



The Weekly Bulletin
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

PALM PROCESSIONAL

Hosanna March

Susan D. Parsons

Youth Club Trusty Travelers

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Behold your king comes to you.

People: Riding on a donkey.

Leader: He brings justice and peace.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY 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.

ANTHEM

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Lloyd Larson

Youth Club Faith Explorers and Chancel Choir

(The congregation will stand and sing stanza 1 on cue from the director.)

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!

To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,

Who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, on this day we welcome your servant only to reject him when he picks up a cross instead of a crown. Like cloaks laid on the ground before Jesus, we pick up our faith, dust it off, and put it back in the closet until we need it. Save us, redeeming God. May we lay our doubts, our fears, and our worries at your feet, trusting and believing that you will forgive what is sinful, make whole our brokenness, and welcome us as siblings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news,

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Mrs. Ayscue

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the children's greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2017 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Sacrament of Baptism

*Apostles' Creed

hymnal, page 35

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Questions for the Confirmands

Presentation of Bibles

***HYMN 761**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Matthew 21:1-11](#)

Pew Bible, page 21

HOMILY

Called

Mr. Drumheller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Georg F. Kaufmann

*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

Prayer and Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

**During the serving of the Lord's Supper, the congregation is invited to join in singing Let Us Break Bread Together.*

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

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

(Refrain) **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) (Refrain)

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

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

Thanksgiving

LITANY FOR THE PASSION

(see bulletin insert)

Mary Kesselman and Andy McLeod, Readers

ANTHEM

Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs

Lloyd Larson

*BENEDICTION

*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 Lord's Table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ. Gluten free elements are available upon request.

The acolyte today is Katherine Jolly. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Louise Morris (mother of Mellanie Morgan), Meghan Niemann (friend of Rose Saltzman; breast cancer), Andy Cotton, Caroline West. **See newsletter for complete list.**

Ushers: Jim Hesley, captain; Duncan Bryson, Keith Bryson, Banks Garrison, Sandy Saunders, Harold Sharpe
Elder Greeters: Patrick Currie, Joyce Lambert **Nursery:** Samantha Wangler **Toddler Room:** Brianna Little
Preschool Partners: Stephanie & Josh Campbell **Nana & Papa Team:** Chris Mabry **No Children's Church**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2017 CONFIRMATION CLASS

- Duncan Bryson son of Kristie & Keith Bryson
- Kimbal Chapman daughter of Anissa & Chris Chapman
- Grace Dombrowski daughter of Kelly & Jason Dombrowski
- David Kilde son of Heather & John Kilde
- Morgan Kinley daughter of Leslie & Stephan Kinley

Thanks to Rebekah Ayscue, Jim Hesley, John Howell, Barbara McManus, and Connie Wallace for their leadership roles to the 2017 Confirmation Class.

There is no Children's Church today. Children are encouraged to remain in worship on Palm Sunday.

Daily Scripture Reading and Prayer for Lent

The congregation is invited to read the gospel of John during Lent. Sermons and small group conversations will be based on texts from John.

Suggested scripture readings for the coming week are:

April 9	John 18:1-18	April 13	John 19:31-42
April 10	John 18:19-40	April 14	John 20:1-18
April 11	John 19:1-16	April 15	John 20:19-31
April 12	John 19:17-30	April 16	John 21:1-25

Questions to consider each day:

What is God saying to me through these words? How will I respond?

Journey to the Cross
An Intergenerational Experience for People of All Ages
Palm Sunday (April 9) at 9:30 a.m.
Walk Christ's journey during those final days...
Enjoy foods typical of those eaten in the time of Jesus.
Shepherds will guide you on the journey.

Easter Lilies...Deadline: Sunday, April 9

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of Easter Lilies as an Easter Memorial or Honorarium, please fill out the form below exactly as you wish the memorial or honorarium to read, **attach a check in the amount of \$15.00** and place in the offering plate or leave in the church office no later than **Sunday, April 9**. Checks should be payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and designated "Easter Lilies." All memorials/honorariums received by April 9 will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 16.

Easter Lilies

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

I plan to take my lily after worship on Easter.

I will leave my lily for delivery to a homebound member.



Palm Sunday (April 9)

9:30 a.m. Journey to the Cross – Meet in the Pit Stop

Together we'll travel the path of Christ during the last days of his life.

Shepherds will guide us on the journey as we experience the significant moments in that week.

11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship

Worship will include a palm parade and the presentation of the 2017 Confirmation Class.

4:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt & Cookout at City Lake Park

For children through 5th grade.

Families are asked to bring a bag of chips and/or a drink to share.

Monday-Friday 7:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Perk & Pray

Drive through the parking lot on First Street for a cup of coffee/juice box and a prayer.

***Maundy Thursday (April 13)**

6:00 p.m. We'll enjoy a covered dish dinner in the pit stop and parlor. Bring your favorite dishes. After dinner, we'll worship around the tables as Jesus did with his disciples and share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Come and share this intimate gathering as we tell the story of the last week of Jesus' life.

Good Friday (April 14)

10:30 a.m. Cross Walk (for all ages)

Meet outside the sanctuary (on North Street). We'll follow the cross through downtown Albemarle and pray for the people of our community.

12:00 p.m. Noon Prayer in the Chapel

8:00 p.m. *Worship in the Sanctuary

The choir will lead this solemn service which focuses on the events of the last day of Jesus' life. We will share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as we reflect on the fading light of the world as Jesus departs from it.

