



The Weekly Bulletin
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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

Ah Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended

Dale Wood

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lift up your voice and call out to God.

People: We cry out, believing that God hears us.

Leader: Come together and wait for God.

People: We unite, trusting that God speaks.

Leader: Take heart, knowing that God is present with us now.

People: **We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.**

Leader: Come, worship the Lord.

All: We worship the Lord with hope.

*CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP

hymnal 515, stanza 3

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.

The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

*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 166

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

St. Flavian

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

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

***Call to Confession**

hymnal 415, stanza 2

Craig Taylor, Cantor

*Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify,
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.*

***Prayer of Confession**

Silent

Unison

O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from us our sins. Mercifully kindle in us the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from us our hearts of stone, and give us hearts for love alone: hearts to adore you, hearts to **delight in you, and hearts to follow you, for Christ's sake.**

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***Response to Forgiveness**

hymnal 415, refrain



I will a-rise and go to Je - sus; He will em-brace me in His arms.

In the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou-sand charms.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, in rushing waters and in dry wilderness, in every season and circumstance, we need your sustaining Word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, proclaim the good news among us today so that we may see anew that your kingdom has come near. Amen.

PSALTER READING

Psalm 22:23-31

Pew Bible, page 474

Congregational Response

Thomas Pavlechko



All the ends of the earth shall re - mem - ber and turn to the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 9:33-37

Pew Bible, page 42

ANTHEM

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

C. Hubert /H. Parry

REFLECTION ON WELCOMING GOD'S CHILDREN

Chris Vaughn

Executive Director, John P. Murray Community Care Clinic, Albemarle

***HYMN 761**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

REFLECTION ON WELCOMING GOD'S CHILDREN

Ruth DeYoe

Service Team Director, Montaña de Luz, Honduras

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captive, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

(On cue from the organ, the congregation will join in singing the verses during the prayer.)

Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah! *(Sing 3 times)*

O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! *(Sing 3 times)*

O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah! *(Sing 3 times)*

O Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! *(Sing 3 times)*

O Lord, kum ba yah!

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Dove of Peace

*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 772

Live Into Hope

Truro

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

hymnal 515, stanza 5

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,

We'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,

The love that makes us one.

*POSTLUDE

Postlude

Hermann Schroeder

*All that are able may stand.

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.

IN MEMORIAM
 Johnsie Gambill McIntyre
 August 23, 1929 – February 12, 2015

We welcome Chris Vaughn, Executive Director of the John P. Murray Community Care Clinic in Albemarle, and Ruth DeYoe, Service Team Director at Montaña de Luz in Honduras to worship this morning. Their reflections will provide us with new insights about the importance of our partnership in these ministries.

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

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of our children and grandchildren.

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

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
 Nursery: Cici Ly Toddler Room: Lauren Cranford Preschool Partners: Penny & Jack Morton Nana & Papa Team: Debby Johnston; Joyce Lambert **Children's Church:** Sheryl Stewart

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Roy and Katie Dearstyne (parents of Holly Norwood; Katie-lung cancer; Roy-multiple health concerns), Bob and Bessie Burris (grandparents of Kim Caudle), Mary Ann Green (recovering from surgery for benign tumor), Karen Niebler (mother of Jill Niebler; waiting for liver transplant), Hessie Clark, Mary Louise Sawyer, Roger Thomas, Craig Morgan. See newsletter for complete list.

The downtown worshipping community will gather at noon for worship at First Presbyterian Church on Wednesdays during Lent. On Wednesday, March 4, Reverend Jim Yow, pastor of Central United Methodist Church, will preach. Lunch will follow at 12:30 p.m. in the gym. Cost for lunch is donation only. All proceeds will be directed to benefit the construction costs at the Community Inn.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH ON SUNDAY, MARCH 1
AS A CONTINUATION ON THE EMPHASIS OF
MISSION SUNDAY



Menu:

Baked Potato and Salad Bar with all the trimmings, Desserts, and Beverages

Donations will help with costs incurred by participants of the Mwandu Mission trip as they partners with our brothers and sisters in Christ in the African bush of Zambia.

