



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

MORNING MEDITATION

*O God Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Grant us, we pray, to be grounded and settled in your truth by the coming down of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. That which we know not, reveal; that which is wanting in us, fill up; that which we know, confirm; and keep us blameless in your service; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONG

Hymn 394                      *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*                      stanzas 1-3

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, we are God's children now;

**What we will be has not yet been revealed.**

What we do know is this:

**When God is revealed, we will be like God, for we will see God clearly.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Holy God, present in our midst, by your light, we see light; by your healing, we are made whole; by your mercy, we know your greatness. Turn your gaze upon our weakness and show us the way of your love that we may live with unveiled faces, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN 409

*God Is Here!*

Abbot's Leigh

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

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

**Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion, the measure of our falling short. We have not loved as you command. We have not spoken truly. We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds, our lives might come to honor you.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

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

Clement of Rome  
(1<sup>st</sup> Century)

*I John 3:2*

The Ten-Cents-A-Meal program is administered by the Presbytery of Charlotte. Proceeds fund food distribution programs within the seven county area of the presbytery.

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

Sermons are posted on the church's website ([www.fpcalbemarle.org](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)). You can usually find the previous Sunday's sermon by Wednesday.

*A Brief Statement of Faith*  
This statement was written following the reunion of the PCUS and the UPCUS in 1983.

\*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. Children in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.*

ANTHEM

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Derek Hakes

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nations,  
O thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I Cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine! Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**By your Spirit, O God, enlighten our hearts, open our minds, fill our vision with your radiance, and give us life, as we hear your Word today. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING

[Luke 9:28-36](#)

Pew Bible, page 65

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*A Sense of the Holy*

Reverend Ayscue

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*HYMN 462

*I Love to Tell the Story*

Hankey

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*On cue from the organ, the congregation will participate in the prayer by singing together Kum ba Yah.*

Kum ba Yah  
is translated,  
Come by here.

*Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!  
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!*

**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.**

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

*Aria*

Flor Peeters

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 721

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

Pescador de Hombres

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Amen*

Peter C. Lutkin

\*POSTLUDE

*Fugue in C Major*

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

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

**Ushers:** Brett Richards, captain; Mark Donham, Judy Kilgore, Ethan Richards, Grace Richards, Danny Saltzman **Outside Ushers:** Wes Eudy; Tom Norwood **Elder Greeters:** TBD; Gayle Russell **Nursery:** Kyle Lambert **Kids Care Crew:** Barbara & Chris Whitley **Children's Church:** Taylor Barbee

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** James Nunn (19 year old nephew of Billie Jean Snuggs; hospitalized following surgery on optic nerve). **See newsletter for complete list.**

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### Central School Book Fair Volunteers Needed

**March 4-8**

If you are interested in helping Central School with the Book Fair, please sign-up on the Mission Bulletin Board or contact Ruth Cotton (704-983-2481 or hugawolf@hotmail.com).



**Lent Prayer Partners...** During Lent, you have the opportunity to pray for another member of the congregation. If you would like to pray for and be prayed for, fill out a prayer card enclosed in your bulletin and also located at both entrances. You can place the card in one of the baskets at the usher stations or return it on March 10. On March 10, everyone who wants to participate will receive another person's card. In this way, we will keep one another supported in prayer throughout the season.

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**LENT BEGINS ON MARCH 6  
SIGN-UP TODAY FOR SMALL STUDY AND CONVERSTATION GROUPS  
SEE JIM CARTER OR LILLIE HANCOCK IN THE PIT STOP BEFORE OR AFTER WORSHIP  
FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

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**First Presbyterian Church presents the Spring Art Gallery Exhibit  
2019 Central Elementary School Students' Art Collection**

We are so excited to be sharing the 2019 Central Elementary School art collection with you. This will be a collection of works that our Kindergarten through 5th grade students have been creating all year. You may catch a glimpse of our core subjects integrated into our artwork as we try to combine our subjects for optimal learning. You might also recognize the style of a famous artist in the designs as well. But our biggest hope is that you will enjoy the hard work our students have put in to each piece and that you will be visually stimulated by the fun we have had in the process. Thank you in advance for your support of our school and our art program.

**You Are Invited to a Meet & Greet Reception for  
Congregation, Central School Staff,  
Artists, and their families  
on Tuesday, March 5  
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church Common Area  
(Basement)**

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**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner  
March 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym**

Come for pancakes hot off the griddle and some pre-Lent fun (including pancake decorating and races for the children)! Keith Bryson is coordinating the cooking so call if you want to help (704-984-0254). All proceeds will benefit the Backpack Program which provides weekend food for children at Central Elementary School.



**Ash Wednesday...March 6**

The Lenten journey appropriately begins in worship. This year, there are two options.

**Worship at Noon: Music and Meditation...**For thirty minutes, the sanctuary will be filled with instrumental music, prayer, and scripture reading. Come for this contemplative time together. Ashes will be available.