Litany for The Passion

Leader: Christ our teacher, for us you were obedient, even unto death.

Voice 1: And going on a little farther, Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed, *My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.*

People: Teach us to obey God's will in all things.

Leader: Christ our hope, you were despised and denied, left alone in your hour of need.

Voice 2: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, *Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.* Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, *I do not know the man!* At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: *Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.* And he went out and wept bitterly.

People: Help us stay true to our faith in you.

Leader: Christ our strength, you endured the depths of pain and humiliation at the hands of sinners like us.

Voice 1: Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his hand and mocked him, saying, *Hail, King of the Jews!*

People: Show us how you conquered not in strength, but in weakness.

Leader: Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all time with your outstretched arms.

Voice 2: When they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull) they offered him wine to drink mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots.

People: Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.

Leader: Christ our life, by dying on the cross you destroyed the power of evil and death.

Voice 1: And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?* Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks were split.

People: Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.

Leader: Christ our salvation, you gave your life out of love for us.

Voice 2: Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earth quake and what took place, they were terrified and said, *Truly this man was God's Son!*

People: Help us to love one another.

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

People: Grant us peace. Amen.

Post Church Lunch on April 9 in the Pit Stop

Please come!

BBQ Lunch with all your favorite fixins'

(baked beans, slaw, hushpuppies & homemade desserts)

Your donation for lunch will benefit the John P Murray Community Care Clinic.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Thank you for your support of this life-changing offering. Please give generously.

From the Scholarship Committee...Scholarship applications are available on the counter in the church office. **The deadline to return completed applications is Monday, April 10.**

**Easter Eve Cook-out and/or Camping
on April 15 at Morrow Mountain**

Do you want to spend the night in the park before the sunrise service?

Do you want to cook-out on Saturday night & return home for sleeping?

Either way, you can share in the fellowship with other Presbyterians.

Bring a chair and your food and drink, and we'll enjoy time by the fire in the late afternoon and evening. Campers can stay the night! More information? Contact Ken Knight (kbknight17@gmail.com or 704-985-6277).



Bread Bakers Needed

Bread bakers (and shoppers) are needed for the April 30 bread sale to be held on Letter Writing Sunday. If you bake quick bread, sourdough, or yeast breads, call Ann Duckwall (704-983-3498) to tell her how you can help. Donations from the sale will be given to SCCM.



**Easter Sunday
April 16**

6:40 a.m.

Gather at the shelter at the top of Morrow Mountain to celebrate the risen Christ. Dress for the weather and linger for fellowship and a light breakfast following worship.

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages.

11:00 a.m.

Worship will include seasonal music, guest musicians, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

**Bread for the World
Bread for You**

Sunday, April 30

Doing Our Part to End Hunger



Programs that help families alleviate hunger and get out of poverty are threatened with deep funding cuts.

Question: What about our national debt? Don't all the programs to end hunger and poverty get us deeper and deeper into debt?

Answer: International poverty – focused development assistance programs make up less than one half of one percent of our federal budget. Domestic nutrition programs comprise less than 3%. Programs to end hunger by 2030 did not create our country's debt or deficit and cutting them would not significantly reduce our debt. However, it would make it much harder to meet the goal we and other nations committed to to end hunger by 2030.

Question: What are the health-related costs of hunger and food insecurity to our economy?

Answer: A staggering \$160 billion. Investments today in anti-hunger programs and antipoverty policies will help curb future costs.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 9 *Palm Sunday/Journey to the Cross*

Presentation of the Confirmation Class of 2017

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Easter Lilies Form Deadline

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:15 am *Faith Explorers' rehearsal with the Chancel Choir
- 9:30 am *Journey to the Cross
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm BBQ lunch to support the John P. Murray Community Clinic
- 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers Hiking at Morrow Mountain
- 4:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt & Cookout at City Lake Park
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee
- 7:00 pm *Session

Monday, April 10 *Deadline for Scholarship Applications*

- 7:15 am-8:45 am Perk & Pray
- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Tuesday, April 11

- 7:15 am-8:45 am Perk & Pray

Wednesday, April 12

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 7:15 am-8:45 am Perk & Pray
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Club Handbells & Orff Rehearsals
- 7:00 am *Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 13 *Maundy Thursday*

- 7:15 am-8:45 am Perk & Pray
- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm *Maundy Thursday Potluck Meal & Worship

Friday, April 14 *Church Office Closed/Good Friday*

- 7:15 am-8:45 am Perk & Pray
- 10:30 am Cross Walk
- 12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel
- 8:00 pm *Worship in the Sanctuary

Saturday, April 15

Easter Eve Camping at Morrow Mountain State Park

Sunday, April 16 *Easter/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

- 6:40 am Sunrise Service at Morrow Mountain State Park
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

- 09-Hailey Brown
- Ashley Maust
- 10-Murphy Hall
- Holden Taylor
- 11-Marlene Mittendorf
- 12-Laura Blalock
- Jake Davis
- Holly Norwood
- 14-Anissa Chapman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

APRIL

- 13-Gus & Nancy Feather
- 16-Kyle & Laura Beth Marks

Visit the...

Spring Art Exhibit

featuring works by

Students

of

Central Elementary School

Who Am I?:

Self-Portraiture

SCCM CHALLENGE APRIL:

Macaroni & Cheese, Rice, Pasta, Stuffing,
Instant Potatoes, Tomato Sauce