

An Order
for the Public Worship of God

REFORMATION SUNDAY
AND
KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

First Presbyterian Church (USA)
Albemarle, North Carolina
Founded in 1898

Eleven o'clock in the morning
The Twenty-Seventh Day of October
Two Thousand and Nineteen A.D.

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

On August 17, 1560, reformer John Knox and five of his colleagues presented the first reformed Confession of Faith written in the English language to the Parliament of Scotland. 'The Scots Confession', as it is now known, united all of Scotland in its politics and in the church. From that day on, the nation was united under a Protestant flag, emblazoned with the cross of St. Andrew. It was the birth of the Church of Scotland, and Presbyterianism became a new denomination of Christians. It is from an unadorned Calvinist faith of Word and Sacrament, preached passionately in Scotland by the great reformer, John Knox, during the sixteenth century that First Presbyterian Church continues to draw its life and mission. With voices singing and bagpipes playing, we offer our worship to the Glory of God.

PRELUDE

Thomas Hahn, bagpipes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Ayscue

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*From a prayer by Peter Marshall (b. Scotland 1902),
originator of the service leading to the Kirkin' o' the Tartans in the United States.*

One: We do need you, Lord.

Many: We need you now.

One: We know that we can do without many of the things that once we thought were necessities,

Many: But without you we cannot live, and dare not die.

One: We needed you when shadows were thrown across the thresholds of our lives,

Many: And you did not fail us then;

One: When sickness laid a hand upon our families,

Many: And we cried to you, and you did hear.

One: Speak to us, that we may have courage for hard times, strength for difficult places, determination for challenging tasks.

Many: We ask of you no easy way, but only your grace that is sufficient for every need,

One: So that no matter how hard the way, how challenging the hour, how dark the sky,

Many: We shall be enabled to overcome. Praise be to God!

*PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS

Thomas Hahn, bagpipes

*Tartans are carried by members and friends of First Presbyterian Church, Norwood,
Locust Presbyterian Church, and First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle.*

*CHORAL INTROIT

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther, arr. Roger Price

This version of Luther's well-known hymn, with its highly rhythmic energy in the style of Renaissance dance music, is what his congregation sang in the 16th century. The sturdy, regular pulse of *Glory to God* hymn No. 275, which we sing today, dates to the eighteenth century.

*PRESENT TARTANS

Reverend Julie Hill

(The Tartan Banners are raised and held high.)

The Tartans! On behalf of all clans represented here, we raise these tartans before Almighty God in gratitude for our heritage and pray God's blessing on his servant people in all lands.

Eternal God, bless these symbols of our heritage and grant that those whom they represent, those who bear them, those who wear them, and all gathered here today, may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*POST TARTANS

*HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' feste Burg

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from the prayers of Martin Luther

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust You altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in You. In You I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; You are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; You are upright. With me there is an abundance of sin; in You is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with You of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

from Psalm 103:8

One: *The LORD is tender and compassionate, slow to anger, and always loving.* May we learn the humility, and find the strength, to live as those created in God's image. Friends, believe the Good News:

Many: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI

Old Scottish Chant, hymnal page 580

*THE SMALL ENTRANCE

Scripture Bearers: Mason Crump and Rex Crump

God's Word Is Like A Flaming Sword

CHILDREN OF THE KIRK

Reverend Ardy Skidmore

PSALM OF THE DAY

I To the Hills Will Lift My Eyes (Psalm 121)

Scottish Psalter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

from the prayers of John Calvin

Grant unto us, O Lord, to be occupied in the mysteries of Thy heavenly wisdom, with true progress in piety, to Thy glory and our own edification. Amen.

ANTHEM

How Great Thou Art

Dan Forrest

O Lord my God, how great Thou art.

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

(Refrain)

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee: How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur and see the brook and feel the gentle breeze. (Refrain)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it I,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin: (Refrain)

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And then proclaim: *My God, how great Thou art!* (Refrain)

SCRIPTURE

[Matthew 14:22-32](#)
[Jeremiah 29:11-14](#)

Pew Bible, page 15
Pew Bible, page 687

SERMON

Get Out of the Boat

Bryan Price

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Scots Confession of 1560*

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory. Amen.

*HYMN 694

Great God of Every Blessing

Aurelia

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Highland Cathedral

Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Celebration

Reverend Ardy Skidmore and Reverend Matt Drumheller

The Lord's table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ. The elements will be received by intinction. On cue from an usher, worshippers are asked to move forward by the center aisles to receive the sacrament and return to their seats by the side aisles. The elements are also available in the balcony and at the rear of the sanctuary. Gluten-free elements are available upon request at the front of the sanctuary.

