



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

To choose gratitude is not an act of dogged determination. To choose gratitude is to hear an inner urging toward thanks, to be aware of the grace in life, and to respond.

Rev. Diana
Butler Bass

PEALING OF THE BELLS

OPENING SENTENCES

Make a joyful noise to the Lord,
Come into God's presence with singing.

Psalms 100

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

ANTHEM

*This Is the Day
Shine, Jesus, Shine
Volunteers
Faith Explorers*

Les Garrett
Graham Kendrick
Joanne Barrett & Ron Long

Cooper Atwater, Zi'Yonna Brown, Cidney Eudy, Nathaniel Eudy,
Jordan Hesley, Leo McLeod, Ellie Niederer, Ke'zia Redfearn,
Seth Richards, Holden Taylor, and Jake Whisnant

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We lift our eyes to the hills, from where does our help come?
Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
The Lord is our keeper.
The Lord is our shade at our right hand.
The Lord will keep us from all evil, God will keep our life.
The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Psalms 121

*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.

*HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence
Merciful God, forgive us for our sins. You call us to devote ourselves to your teachings, but we turn away from your truth. You call us to fellowship with one another, but we isolate and insulate ourselves. You call us to break bread together, but we shun moments of holy awe. You call us to pray, but we refuse to communicate with you. Forgive us, O Lord.

Reverend Ayscue

Acts 2:42

***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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

[Acts 2:41-47](#)

Pew Bible, page 112

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.

From *Glory to God*
hymnal page 279

ANTHEM

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes Unto the Hills

Leo Sowerby

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.
The Lord is my keeper; thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day, not the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil,
He shall preserve thy soul,

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in
From this time forth, and even for evermore. Amen.

SERMON

Boldly Being Church

Reverend Drumheller

***HYMN 697**

Take My Life

Hendon

*You are invited to bring your pledge card forward
and place it in a basket during the hymn.*

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Presentation

Profession of Faith *The 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.

Prayer

PASTORAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory *Andante from Sonata III* Felix Mendelssohn

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 700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* I'm Gonna Live

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *May the Road Rise to Meet You* Mark Schweizer

*POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* David N. Johnson

*All that are able may stand.

This African American spiritual with roots in the slave-holding South, reminds us that all people are valued and can be used by God.

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 Holden Taylor. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thanks to the Faith Explorers for their musical leadership in worship today.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Dave, Anna, Mason, and Addie Feezor by Holly and Tom Norwood.

We are delighted to welcome Tammy Ocampo into membership at First Presbyterian Church. She comes to us by transfer of letter from Second Baptist Church of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Ushers: Jill Niebler, captain; Steve Cumming, Ella Cumming, Heather Deese, Katherine Jolly, and Dona Lisk
Outside Ushers: Mark Andrew; Jack Morton **Elder Greeters:** Steve Cumming; Lee McLaurin **Nursery:** Kate White
Kids Care Crew: Dona & Greg Lisk **Children's Church:** Liz Jolly; Katherine Jolly

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Hilda Perry (sister of Cathryn Harwood), Rinn Gannon (friend of Isabel McLeod; recovering from a stroke), Barbara Whitley (recovering from back surgery), David Bailiff (kidney transplant complications; friend of Debbie Hahn), Davis Fort (Trinity Place-Room F10), Don Joines, Mark Mabry, Jane Pickler. **See newsletter for complete list.**



**STEPPING
BOLDLY
FORWARD**

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

Plan to return your pledge card and enjoy lunch after worship.

Purple Church Conversation

Sunday, October 20 at 3:30 p.m. In the Church Parlor



In an age in which the world and the church are becoming increasingly divided, First Presbyterian Church seeks to model community and connection. Being a church made up of people with a variety of opinions and views on any number of topics makes us a *purple church*. Join Matt for a conversation about the purple church.

First Presbyterian Church...



Dinner with Greg & Dona Lisk

Tuesday, October 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Pit Stop

Come join Greg and Dona for an Italian themed dinner and short discussion. Kim and Jeff Robertson are making the appetizer and main dish. Dona and Greg are making a salad and dessert. **20 person limit.** Please RSVP to Greg: 704-519-5932.

**REFORMATION SUNDAY & KIRKIN OF THE TARTANS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27**

We look forward to welcoming our Presbyterian neighbors from Locust and Norwood for worship. A combined choir, tartan processional, bagpipes, and a post-worship reception will be part of the day. The guest preacher for the morning is Bryan Price, Public Relations Director at Stanly County Habitat for Humanity. Fellowship will follow worship.



Fall Carnival
Sunday, October 27
5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Games, Costume Contest, & More
For Children of All Ages

SERRV Fair Trade
Last Day for Catalog Orders is Sunday, October 27
Place your order in the pit stop today!



Stop by the SERRV table in the Pit Stop before or after worship on Sundays October 13 and 27 to shop for Fair Trade items from their catalog. Handcrafts employ millions of people around the world, including many women. Artisans receive fair wages, steady employment, and business training while preserving craft traditions.

There are a few spots left for the afternoon retreat for women. It's November 3 from noon until 4:00ish at the home of Lynn Poplin. Cost is \$15.00 for lunch. Call the office (704-982-2722) to sign-up.

VETERANS DAY FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

On Veterans Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of veterans. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver or place in the offering plate your money with the form below no later than Sunday, November 3. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for Veterans Day Arrangements. The names of donors and those being remembered/honored will be listed on Sunday, November 10.



VETERANS DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 20

Consecration Sunday

- 8:30 am Session
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Congregational Luncheon
- 3:30 pm Purple Church Conversation (Parlor)

Monday, October 21

- 8:00 pm Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's
(1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

Tuesday, October 22

- 12:00 pm October Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, October 23

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 24

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Sunday, October 27

Reformation Sunday & Kirkin' o' Tartans

- 9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalogs available in the pit stop
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Fellowship in the Pit Stop
- 12:00 pm SERRV Catalogs available in the pit stop
- 5:00 pm-6:30 pm Fall Carnival

***childcare provided**

Candy Needed for Fall Carnival

The Youth Group needs donations of candy for the Fall Carnival. Please bring your candy donations to Dorothy's office or contact her (dorothyhart@fpcalbemarle.org). Thank you so much for your support!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

- 20-Cody Stewart
- 21-Leo McLeod
- 22-Billie Jean Snuggs
- 24-Danny Saltzman
Martha White
- 26-Luke Marshall
- 27-Elizabeth Ayscue

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

OCTOBER

- 24-Keith & Christine Andrew
- 25-Mark & Chris Mabry
- 26-Russell & Bede Karr

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR OCTOBER

Canned Fruit

(Lite Syrup or No Sugar Added)

MISSING

The church is missing cloth table squares used for youth club. We need them returned as soon as possible. Thank you.

- 5 light blue & white checked
- 2 green & white checked
- 3 red & white checked
- 1 black & white checked
- 4 navy & white tiny checked
- 5 yellow & grey striped



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 Packing Date: Wednesday, October 30 at 10:30 a.m.