



**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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 107:1-9

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble.**

Leader: And gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

**People: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town.**

Leader: Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

**People: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;**

Leader: God led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

**People: Let them thank the Lord for steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.**

Leader: For God satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry God fills with good things.

**People: With deep gratitude we are here to worship God.**

\*CHORAL INTROIT

*O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord*

Donald Moore

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN 19

*God of Great and God of Small*

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\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

**God of grace, love and communion, you create us for relationship, to live in community with you and one another. Yet we are isolated from one another and separated from you. We neglect the means of grace which would bring us closer- prayer, scripture, and worship. We fail to heed your call to love as you love. We fail to recognize your image in others. Transforming God, forgive our unfaithfulness.**

**Deepen our community; restore us to right relationship.**

\*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 conversation, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.*

ANTHEM

*On Eagle's Wings*

Mark Hayes

Text: And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of His hand.  
You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord, *My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust.*  
The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear,  
Under His wings your refuge His faithfulness your shield.  
You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day,  
Though thousands fall about you, Near you it will not come.  
For to His angels He's given a command, To guard you in all of your ways,  
Upon their hands they will bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Great God, we approach your Word with deep gratitude – thankful for its power in this community of faith and in our lives. Gather us in as we listen for a fresh word from you and wait to be transformed by the renewing power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Colossians 3:12-17*

Pew Bible, page 190

SERMON

*Grace and Gratitude*

Mrs. Ayscue

A TESTIMONY TO GRATITUDE

Frank Poolos, Debbie Wainwright

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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 2

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

Italian Hymn

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Martha Sue Hall

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mr. Drumheller

**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

\*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

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

Fourfold Amen

John Stainer

\*POSTLUDE

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\*All that are able may stand.

**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 Morgan Kinley.** 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 Anna, Dave, Mason, and Addie Feezor by Holly and Tom Norwood.

**Thanks to** Frank Poolos and Debbie Wainwright for their participation in worship today.

**Ushers:** Penny Morton, captain; Kim Andrew, Stephanie Campbell, Jim Carter, Jim Ivey, Dustin Jolly, Taylor Jolly, Kim Marshall, Carolyn McLaurin, Jack Morton, David Whitley, and Ellen Whitley **Elder Greeters:** Heather Deese; Jim Ivey **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Lauren Cranford **Preschool Partners:** Heather & John Kilde **Nana & Papa Team:** Mary & Frank Green **Children's Church:** Kim Andrew; Kate Melone; Jacob Palmer

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**IN MEMORIAM**  
Fran Carr Mabry  
October 17, 1918 – October 10, 2015

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**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** The family of Fran Mabry, Nick and Beverly (Poplin) Steinhaus (daughter of Lynn & Gerald Poplin; family affected by flooding in Columbia, SC), John McIntyre, Ethel White (sister-in-law of Lynn White; end-stage mesothelioma), Frank Breische (recovering from hip replacement; brother of Gloria Bryson), Janet Gardner Flemin (stepdaughter of Ruth Ann Rogers; diagnosed with colon cancer), Jan Burton (mother of Mandy Brown; breast cancer); David Sanges (brother of Nathan Sanges); Struggling families. **See newsletter for complete list.**

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 **ENGAGE CAFÉ at 9:30 a.m. Come early for coffee, fellowship, & treats!**  
**ENGAGE Groups begin at 9:45 a.m. There is a place for you!**

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 **SERRV CATALOG ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN:**  
**On Sunday, October 18 in the pit stop**  
**9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. & following worship**  
**Until October 19, catalog orders may be made in the church office.**  
**After that date, the order will be compiled and placed.**

Catalog orders are shipped with the bazaar food items and will be available at the Bazaar on November 8.

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**Tea & Conversation**  
**Tuesday, October 20**  
**2:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor**





**Fall Carnival**

**Sunday, October 25 from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.**

**Church Side Parking Lot (1<sup>st</sup> Street)**

On October 25, SNL will host our annual Fall Carnival for the church. Dress up in your best Halloween costume and join us for games and treats of all kinds. Plenty of fun for all ages!

We will be outdoors in the side parking lot (1<sup>st</sup> Street) this year, so join us there from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

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**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES**

**PICK-UP A SHOEBOX IN THE PIT STOP OR**

**WRAP YOUR OWN SHOEBOX**

**RETURN FILLED SHOEBOX TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY SUNDAY,**

**NOVEMBER 1**

Pick up a Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child's shoebox and pack it for a child overseas! This box that you lovingly fill with little gifts for either a boy or a girl will bring that child great joy. **Eighteen boxes are available in the pit stop along with instructions for packing.** Use this opportunity to help Samaritan's Purse spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to children all over the world.

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**Egg Cartons Needed for Group Homes of the Autistic (GHA, Inc.)...**Please drop of clean & empty egg cartons in the pit stop. GHA is in desperate need of them. Thank you.

