



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

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Albert L. Travis

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*CHORAL INTROIT

Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing

Arthur H. Missiter

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the ages, come into our midst this day. Breathe your spirit upon us, your energy into us, your imagination on us. Wake us. Open our eyes that we may see, that we may hear, that we may dream.

Make us desire, more than anything else, the ways of your kingdom. Amen.

*HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Holy One, you call us to wake from sleep, to become aware of our surroundings. The dawn of a new time of preparation is upon us. Forgive us when sleepiness takes its toll, when our discussions become battles, when our judgment and self-judgment outweigh our faith. Let us put on the light of Christ and live as you have called us to live. By the power of your Spirit, may everything we do reflect the love of Christ.

*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

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the commissioning, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.

Commissioning of Teachers and Leaders

Introduction

Commitment by Teachers and Leaders

Leader: Christian friends, as Jesus called men and women to service, so God has called us to participate in the redemption of all creation, and each of us has been given a unique expression of God's Spirit. We are to develop, refine, and use what has been given to us for the common good. At the celebration of baptism, we pledge ourselves to nurture one another in the faith. You, as teachers and leaders, carry a particular joy and responsibility. You were chosen from among us to teach us and our children. You are charged to represent the gospel of God with gentleness and insight as the Spirit guides you in your words and in your witness with us. Through your ministry, our faith will be nurtured and deepened. We look to you to equip us to live the truth of Jesus Christ in community, family, workplace, and world. Do you promise, by the grace of God, to give yourselves to this calling with diligence, energy, and love, and to be guided by the Spirit and the Word of God?

Teachers and Leaders: We do, by God's grace.

Leader: Friends, let us acknowledge the gifts and calling of our sisters and brothers.

Congregation: We receive you as servants of Christ; we pledge to support you in your service. We will encourage you with our words and our prayers. We consider ourselves co-workers with you in the service of Christ.

Charge

Sarah Michael

Leader: Servants of Christ, accept the service with which you have been entrusted. Do not neglect the gift that is in you. Present yourselves to God as approved workers, ever faithful to the Spirit of God. Remember always that Jesus called you friends as well as servants. Attend to prayer, for without God you can do nothing.

Prayer (unison)

All: Spirit of the living God, in every age you have appointed teachers to tell your power, justice, and love. We thank you for brothers and sisters in faith committed to teaching us your ways and your words. We give thanks for the evidence of your Holy Spirit that we and our children experience in this community of learning. We commend ourselves and our sisters and brothers to your constant love and guidance. Fill them with grace and grant them the strength and peace of your Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN 462

I Love to Tell the Story

Hankey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

[Matthew 16:13-20](#)

Pew Bible, page 17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

SERMON

Mrs. Ayscue

*HYMN 321

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Matt Drumheller

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 *Aria* William Lloyd Webber
*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 37 *Let All Things Now Living* Ash Grove

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*CHORAL RESPONSE *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* R. V. Williams

*POSTLUDE *Toccata in e minor* Johann Pachelbel

*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 Ethan Richards. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Ushers: Steve Cumming, captain; Brad Boone, Michelle Cumming, Jim Ivey, Mark Mabry, Kyle Marks
Outside Ushers: Brad Boone; John Earnhardt **Elder Greeters:** Adam Jolly; Jim Marshall **Nursery:** Kaitlyn Massey **Toddler Room:** Mckenzie Hinson **Preschool Partners:** Jill Niebler; Isabel McLeod **Nana & Papa Team:** Susan & Banks Garrison **Children’s Church:** Melissa & Wes Eudy; Jacob Palmer

Beginning September 10, worship returns to 11:00 a.m.

Fall Art Exhibit at First Presbyterian Church Opens Sunday, September 10

Mixed Media Madness...Featuring works by GHA Autism Supports

The congregation is invited to attend an Art Gallery Reception on Tuesday, September 19 from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. to meet the artists. Refreshments will be served.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Molly Amelia Lowder (in neonatal intensive care with blood sugar spikes), Glynn Fowler (possible nerve damage and failed rotator cuff surgery), Cathy Dunlap (sister of Jill Freshley; recovering from heart attack), Dale Benson (brother of Ann Crutchfield), Marlene Sanges. **See newsletter for complete list.**

SPECIAL OFFERING ON SEPTEMBER 10...Session has approved a designated offering on Sunday, September 10. It will be channeled through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and will be used for clean-up, rebuilding, and meeting immediate needs for victims of Hurricane Harvey. Checks may be made to First Presbyterian Church and designated for Hurricane Harvey.