Childcare Volunteer Needed for *Pray & Play Ministry*

Pray and Play has been very successful this year, and there is a need for an additional childcare volunteer on Wednesday mornings (9:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m.). If interested, please contact Gina Martin (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722).

Young Adult Lunch on Thursday, March 5 at Noon at El Ranchito (Hwy. 52)



Winter Art Gallery Exhibit
Featuring artist Wayne Palmer
Mind Meets Hand

Inspired by a senior level art class while attending Florida State, Wayne Palmer, a lifetime member of this congregation, began creating artworks through a variety of techniques, styles and mediums. This collection of paintings, carvings and sketches are a lovely display of his lifelong passion for creating...where mind meets hand. Stop by the Art Gallery to see Wayne's remarkable work.

CENTRAL SCHOOL BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM



First Presbyterian Church, in conjunction with other downtown churches, is sponsoring the Central School Backpack Food Program. Items needed are: Large Cans of Soup, Hamburger Helper, Fruit Cups, Breakfast Cookies/Granola Bars.

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donations. If you would like to volunteer to help pack the backpacks, contact Debby Johnston (704-982-6006 or debbyjohnston@hotmail.com).

Lent Scripture Readings	
March 1	Mark 6:7-29
March 2	Mark 6:30-44
March 3	Mark 6:45-56
March 4	Mark 7:1-23
March 5	Mark 7:24-37
March 6	Mark 8:1-21
March 7	Mark 8:22-38
March 8	Mark 9:1-29

PrimeTimers Luncheon
Thursday, March 12 at Noon

Guest Speaker:
Mr. William Caudill

Menu:
Corned Beef, Red Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage, Irish Soda Rolls,
and Lime Sherbet

The Senior Care Committee of First Presbyterian Church would like to invite all church seniors and others who might be interested to a Saint Patrick Day's theme luncheon on March 12th at noon. The speaker will be Mr. William Caudill from Saint Andrews University in Laurinburg, North Carolina. Mr. Caudill is curator of the Scottish Heritage Museum at Saint Andrews, an instructor at Saint Andrews, and a professional bagpipe player and judge for piping competitions. His area of expertise is migration of Scots to North Carolina. Please contact the church office (704-982-2722) or indicate your attendance on the church roster by March 5th. For questions please call Debbie Hahn at 704-983-1067.

SERRV SALE
SUNDAY, MARCH 15



SERRV items will be available in the pit stop before and after worship on March 15. Look for jams & chutneys, chocolates, coffee, tea, and nuts to fill your Easter baskets!



Youth Breakfast
March 16-20, 2015
6:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church Gym

The Stanly County Youth Breakfast begins the week of March 16. The theme for the youth breakfast this year is *Unity*. We will explore the way we are all united by our faith in Jesus Christ. Youth are invited to gather in the gym at 6:30 a.m. each morning of that week for breakfast, fellowship, music, and time to reflect on God. Invite your friends to come join us for the fun! It promises to be a wonderful week of good food and good fun!

Easter Lilies

Deadline: Sunday, March 29

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 \$20.00 and place in the offering plate or leave in the church office no later than Sunday, March 29. Checks should be payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and designated "Easter Lilies." All memorials/honorariums received by March 29 will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 5.

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.

Food for Body & Soul
Wednesdays in Lent
March 4, 11, 18, & 25

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer in the Chapel

5:45 p.m. Dinner prepared and served by the Nooma & Adult Discussion Classes; Cost...Donation.

Menu: Lasagna, Bread, Salad, Dessert, PB & J Station, Tea, Coffee, Water

- Please sign the Friendship Register if you are planning to attend dinner.

6:15 p.m. Classes

• *That's What I Don't Like About Jesus*

Leader: Our own Pastor David Kilde.