Prayer 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 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing Grace

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

RECESSIONAL

Thomas Hahn, bagpipes

The congregation will be seated during the recession of the tartans.

*POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Percy Fletcher

*All who are able may stand.

Visitors are always welcome at First Presbyterian Church. We especially welcome those who have come to worship with us today as we celebrate the rich Scottish history of the Presbyterian Church.

A nursery is available this morning.

Plan to stay following worship for cider, shortbread, and fellowship in the pit stop.

Special thanks to the Fellowship Committee, the Worship Committee, and the many folks who have shared their gifts to make worship this morning a moving experience.

Thanks to Bagpiper, Thomas Hahn, and to the choirs of Norwood First Presbyterian Church, Locust Presbyterian Church, and First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, for their participation in worship.

Thanks to Reverend Ardy Skidmore for creating the parament used in worship this morning.

We welcome Bryan Price to the pulpit today. Bryan is a lifelong resident of Stanly County. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two teenage children. After 24 years of working in the Information Technology field, Bryan answered the call into nonprofit work. In May 2016, he accepted a position with Stanly County Habitat for Humanity as Public Relations and Resource Development Coordinator. His favorite part of the job is counseling and working with families who are interested in becoming first-time homeowners.

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

Communion servers today are Jane Blackman and Chris Fish from Locust Presbyterian Church, Eric Jones and Sandi Stutler from First Presbyterian Church, Norwood, Sandy Saunders and Jacob Palmer from First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, and the pastors of all the churches.

Ushers: Jill Niebler, captain; Steve Cumming, Ella Cumming, Heather Deese, Katherine Jolly, and Dona Lisk
Outside Ushers: Stephan Kinley; Jack Morton **Elder Greeters:** Steve Cumming; Lee McLaurin **Nursery:** Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Gayle & Ned Russell

There will be no Children's Church today. School-aged children are encouraged to participate in worship.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Dr. Davis Fort, Jane Scheer (Trinity Place-Room F-7), Catherine Johnson (niece of Elizabeth Wilson; diagnosed with breast cancer), 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), Don Joines, Mark Mabry, Jane Pickler. **See newsletter for complete list.**

Tartan Bearers

Tartan

Buchanan
Clergy
Davidson
Frazier
Glasgow
Glasgow
Gordon
Keith
Leslie
Lindsey
Livingston
MacDonald
MacDougall
MacDuff
MacFarland
MacFarland
MacKay
MacLeod of Harris
MacNeil
MacQueen
McLeod
Montgomery
Robertson
Ross
Shaw
Stewart
Stewart
Tara
Wallace
Wallace
Watson

Donor Family

Hahn
Ayscue
Finley
Frazier
Palmer
Palmer
Hahn
Andrew
Abernathy
Cumming
Andrew
Cotton
Sanges
Ayscue
Ayscue
Ayscue
Troutman
Bryson
Hall
Palmer
McLeod
Montgomery
Knight/Wallace
Liles
Montgomery
Liles
Myers
Jolly
Palmer
Wallace/Knight
Green

Carrier

Debbie Hahn
Reverend Ardy Skidmore
Peggy Finley
Luke Davis
Jackson Palmer
Jacob Palmer
John Hahn
Emily Andrew
Sam Davis
Steve Cumming
Al Andrew
Ruth Cotton
Addison Marks
Kyle Marks
Rebekah Ayscue
Natalie Taylor
Jim Ivey
Duncan Bryson
Bill Hall
Jim Hesley
Andy McLeod
Elizabeth Bryson
Ken Knight
James Baucom
Cindy Fish
Kim Robertson
Jeff Robertson
Katherine Jolly
Kirk Wallace
Connie Wallace
Stella Jones

THE SCOTTISH TRADITION

The Presbyterian Church is steeped in Scottish tradition as it was developed in the 16th century by John Knox. In 1560, he developed the First Book of Discipline which attempted to apply the theocratic system, developed in Geneva, Switzerland by John Calvin, to a whole kingdom. In each congregation, there would be a minister and elders holding office and forming a Session with the consent of the congregation. Presbyteries, Synods, and General Assemblies were part of this plan as well. Besides the ecclesiastical features, the book sketched out notable schemes of national education and relief for the poor.

