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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

Children of the Heavenly Father

Dale Wood

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Good and generous God, you have blessed us with favor and counted us as your people through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Freed by your grace, let us extend your generosity to others, sharing our bread with the poor, pleading the cause of the afflicted, and receiving all who assemble in your name with the warmth of your love and the richness of your hospitality; in the good name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of favor, we have not been true to you. You have chosen the poor in the world, but we have dishonored them. You plead the cause of the afflicted, but we crush them. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have favored the rich and despised the poor. We have dismissed the needy with empty words. Soften our hearts and make straight our ways. Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: 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

Penny Morton

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Renunciation and Affirmation

*Affirmation 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.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Introduction to the Congregation

Hymn 482 Baptized in Water Bunessan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Healing God, you do all things well. Illumine our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may receive your words and demonstrate your grace. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 25:31-46

Pew Bible, page 27

OBOE SOLO Frank Poolos

SERMON When Was It? Mrs. Ayscue

*HYMN 186 Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table Come Now, You Blessed

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A TESTIMONY TO THEIR FAITH

Anna Wainwright and Witt Snuggs

PASTORAL 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem Aria Andrew 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 546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing Sicilian Mariners

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Fugue in G Major Dietrich Buxtehude

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^{*}All that are able may stand.

IN MEMORIAM

Rita Sikes Whitley March 17, 1942 – July 21, 2015

We rejoice that you are worshiping 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 Lachlann Currie. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Jackson Robert Palmer, son of Jessica and John Palmer, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Elder Frankie Palmer is participating in the baptism.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jackson Palmer's birthday.

Ushers: John Howell, captain; Al Andrew, Jay Andrew, Brad Boone, Lee Boone, Kalyn Caudle, Bill Hall, Robin Howell, Adam Jolly, Greg Lisk, Ben McLeod, Isabel McLeod, Barbara McManus, and Joe Snuggs Elder Greeters: Jim Carter; Ruth Cotton Nursery: Jana Sanderson Toddler Room: Salem Taylor Preschool Partners: Anissa & Chris Chapman Nana & Papa Team: Teresa Taylor; Shirley Welch

There will be no Children's Church during July and August.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Rita Whitley, The family of Erin Phillips, Randall Kimrey (father of Bryce Kimrey), Charles Miller (battling cancer; husband of Marion Andrew Miller), Anita Gower, Karen Niebler (mother of Jill Niebler), Barbara McManus, David Sanges (brother of Nathan Sanges), Glen Burris. See newsletter for complete list.



!!! LAST SUNDAY TO DONATE !!!

Let's make this the biggest collection ever!

Food item categories are:

canned meat, canned fruit, macaroni and cheese/pastas, cereal, grits, oatmeal, spaghetti sauce and noodles, canned vegetables

Summer Vespers & Homemade Ice Cream Sunday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Home of Robin & John Howell (20959 Old Aquadale Road, Albemarle)

We'll gather for summer vespers and ice cream (let us know what kind you're bringing) to sing, pray, and read scripture together.

The Mwandi Mission team will depart on Friday, July 31. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel, worship, and serve with our sisters and brothers at the Mwandi Mission. The team will return on August 15.



3 Inch 3 Ring Binder

Primary Pencils

#2 Pencils

1½ Inch 3 Ring Binder w/pockets

Central Elementary School Supply List 2015-2016

DONATIONS MAY BE PLACED IN THE DESIGNATED BINS IN THE PIT STOP.

2 Inch 3 Ring Binder

5 Subject Spiral Notebooks

3 Ring Dividers with Tabs (pack of 5)

Lead Pencils (1.3mm)

Glue Sticks Staplers

Bottle of Elmer's Glue Rolls of Scotch Tape
Pink Pearl Erasers Pencil Top Erasers

Highlighters Sharpened Pencils

Small Handheld Pencil Sharpener Small Zipper Pencil Pouch

Small Plastic Pencil Box Scissors (child-size; youth size)

1 Subject Spiral Notebook Composition Notebook Index Cards (3 x 5)

(no spiral bound; wide ruled)

Pack of Notebook Paper White/Colored Cardstock Paper

(wide ruled and college)

Folders with Pockets Folders with Pockets and Prongs

Pack of Hole Reinforcements Sticky Post-it notes (2"x2" or larger)

Various Colors of Posterboard 24 count Crayola Crayons

(for projects)

Dry Erase Markers Crayola colored pencils

Pack of Crayola Markers Legal Pads

Playdough (playdough brand) Packs of Color or White Copy Paper

Headphones (no earbuds)

Gallon Size Ziplock Bags

Folders w/3 hole punch Kleenex

Sandwich Size Ziplock Bags Hand sanitizer

Baby Wipes Anti-bacterial wipes

Lysol/Clorox wipes Band aids

Paper towels

Craft Supplies: felt squares, paint, yarn, buttons, playdough, tissue paper, glitter, scrapbook paper, etc.

Please help Central School and its 600 students stock up on basic school supplies.

Last year's generous donations were depleted by Christmas.

It's most cost effective to buy now. Many thanks!

Uniform donations are also needed...khaki shorts, pants, and skirts of all sizes! Uniform shirts for youth are \$7.50 and adults are \$8.50. These are plain polo shirts.

The greatest need is in youth sizes.

Donations are needed by August 17 and may be placed in the pit stop.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 26

Circle the Sanctuary

10:00 am *Worship

11:00 am Adult Christian Education Task Force

7:30 pm Vespers at the home of

Robin & John Howell

(20959 Old Aquadale Rd., Albemarle)

Wednesday, July 29

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Thursday, July 30

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, July 31

Church Office Closed – Summer Friday

Sunday, August 2

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering
10:00 am *Worship

*childcare provided

SCCM NEED FOR JULY:

Macaroni & Cheese, Rice, & Pasta

SCCM NEED FOR AUGUST:

Canned Vegetables

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! JULY

26-William Ivey Adam Jolly

27-Chris Chapman John Hahn Ellen Whitley

29-Dana Burleson Michelle Osborne Marlene Sanges

31-James Cotton Maddox Johnson Dick Liles

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! JULY

28-Matt & Claire Drumheller John & Heather Kilde Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! AUGUST

01-Michelle Cumming Madelyn Taylor

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! AUGUST

02-Roger & Jane Lisk

Summer Fridays

The church office is closed on Fridays through August.

First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery presents the Summer Art Exhibit Featured Artist, Joyce Lambert

A collection of oil paintings by Joyce Lambert, a member of this congregation, are exhibited in the First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery. This exhibit features wildlife, the Mwandi Village, several portraits, and landscapes. We appreciate Joyce sharing her art work with us.

ATTENTION VEGETABLE GARDENERS!!!

As you tend your summer vegetable garden, please remember to plant a little extra so that you can share some of the fruits of your labors with members of our congregation as well as the clients at the Stanly Community Christian Ministry. Bring your harvest to the table in the pit stop on Sunday mornings so that folks can have an opportunity to make a purchase. The donations will be sent to SCCM. Whatever vegetables remain will be transported to the SCCM food pantry.