**Worship at 6:00 p.m. in the Pit Stop...**Plan to begin this season of penitence and preparation in worship. We will be reminded of our sin by the imposition of ashes and will feast at the table of our Lord Jesus Christ to gain strength for the journey. Childcare provided.

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**PRIMETIMERS' LUNCHEON  
THURSDAY, MARCH 14 AT NOON IN THE PIT STOP  
SPEAKER: BILL STEVENSON  
TOPIC:  
WORKING WITH NASA  
DURING THE APOLLO MISSIONS  
MENU: SOUPS, FRUIT, & DESSERT**



Contact the church office (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbeamarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbeamarle.org)) by Monday, March 11 to say you are coming and/or if you need transportation.

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**The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Breakfast  
March 18-22 from 6:30 a.m.-7:15 a.m.  
at First Presbyterian Church (Gym)**



The Stanly County Youth Breakfast will be held here at the church the week of March 18-22. All middle and high school students are welcome! The theme is *Mirroring God's Image*. FPC's day to provide food will be Thursday morning. We need contributions of muffins (any flavor) which can be delivered on Wednesday, March 20.

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**FOOD FOR BODY & SOUL**

**Wednesdays in Lent beginning March 13  
Evening Prayer at 5:45 p.m. in the Chapel  
Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym**



Come for fellowship, meaningful conversation, and a simple mid-week meal together. Different groups in the church will provide meals. (If you're asked to help, please say YES!) Suggested donations per person is \$5.00.



## LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

### GROUP MEETINGS WILL BEGIN THE WEEK OF MARCH 10.

The Lenten Planning Committee is pleased to announce small group opportunities for the Lenten season. Small groups will meet once a week for the 5 weeks of Lent (not including Holy Week) at various times and locations. Each group will focus on the same scripture text. Choose the time and place that works best for you and sign-up so your group/leader will be expecting you.

<b>Discussion Group</b>	<b>Skeet Ayscue</b>	<b>Sundays at 9:45 a.m. Media Room at the church</b>
<b>Hiking Posse</b>	<b>Ken Knight and Connie Wallace</b>	<b>Sundays at 3:00 p.m. at Morrow Mountain State Park</b>
<b>Discussion Group</b>	<b>Kim Marshall</b>	<b>Sundays at 4:00 p.m. at her home (1203 Heritage Drive, Albemarle)</b>
<b>Kitchen Crusaders</b>	<b>Gayle Russell and Jane Snyder</b>	<b>Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in church kitchen</b> <b>Description: Let's travel together exploring ways to utilize your kitchen in a timely, efficient, and user-friendly way. We will discuss ways to find joy while spending time in the kitchen.</b>
<b>Discussion Group</b>	<b>Greg and Dona Lisk</b>	<b>Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in church kitchen Dinner Included</b>
<b>Discussion Group</b>	<b>Elizabeth Ayscue</b>	<b>Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m. in church parlor Breakfast Included (\$5.00 per person)</b>
<b>Discussion Group</b>	<b>Lillie Hancock</b>	<b>Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Teen Room at the church</b>
<b>Discussion Group</b>	<b>Matt Drumheller</b>	<b>Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. at Glory Beans (134 West Main Street, Albemarle)</b>
<b>Storytelling Group</b>	<b>Barbara McManus</b>	<b>Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. at her home (4599 Chanel Court, Concord or other Albemarle location)</b>



## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, March 3

*Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger*

- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee

### Monday, March 4

- 7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Gloria Bryson  
(811 Smith Street, Albemarle)
- 8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

### Tuesday, March 5

- 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Art Gallery Reception for Central School Artists
- 6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

### Wednesday, March 6

*Ash Wednesday*

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 3:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 6:00 pm \*Ash Wednesday Worship (Pit Stop)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm-9:30 pm Confirmation Class

### Thursday, March 7

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at 5 Points Public House  
(304 East Main Street, Albemarle)

### Friday, March 8

*Youth Group Movie Night*

### Sunday, March 10

*First Sunday of Lent*

*Daylight Saving Time*

- 8:45 am \*Diaconate
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 9:45 am \*Lent Discussion Group led by Skeet Ayscue  
(Media Room)
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 3:00 pm Lent Hiking Posse led by Connie Wallace & Ken Knight  
(Morrow Mountain State Park)
- 4:00 pm Lent Discussion Group led by Kim Marshall at her home  
(1203 Heritage Dr., Albemarle)
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

\*childcare provided

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### MARCH

- 05-Becky Andrew
- 06-Keith Andrew  
Robert Ivey
- 07-Chris Mabry
- 09-Cidney Eudy  
Ginny Marshall  
David Whitley
- 10-Russ Carpenter

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### MARCH

- 10-David & Carroll Holbrook

## SCCM CHALLENGE FOR MARCH

Rice, Macaroni & Cheese, Pasta, Instant Potatoes



### 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.

#### Next Backpacking Date:

**Wednesday, March 27  
at 10:30 a.m.**