in the Pit Stop before or after worship on **Sundays October 6, 13, and 27** to shop for Fair Trade items from their catalog. Fair Trade empowers women around the world with steady employment, life skills, and training, while enabling many to work from home.



First Presbyterian Church...



**Art Event Hosted by Gina & Roger Martin
Sunday, October 13 from 12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Pit Stop
For Ages 4th Grade-Adult**

Join us for an art activity on Sunday, October 13 at 12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. This event is for 4th graders through adults. We will provide lunch and all art supplies. If you have really nice colored pencils, please feel free to bring them with you. We will be making bird art to hang in the Education Building. You can take your art home after it has been displayed. Roger Martin will be sharing some of his artwork, as well as Leslie Carter! RSVP to Gina Martin (704-244-0186 or ginamartin73@gmail.com) or Jane Snyder (704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) by **October 10** so we can prepare properly. **THANK YOU!**

Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:

Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish,
Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper, Snack Crackers,
Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Packing Dates:

Wednesday, October 9 at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday, October 30 at 10:30 a.m.



Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!

Who can come? 2nd & 3rd graders
What? Breakfast...muffins, fruit, yogurt, milk, juice, etc.
When? Sunday, October 6 at 9:00 a.m.
Where? Media Room
Why? To pray together & build a strong community of faith
Please let Jill Niebler (jlniebler@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Session has called a congregational meeting to be held immediately after worship on Sunday, October 13. 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, Ben Jolly. See the October newsletter for a list of nominees.



**STEPPING
BOLDLY
FORWARD**



**Consecration Sunday Worship &
Congregational Lunch
Sunday, October 20**

Please return your completed pledge card to the church by October 20th so that your officers can prepare the final 2020 budget.

We thank all of you for your strong commitment to our church and your heartfelt giving that enables us to do God's work in this world.

Join your church family for a delicious meal prepared by Greg Lisk and friends.

Menu:

Chuck Roast, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots, Yeast Rolls

Please bring a dessert to share.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 6

World Communion Sunday

Caring & Sharing Cups Campaign for SCCM

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

9:00 am Breakfast Bunch (2nd & 3rd Graders in Media Room)

9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalogs available in the pit stop

9:45 am *Sunday School

10:30 am *Morning Fellowship

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm SERRV Catalogs available in the pit stop

12:00 pm Mission Committee

Monday, October 7

7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Joyce Lambert
(750 Pee Dee Ave., Albemarle)

8:00 pm Bible Study with Matt

Wednesday, October 9

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:30 am Backpack Food Program Packing

4:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 10

10:30 am Staff Meeting

Sunday, October 13

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders

Return Cups for Caring & Sharing Campaign for SCCM

8:45 am Diaconate

9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalogs available in the pit stop

9:45 am *Sunday School

10:30 am *Morning Fellowship

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm SERRV Catalogs available in the pit stop

12:00 pm Congregational Meeting

12:00 pm-2:30 pm Pop-Up Art Day for ages 4th grade-Adult (Pit Stop)

12:00 pm Lunch & Activities for 3rd Graders and Parents

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

06-Jeff Robertson

08-Robert Land

10-Scott Griffin

12-Ella Cumming

13-Isabel McLeod

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

OCTOBER

06-Peter & Anna Henkenjohann

Bruce & Marlene Mittendorf

Matt & Catherine Moeller

08-Luis & Kellyn Luna

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR

OCTOBER

Canned Fruit

(Lite Syrup or No Sugar Added)



**First Presbyterian Church
Presents the Fall Art Exhibit**

Tactile Texture Art Design

Featuring works by

GHA Autism Supports

Creative Arts Program