For conduct of public worship, Knox prepared a Book of Common Order which was approved by the General Assembly in 1564. This document suggests much about the order of Scottish worship and its rugged simplicity included in today's service. A few comments are in order so that worshipers might fully appreciate this service.

1. The Entrances are of strategic importance. The Scottish Presbyterian held in highest honor the open Word of God and the Communion (Great Entrance). Thus, each Sunday the people would stand in honor as the holy items were brought into and taken from the Sanctuary. This custom is still observed in the old parish churches of Scotland.
2. The *Old Scottish Gloria Patri* will be sung by the choir.
3. Scottish Presbyterians are heard affirming their faith. Today's service includes the Scots Confession. This confession was written in 1560 by six ministers, including John Knox, in a period of four days. It is grounded on the infallible word of God.
4. The bagpipes are Scotland's traditional music makers. The sounds are stately, joyous, and thrilling. Depending on the particular clan of Scots, the royal dress was that of tartan kilts.
5. While our service order is not an exact replica of the traditional Scottish service, it highlights the tone and distinctiveness of that worship event.

THE SCOTS CONFESSION AND BANNER SYMBOLS

1. The Blue (Presbyterian blue) is the background color of the seal of the Church of Scotland.
2. The Tartan, X-shaped cross is called the St. Andrews cross since he was the apostle, who according to tradition, brought the Gospel to Scotland. The tartan, or plaid, is of the Hamilton clad, because Patrick Hamilton was the first martyr of the Scottish Reformation.
3. The Celtic Cross is associated with early Christians in the British Isles and especially St. Columba and the Isle of Iona, on the West Coast of Scotland. Three stone Celtic crosses still stand on the Island. The Celtic Cross is the traditional symbol of the Presbyterian Church.
4. The Ship is a symbol of the Church. There is also the Biblical imagery of the ark. The Confession contains a remarkable strong doctrine of the church.
5. The Bible and the Sword: Paul called the Word of God *The Sword of the Spirit*. John Knox's preaching of the Word was a major power for Reformation in Scotland. Knox, a teacher himself, put considerable emphasis on the study of the Word of God and Church Education. He said there should be a school in every church parish.
6. The Burning Bush, unconsumed, reminds us of Moses' experience on Mt. Sinai. It is a symbol of God's presence and His call to us in our day and time. *The Scots Confession was written in Scotland in 1560 by John Knox and five other men in several days time.*



KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

2019

Worshippers gathered 78 years ago on Sunday evening, April 27, 1941, in Washington, D.C., at a special service led by Peter Marshall, famed pastor (1935-1949) of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, and Chaplain to the United States Senate (1947-1949). Attended by some members of the St. Andrews Society of Washington, D.C., the service had Scottish airs as a prelude to the service.

Originally designed to raise funds, this service sought to aid Scottish churches during the early days of World War II, as well as the British war effort by providing a mobile kitchen, according to the church bulletin. This service later evolved into what is today the Kirkin' o' the Tartan held in many locations across America. Since 1952, an annual Kirkin' has been held at the National Cathedral in the nation's capital.

Remembrance of early Scottish Presbyterianism, Kirkin' o' the Tartan worship services have spread across America. In Albemarle, our first Kirkin' was held in July 2003.

Scotland, in the mid-18th century, saw the English parliament and monarch (*The Disarming Act, 1746-1782*) banning weapons, as well as the wearing of tartans or kilts by Highland clansmen (effective August 1747). Some legends and folklore have it that clansmen would carry small pieces of the banned tartan cloth to the Church (Kirk) and the clergymen would slip a blessing into the service.

Holy Scriptures were the responsibility of The Beadle, a lay person in the Scottish Kirk. The Beadle brought the Bible into the Kirk for the worship service, as we do for today's service.

In early history, clans were simply a gathering of peoples for their protection and for economic, political, and social support. They were not necessarily related by blood. Specific tartans developed simply because each area liked to weave a certain design using local herb dyes. Why then do we celebrate clans and tartans? It is because the clansmen and clanswomen demonstrated true brotherhood and the clan was the family. The tartan is a symbol of this love and togetherness.

Prayer and praise are central to all Kirkin' worship services. Today, we invite you to remain in prayer as we remember ancient times and our present kith and kin, while asking God's help and blessings for the future.

The Reformation

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, a Catholic monk, posted *The Ninety Five Theses*, the common title to his *Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences* on the castle door at Wittenburg. Though the disputation did not take place, it launched a Reformation of the church and resulted in the birth of the Protestant Church. We commemorate this memorial date and celebrate the particular gifts of the Reformation which we hold dear. Among those are the *solas* that have formed the theology of the Presbyterian Church.