Teachers and Leaders in Christian Education

Janice Abernathy
Linda Anderson
Kim Andrew
Adrienne Averette
Rebekah Ayscue
Leah Beamon
Brad Boone
Jane Boone
Duncan Bryson
Keith Bryson
Kristie Bryson
Michelle Cumming
Steve Cumming
Liz Davis
Heather Deese
Daniel Dickens
Matt Drumheller
Ann Duckwall
Angie Earnhardt
Melissa Eudy
Wes Eudy
Banks Garrison
Susan Garrison

Kate Gibson
Frank Green
Mary Green
Martha Sue Hall
Jim Hesley
Lori Ivey
Debby Johnston
Bill Jolly
Katherine Jolly
Liz Jolly
Taylor Jolly
Bede Karr
Russell Karr
Heather Kilde
John Kilde
Cathy King
Ken Knight
Kelly Lentz
Dona Lisk
Grant Lisk
Greg Lisk
Chris Mabry
Laura Beth Marks

Kyle Marks
Lee McLaurin
Isabel McLeod
Laura McLeod
Mike McLeod
Barbara McManus
Ronnie Michael
Sarah Michael
Catherine Moeller
Matt Moeller
Meredith Moses
Jack Morton
Penny Morton
Jill Niebler
Jacob Palmer
Beth Poolos
Frank Poolos
Lynn Poplin
Brett Richards
Grace Richards
Kim Robertson
Gayle Russell
Ned Russell

Rose Saltzman
Carol Sasser
Jillian Scardina
Rich Schaefer
Ann Snuggs
Billie Jean Snuggs
Lee Snuggs
Jane Snyder
Salem Taylor
Teresa Taylor
Terri West
Martha Wolf
Martha White
Barbara Whitley
Chris Whitley



**ACOLYTE TRAINING FOR 5TH-8TH GRADE YOUTH
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

Youth in grades 5-8 are invited to participate in worship as an acolyte. An important training and information session for all acolytes will take place **Sunday, September 10** immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Meet John Howell and Elizabeth at the front of the sanctuary.

Lectionary-based Bible Study with Matt Drumheller...Continuing on September 11, Matt will host a weekly Bible study this fall on Monday evenings from 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Off the Square. Anyone is welcome to join Matt for this lectionary-based study.

LAST CALL FOR THE WOMEN’S RETREAT...THE POWER OF STORY

It’s September 22-24 in Montreat and a few spaces are still available.

Cost for the week-end is:

\$241.00 (single room)

\$183.00 (double room)

Contact the office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)

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. Want to know more about this new ministry for women in our community? Contact Kim Marshall (704-983-1378 or bookworm284@live.com).



GRANDPARENTS' DAY FLOWERS

In memory of:

Given by:

Betty Long; Johnny Andrew	Emily Andrew & Jay Andrew
Martha & John McNair; Madge & Austin Ayscue	Rebekah & Spencer
Bill & Daisy Cotton; Ed & Betty Stanhope	James Cotton
M. Palmer Harris, Sr.; H.E. Tracey	Martha Sue
Ann Ross Liles	Abbey, Mike, & Rachel Grace Campbell
Marvin (Son) Morton, Joyce Morton, Charlie Lambert.....	Taylor & Caroline
Leonard & Frances Mabry; Bob & Mim Burdett.....	Kate Gibson, Meg Mabry, Jen Mabry

In honor of:

Given by:

Mildred Andrew; Richard Long	Emily Andrew & Jay Andrew
Nana & Papa.....	Hugh, Russ, & Nora Carpenter
Virgil & Debbie Hinson	Nathaniel, Cidney, Julian, & Tucker
Trudy Eudy & A-ha.....	Nathaniel, Cidney, & Julian
Don & Kim Eudy	Nathaniel, Cidney, & Julian
Grandma	Ayla Jean Hahn
John "Papa" Hahn	Ayla Hahn
R.V. (Dick) Liles, Jr.; Donnie & Margaret Campbell.....	Abbey, Mike, & Rachel Grace Campbell
Betty Lambert.....	Taylor and Caroline
Lee "MacMac" McManus	Baby Girl Long
Jack & Penny Morton.....	Maddox & Marshall Jolly and Jaycee Barbee
Rodney & Rita Morgan	The Magnificent 7 Plus 3
Mark & Chris Mabry.....	Carter Elizabeth & Emma Catherine Gibson
Dan Samples; Bill Hall.....	Palmer

What is it? **A gathering for preschoolers & their parents.**
When? **Wednesdays at 9:15 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: **Wednesday, September 13**
Invite friends and neighbors to share in this morning together.