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The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Bowls Project

“Help Fight World Hunger at the Local Level”

**When: Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 PM-7:30 PM**

**Where: Central United Methodist Church**

**172 North Second Street, Albemarle**

**Advance Tickets may be purchased for \$20 at the church office.**

**For the first time, \$10 tickets for the meal only will also be available.**

**(No bowl will be included with at \$10 ticket.)**

A ticket allows you to share in a wonderful meal of soup, bread, dessert, and beverage. Plus, you will receive a hand-crafted bowl made by a local potter. As a reminder that there are always *empty bowls* in our world, you will receive a hand-turned bowl to keep.

**Advance Tickets guarantee you will receive a professionally-turned bowl.**

**Bowls will be limited to the first 200 tickets sold.**

**There will also be drawings and a silent auction during the meal.**

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**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 1. 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 8. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.



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**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: \_\_\_\_\_



OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) –  
South Carolina & East Coast Flooding**

The PDA National Response Team is responding to the requests of agencies in South Carolina to help with assessments and long-term recovery planning as well as simply being a present witness of the larger church during this difficult time. Once plans have been developed, there will likely be a need for work teams to help with clean-up and rebuilding. In the meantime, the most appropriate responses are as follows:

GIVE – donate to the PDA’s U.S. Flooding Account – DR000191  
(<https://pda.pcusa.org>)

ACT – visit the PDA’s Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PDACARES>) and share updates with your friends

-make Gift of the Heart Clean-up Buckets (more info to follow about this)

-inform the church office of your interest in serving on a volunteer work team in the future

PRAY – This is our best response at this time. Pray that through the response of the faith community, survivors and those offering assistance will be reminded of the hope that is found in Christ.

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**The Technology Committee is looking for 2-3 flat screen monitors to be used in a small computer lab.** If you have an old computer monitor to donate, contact Matt Drumheller (704-982-2722 or [mrdumheller@fpcalbeharle.org](mailto:mrdumheller@fpcalbeharle.org)).

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**Lunch Meet Up at Ly Cuisine Sunday, October 25 following worship**

Zoua Ly, of Ly Cuisine, will prepare a wonderful buffet of favorite dishes for FPC members & guests including: Spring Rolls, Spinach/Orange Salad, Fried Rice, Zoua’s Chicken, Teriyaki Beef Stir Fry, Banana Pudding, Soft Drinks, & Tea. **Dutch Treat Cost is \$13.99 per person + tax + tip. Reservations are limited to the first 30 people to sign up.** A sign-up sheet is located on the mission bulletin board.

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**Last Call for the  
Women’s Retreat (November 13-15) and  
the Men’s Retreat (November 20-22)**

Call the church office (704-982-2722) for additional information.

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**Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:**

Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Hamburger Helper, Snack Crackers, and Pineapple or Fruit Cocktail Cups. A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation. **Backpacks will be packed on Wednesday, October 21.**

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, October 18

- 9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School/ENGAGE/  
*Get to Know Your Bible* (3<sup>rd</sup> Graders)
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm SNL

### Monday, October 19

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

### Tuesday, October 20

- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study
- 12:00 pm November Newsletter Deadline
- 2:00 pm-3:30 pm Tea & Conversation (parlor)

### Wednesday, October 21

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 7:00 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

### Thursday, October 22

- 9:30 am \*Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

### Sunday, October 25

*Youth Club Handbell Ensemble rings in worship*

*Faith Explorers sing in worship*

*Bibles to be presented to 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders*

- 9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)
- 9:30 am Youth Club Handbells rehears (sanctuary)
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School/ENGAGE/*Get to Know Your Bible* (3<sup>rd</sup> Graders)
- 9:45 am Faith Explorers rehearsal (sanctuary)
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm Set up for Presbytery Meeting – Meet in the Gym
- 12:00 pm *Get to Know Your Bible* (3<sup>rd</sup> Graders & Parents) meet at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Sundries
- 12:15 pm Lunch Meet-Up at Ly Cuisine (limited seating...must sign up in the pit stop)
- 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorer's outing to Get Lost Corn Maze
- 3:00 pm-4:30 pm Fall Carnival

\*childcare provided

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### OCTOBER

- 20-Cody Stewart
- 21-Leo McLeod
- 22-Billie Jean Snuggs
- 24-Martha White  
Danny Saltzman

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### OCTOBER

- 19-Art & Sandy Rogers
- 24-Keith & Christine Andrew

## Donations Needed for Presbytery Meeting

Donations are needed to serve to those attending the October Charlotte Presbytery Meeting at FPC, Albemarle. A basket/box is in the pit stop to accept your donations of:

- 8 oz. Bottled Water
- Individual Bags of Chips
- Small Fruit Juice Cans/Bottles
- Granola Bars

**First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery  
presents the Fall Art Exhibit  
Featured Artists...2014 Women's Retreat Participants**

## SCCM NEED FOR OCTOBER:

Paper Goods  
(toilet tissue, paper towels, facial tissue, cleaning supplies)