Sola scriptura (by Scripture alone)

Sola fide (by faith alone)

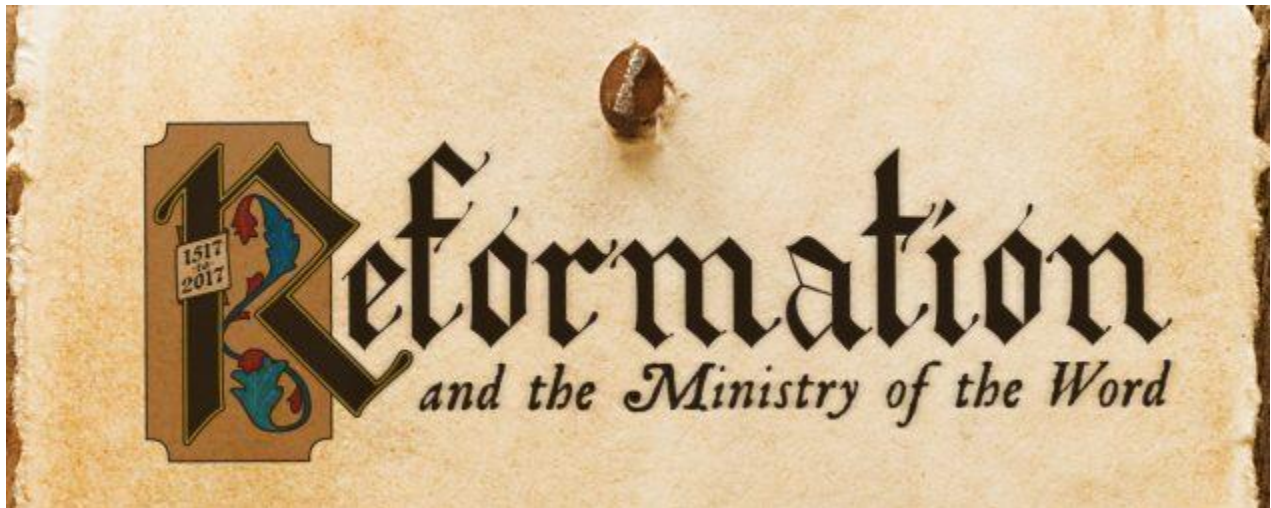
Sola gratia (by grace alone)

Solo Christo (through Christ alone)

Soli Deo (glory to God alone)

We celebrate our common commitment to Jesus Christ and our acknowledgement that we come to know Christ only by God's grace.

To God be the glory.



Martin Luther's Seal

A picture can communicate a lot of important ideas, without using a single word. Martin Luther created a seal, or emblem, that helps us to remember some of the things he taught about God and Jesus.

Colour the image (*right*). Show the image to the children. Focus on one symbol at a time, and talk about its meaning. Encourage the children to give their own interpretations before adding your own.

