



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

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Michael Burkhardt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: We will call upon the name of the Lord,

People: **And worship God with thanksgiving.**

*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 370

This Is My Father's World

Terra Beata

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name.

*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

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of this conversation, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 11:1-3a

Pew Bible, page 602

SOLO

His Eye Is on the Sparrow
Craig Taylor, Bass

Charles H. Gabriel

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 14:25-28

Pew Bible, page 103

SERMON

Come, Holy Spirit

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

excerpted from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, *Come, Lord Jesus!* 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. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN 285

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Bridegroom

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Contemplation

Richard Purvis

*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 450

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Postlude

Arnold Cooke

*All that are able may stand.



**Thanks to
Cidney Eudy
for her artwork based
on the book
Like a Windy Day
by Frank Asch &
Devin Asch.**

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 acolyte today is Jacob Palmer. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thanks to Craig Taylor for sharing his musical talent with us today.

Ushers: Wes Eudy, captain; Steve Cumming, Angie Earnhardt, Greg Lisk, Ronnie Michael, Witt Snuggs, and Morgan Smet **Elder Greeters:** Tom Norwood; Ellen Whitley **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson (Diaconate 9:00 a.m.) **Toddler Room:** Lauren Cranford (Session 6:45 p.m.) **Preschool Partners:** Heather & John Kilde **Nana & Papa Team:** Mary & Frank Green

There will be no Children's Church during August.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Maude Boysworth.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Elliott Efird (granddaughter of Gayle & Ned Russell; diagnosed with galactosimia) Anita Gower, Karen Niebler (mother of Jill Niebler), Barbara McManus, David Sanges (brother of Nathan Sanges), Don Little, Glenn Burris. **See newsletter for complete list.**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOSTS THE ANNUAL
CENTRAL SCHOOL FACULTY & STAFF LUNCHEON
MONDAY, AUGUST 17 AT 11:30 A.M.**

On August 17, First Presbyterian Church will host a back-to-school luncheon for faculty and staff at Central Elementary School. We are planning a menu for 90-100 people. Contact Ruth Cotton (704-983-2481 or hugawolf@hotmail.com), Carolyn Sharpe (704-982-2814 or carolynsharpe@live.com), or Sandy Saunders (704-982-3845 or swsaunders63@gmail.com) let her know you would like to provide a salad (of any type) or dessert.

Youth in grades 5-8 are invited to participate in worship as an acolyte. This is an important role that calls us to focus on *Jesus Christ as the light of the world* as worship begins and ends. **An important training and information session for all acolytes (current and new) will take place on Sunday, August 23 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.** Acolytes should meet at the front of the sanctuary. Questions? Contact Elizabeth (704-982-2722 or eayscue@fpcalbe.marle.org).

Following worship on Sunday, August 9, Lee Boone will host a brunch which will provide funding for his Eagle Scout project (check out the wall of storage cabinets on the gym stage!). There is no cost for brunch, but your contribution (of any amount) is welcome.

WORSHIP WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN...SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

A workshop for children in grades 3 through 5 and their parents is planned for Sunday, August 30 following worship. We will share lunch together in the pit stop, followed by activities that introduce the elements of worship and help children to participate and delight in worshipping God. The goal is to equip children to grow in the community of faith and form a deeper relationship with God through regular worship. Plans are to finish up around 2:30 p.m. Please let the church office (klambert@fpcalbe.marle.org or 704-982-2722) know if you and your child plan on attending.



**LEMONADE ON THE LAWN
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
FOLLOWING 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP**

The kitchen renovation is underway and on schedule. Much of the electrical work and plumbing has been done. It is not too late to make a pledge for contribution to the *Our Living Legacy* campaign. Each gift moves us closer to being able to complete work in the gym.

The Community Inn will have its annual BBQ fundraiser on Friday, August 14. Can you help by providing one or more un-iced pound cakes or by helping with delivery or some other way? A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the pit stop.

Check out the Art Exhibit: Featured Artist, Joyce Lambert!

**COMMUNITY INN FUNDRAISER
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 11:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.
WEST ALBEMARLE BAPTIST CHURCH
FAMILY LIFE CENTER
(336 CHURCH STREET, ALBEMARLE)**

Good Ole' Boys BBQ

BBQ Plate – BBQ, slaw, chips, bread, & dessert - \$8

BBQ Pound Container - \$8

BBQ Tray (6 1/2 lbs.) - \$48 (1/2 pound free)

Drive-thru. Delivery. Dine-In.

Will deliver within Stanly County with minimum order of 5 plates.

Checks should be written to The Community Inn.

For tickets or more information, call or text 704-984-2618.

Please leave name & phone number in text or voicemails.

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.



Central Elementary School Supply List 2015-2016

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

1½ Inch 3 Ring Binder w/pockets	2 Inch 3 Ring Binder
3 Inch 3 Ring Binder	5 Subject Spiral Notebooks
Primary Pencils	3 Ring Dividers with Tabs (pack of 5)
#2 Pencils	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 (no spiral bound; wide ruled)	
Pack of Notebook Paper (wide ruled and college)	Index Cards (3 x 5)
Folders with Pockets	Folders with Pockets and Prongs
Pack of Hole Reinforcements	White/Colored Cardstock Paper
Various Colors of Posterboard (for projects)	Sticky Post-it notes (2"x2" or larger)
Dry Erase Markers	24 count Crayola Crayons
Pack of Crayola Markers	Crayola colored pencils
Playdough (playdough brand)	Legal Pads
Headphones (no earbuds)	Packs of Color or White Copy Paper
Folders w/3 hole punch	Gallon Size Ziplock Bags
Sandwich Size Ziplock Bags	Kleenex
Baby Wipes	Hand sanitizer
Lysol/Clorox wipes	Anti-bacterial wipes
Paper towels	Band aids

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, August 9

- 9:00 am Diaconate
- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Brunch hosted by Lee Boone
(pit stop)
- 11:00 am Adult Christian Education
Task Force
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee
- 7:00 pm Session

Monday, August 10

- 8:30 am SNL Monday Morning Mission

Tuesday, August 11

- 12:00 pm September Newsletter Deadline
- 1:30 pm *Our Living Legacy* Committee

Wednesday, August 12

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 5:30 pm Stewardship Committee
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Thursday, August 13

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, August 14

Church Office Closed – Summer Friday

Sunday, August 16

- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

AUGUST

- 09-Hugh Wainwright
- 10-Patty MacMurray
Judy Murrell
- 12-Jerry Caudle
Banks Garrison
- 13-Ellis Johnson
- 14-Salem Taylor
- 15-Sheryl Stewart

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

AUGUST

- 10-Al & Kassie Taylor
- 11-Bob & Debby Johnston
- 13-Tommy & Judy Murrell

Summer Fridays

The church office is closed on Fridays through August.

SCCM NEED FOR AUGUST:

Canned Vegetables

Silent Partners Anyone?

One of the ways we remain faithful to the vows we make in baptism is by supporting our children and youth all through college. We need you to serve as a *Silent Partner* and thus maintain contact with one student who is away at school. Contact Kim Andrew ([kjabrck@yahoo.com](mailto:kjabrk@yahoo.com)) for more information.