Class Location: Church Parlor

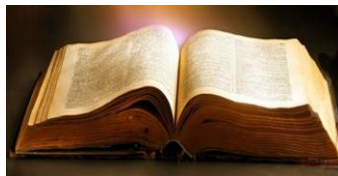
We will reflect on stories about Jesus and the early church in the context of our own experiences of prejudice. All of us view others through the lens of our own experience and belief system. Many of the stories in the New Testament challenge us to view others as Jesus would view them, brothers and sisters with us in the family of God. During our time together, we will share stories about Jesus, and stories from our own experiences as we explore what this means for us today.

• *Balancing the Christian Life*

Leader: Dan Wray, retired professor at Stanly Community College.

Class Location: Session Room (Basement)

The Bible is a rich book full of many images and examples of faith and life. It calls us to be active participants in the life of God in Christ in a troubled world. In this study, we will mine the Scriptures for help in shaping a balanced Christian lifestyle, considering such issues as faith and reason, prayer and action, dreams and symbols.



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

When? Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m.

Where? Second Street Sundries; Small Private Room (Lunch is Dutch Treat.)

What? Interested folks will gather with Matt and Elizabeth for wide-ranging discussion about the scripture for the coming Sunday. We'll consider images and issues in building the sermon.



Taking Them in His Arms
By Billie Jean Snuggs

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 1 *Second Sunday of Lent/Mission Emphasis Sunday*

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Meal prepared by the Mwandu Mission Trip Participants (Gym)
- 6:00 pm Lent Small Group at the home of Elizabeth Ayscue
(1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)
- 4:45 pm-7:45 pm SNL

Monday, March 2

- 10:00 am Small Group with Debby Johnston (parlor)
- 7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Ann Duckwall (609 N. 6th Street)
- 7:00 pm Small Group with Connie Wallace & Ken Knight (32034 Valley Drive)
- 7:00 pm Small Group with Billie Jean Snuggs at Ly Cuisine (807 N. 2nd St.)
- 8:30 pm Senior High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Tuesday, March 3

- 11:45 am Gathering Around the Word (Second Street Sundries)
- 6:30 pm Small Group with Greg Lisk (kitchen)
- 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Confirmation Class (Session Room)

Wednesday, March 4

- 6:00 am Small Group with Elizabeth (parlor)
- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 12:00 pm Community Lent Worship at FPC
- 12:30 pm Community Lent Lunch (gym)
- 2:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff/Handbells Ensembles
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer Service (Chapel)
- 5:45 pm Lent Dinner
- *6:15 pm-7:15 pm Lent Classes
- 7:15 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Thursday, March 5

- 9:00 am Muffins & More
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at El Ranchito (Hwy. 52)
- 2:00 pm Small Group with Mary Kesselman (parlor)

Friday, March 6

- 12:00 pm Small Group with Matt Drumheller (Old Session Room)

Sunday, March 8 *Third Sunday of Lent*

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 4:45 pm-7:45 pm SNL
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee
- 6:00 pm Small Group at Elizabeth's (1611 Bellamy Circle)
- 7:00 pm Session

*childcare provided

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!
MARCH

- 02-Al Andrew
Jordan Davis
Luke Davis
Ellen Snyder
- 04-Joan Belsan
- 05-Becky Andrew
Vanhna Sydalack
- 06-Keith Andrew
Robert Ivey
- 07-Chris Mabry

!!!URGENT NEED!!!
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
CENTRAL SCHOOL BOOKFAIR
MARCH 2-MARCH 6
7:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

Very Early Morning Times are the greatest
need for volunteers.

CONTACT
CARROLL SITTON AT
carrollsitton@rtmc.net
or
336-461-5158

HOSPITALITY

Beginning Sunday, March 8, First Presbyterian Church is offering hospitality to a group of students from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA. They are on a spring break service trip and working in our community with Habitat for Humanity. They will be sleeping and showering in the educational building and may share a meal or two with us. Please welcome them warmly.

SCCM NEED FOR MARCH:
CANNED MEAT...(Tuna, Chicken, Spam)