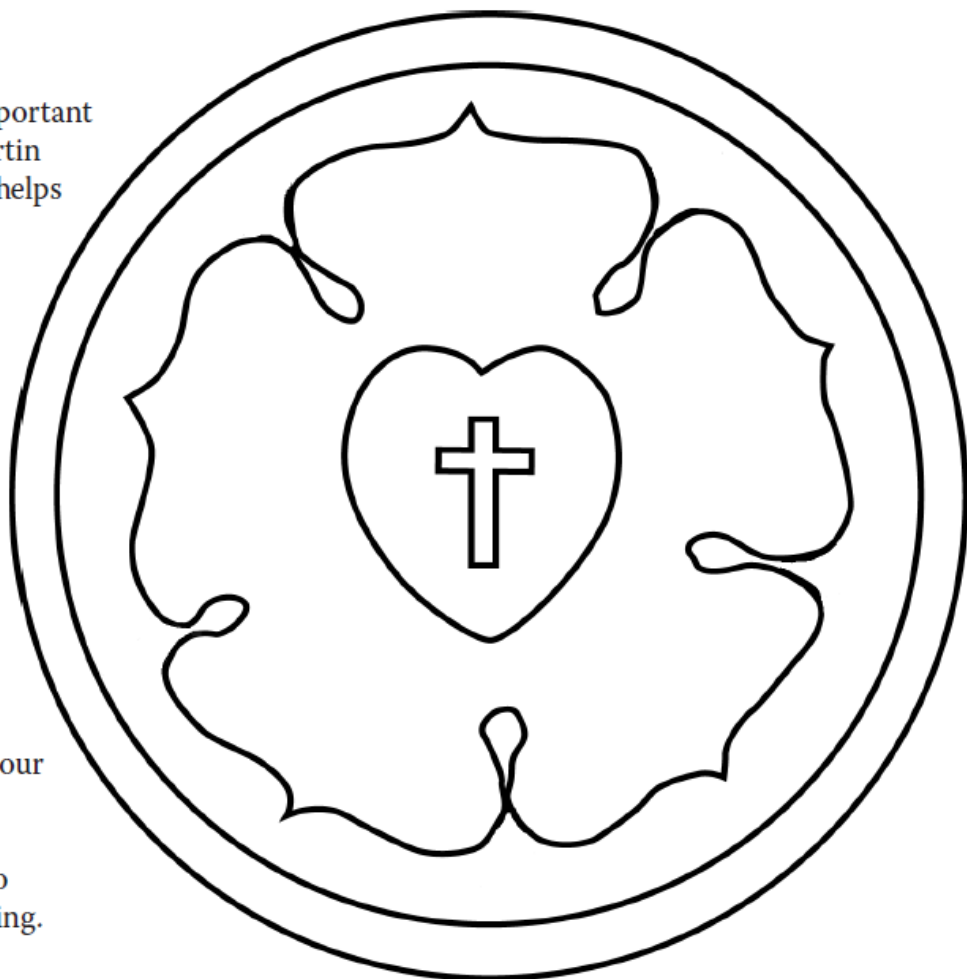
Black cross: Jesus died on the cross.

Red heart: God loves us.

White rose: We can trust in Jesus to show us God's way.

Blue background: This peaceful colour reminds us of heaven.

Golden ring: God's love for us has no beginning and no ending.



MAKE YOUR OWN EDIBLE SEAL

Ingredients:

Slice of bread; dried fruit such as golden and dark raisins/sultanas, cranberries, apricots, apples, shaved coconut; spreadable cream cheese

Materials needed:

Large empty can or large round biscuit/cookie cutter, butter knife, small plate

Instructions:

1. Use the empty can or biscuit/cookie cutter to cut a round circle from the slice of bread.
2. Spread cream cheese on the circle until it is all covered.
3. Use the different coloured pieces of dried fruit to make a seal of your own using (a) symbol(s) that remind you of something important about God and Jesus (heart, cross, dove, circle, flame...).
4. Show your creation to the group, and explain why you chose the symbols you used.
5. Eat and enjoy!



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

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



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.



Chancel Choir Retreat
Saturday, November 2...9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Henry Pfeiffer Chapel...Pfeiffer University



!!! ATTENTION !!!
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3.
REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK
ONE HOUR!

All Saints Day
Sunday, November 3

On the day we remember all those who have gone before us, the Worship Committee will provide an opportunity for you to remember your saint.



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 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

Monday, October 28

7:00 pm Book Conversation (parlor)

8:00 pm Bible Study with Matt

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

Tuesday, October 29

5:30 pm Officer Training

Wednesday, October 30

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 31

10:30 am Staff Meeting

Saturday, November 2

9:00 am-2:00 pm Choir Retreat at Pfeiffer University

Sunday, November 3

All Saints Day

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

Deadline for Veterans Day flower form

Daylight Saving Time Ends

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

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Mission Committee

12:00 pm-4:00 pm Women's Retreat at the home of Lynn Poplin

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

27-Elizabeth Ayscue

29-Lillie Hancock

30-Teresa Taylor

31-Ruth Cotton

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

OCTOBER

31-Sam & Liz Davis

Taylor & Lisa Rauch Johnston

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER

01-Brody Campbell

Donna Gaither

03-Barbara Overcash

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

NOVEMBER

03-Matt & Katie Carpenter

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR OCTOBER

Canned Fruit

(Lite Syrup or No Sugar Added)

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR NOVEMBER

Canned Vegetables

(Green Beans, Corn, Carrots, Peas, Beans,
Mixed Vegetables (Vegall), Canned Tomatoes)



Community Table Saturday, November 9

9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church will host the Saturday lunch at the Community Table on Saturday, November 9. Volunteers are needed to help serve and provide food. Spend some time as neighbors helping neighbors! Please sign-up on the Mission Bulletin Board in the pit stop area to say you can help.