What about Dinner Together?

Yearning to get to know some people in our church you don't already know well?
 Do you like to eat? Tired of same ole, same ole?
 Want to have a good time with others?



Dinners for 8

Just might be for you!

Adults of all ages, single or paired, are invited to sign-up by September 17.
 Each person will be assigned to a group of eight, and the group will gather at homes or restaurants for dinner once monthly for the next four months.
 To sign-up, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

**FAITH EXPLORERS' PARENT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE PARLOR**

This will be a short meeting. Please make every effort to attend.

We want this to be a great year!

BACK TO SCHOOL POOL PARTY!

**Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders)
Sunday, September 17 from Noon-3:00 p.m.
At home of Jack & Penny Morton**

**Cook out burgers and hotdogs!
Bring swim suit, towel and sunscreen!**

Transportation from church to Morton's home provided.

**Contact Jane Snyder (jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org or text/call 704-438-3358)
by Wednesday, September 13.**

INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

If you have been visiting this congregation for a while (or just showed up) and want to know more about the privilege and responsibility of ministry, plan to join Matt and members of the Membership Committee for a very brief meeting.

When? Following worship on Sunday, September 17

Where? In the Parlor

Can't make the meeting? Contact Matt Drumheller (704-982-2722 or mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).

We'll share brief conversation and set a date to talk about the Presbyterian Church and this congregation specifically.



There's a fresh batch of pork BBQ made by the Good 'Ole Boys in the church freezer. Price: \$10.00 per pound. Proceeds benefit The Community Inn (emergency housing for the homeless)



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 13
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.**

**Handbells for 3rd-5th graders led by Frank Poolos
5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.**

***Childcare provided for preschoolers until 5:45 p.m.
For more information, contact Martha Wolf
(704-983-3505 or mywolfmail@gmail.com).**

Riding the Tides of Faith

Rally Day

Sunday, September 10

9:30 a.m. in the Gym

**The Christian Education Committee is planning a faith-filled morning to kick-off
the new year in Christian Education. Come prepared to learn how to *Ride the
Tides of Faith!***

Games, Art, Music, & More...

Pancake Breakfast with all the trimmings...

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 10

Rally Day/Commissioning of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education/Fall Art Exhibit

Opens/Grandparent's Day/

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Special Offering for victims of Hurricane Harvey

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:00 am *Child Protection Policy Training (Parlor)
- 9:30 am *Rally Day (Gym)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Children's Church Meeting with Leaders (Chapel)
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)
- 12:00 pm Acolyte Training (5th-8th Graders)
- 5:00 pm Youth Group Orientation Dinner
(1301 Prestwick Place, Albemarle)
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee
- 7:00 pm *Session

Monday, September 11

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

Tuesday, September 12

12:00 pm Deadline for October Newsletter Articles

Wednesday, September 13

- 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, September 14

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, September 15

Church Office Closed/Youth Group Lock-In

Saturday, September 16

Youth Group Lock-In

Sunday, September 17

The Sacrament of Baptism

Dedication of Prayer Shawls

Deadline to sign-up for Dinners for 8

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Prospective Members Meet in the parlor
- 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers (4th-5th Graders) Back to School Pool Party at the home of Penny & Jack Morton (40313 Hoops Ct., Albemarle)

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! SEPTEMBER

- 10-Bryce Kimrey
Grace Richards
- 11-Kelly Lentz
Ned Russell
- 13-Jane Pickler
Carolyn Sharpe
- 15-Jim Hesley
- 16-Kyle Marks
David Morgan
- 17-Peggy Rogers

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! SEPTEMBER

- 10-Richard & Janet Schaefer
Peter & Morgan Schultz
- 15-Banks & Susan Garrison
- 16-Don & Sheryl Stewart

SCCM CHALLENGE SEPTEMBER:

Canned or Dried Beans

Canned Tomatoes