



**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

*Breathe on Me Breath of God*

Robert Jackson

Youth Handbell Ensemble

arr. Margaret R. Tucker

Elizabeth Bryson, Merrin Kinley, Brent Lisk, Grant Lisk, Addison Marks,

Elijah McSwain, Natalie Niederer, Abby Snuggs, and Natalie Taylor

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In worship, we meet the world head on.

**People: In the midst of seeming scarcity, we find abundance.**

Leader: In the midst of harsh critique, we find acceptance.

**People: In the midst of a frantic busyness, we find a spacious silence,**

Leader: And in the midst of pervasive unkindness, we find enduring love.

**People: Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship the living God!**

\*CHORAL INTROIT

*O Worship the Lord*

Robert McCutchan

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Open our eyes, O Lord, that we may see through your divine eyes of grace. Uplift our hearts, O God, that we may be inspired by your Holy Spirit within us. Awaken our imagination, O Lord, that we may dream your dreams, and see your Spirit at work in our world. We offer to you this time of worship, that we may honor you and praise your name. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN 610

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

**Unison**

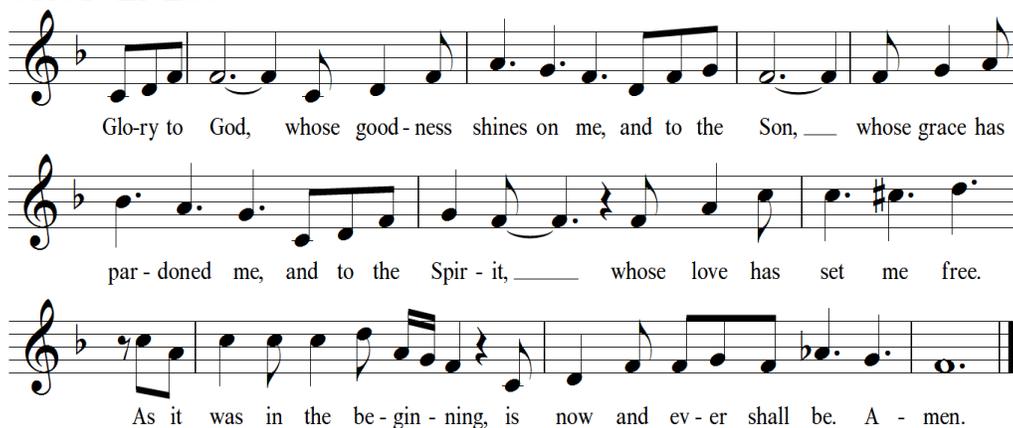
**Gracious and merciful God, we confess that we often sense scarcity, and miss the abundance that you offer. We are hungry and cry out for help, but forget you are here to meet our every need. We find it hard to trust you and attempt to rely on ourselves alone. Forgive us, O Lord, we pray. Bread of Heaven, rain down, that we might be fed and forgiven. In the name of Jesus, we pray.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Believe the good news,

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS



Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the Son, — whose grace has  
par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, — whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A-men.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

ANTHEM

*Sing and Celebrate*

Joseph M. Martin

*Meditation* (based on Psalm 19:14)

Mark Patterson

Trusty Travelers: Eriyanna Baldwin, Gabriel Beamon, Zi'yonna Brown, Brody Campbell, Piper Campbell, Hugh Carpenter, Ella Cumming, Emily Deese, Cidney Eudy, Nathaniel Eudy, Melanie Hendrix, Ollie Henkenjohann, Maddox Jolly, Thora Kilde, Caroline Lisk, Stella Marks, Leo McLeod, Anya McSwain, Ellie Niederer, Natalie Niederer, Sophie Poplin, Kemarian Redfearn, Ke'zia Redfearn, Seth Richards, Holden Taylor, Madelyn Taylor, Caroline West, Eston West

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Mr. Drumheller

*Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Presentation of Bibles, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.*

Presentation of Bibles

**Congregation:** Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all and its words speak to our community of faith. They tell us who we are and remind us that we belong to one another.

Children: We will read and study our Bibles. We will learn from your example.

**Parents:** We will encourage and support your efforts to know God's word by reading with you and sharing our understanding of who God is.

Congregation: We celebrate this step in your journey of faith. We pray God will guide you and all of us as we study together and grow in our love for God's Word.

**All:** The Word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Dedication

Mrs. Martin

ANTHEM

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

David Schwoebel

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

I am bound for the kingdom, will you go to glory with me. Hallelujah, praise the Lord.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

[Luke 18:9-14](#)

Pew Bible, page 76

SERMON

*Regarding Others*

Mrs. Ayscue

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*HYMN 794

*O Savior, in This Quiet Place*

St. Stephen

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Wes Eudy

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

*Andante from Sonata III*

Felix Mendelssohn

\*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 804

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

Marion

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*May the Road Rise to Meet You*

Mark Schweizer

\*POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune*

David N. Johnson

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\*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.

**The acolyte today is Kimbal Chapman.** After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

**Thanks to** the Youth Club Handbell Ensemble and the Trusty Travelers for sharing their musical talent with us this morning.

**Ushers:** Jim Hesley, captain; Duncan Bryson, Keith Bryson, Banks Garrison, Jim Ivey, Robert Ivey, Sandy Saunders, Harold Sharpe, Joe Snuggs, and Elizabeth Wilson **Elder Greeters:** Patrick Currie; Dona Lisk

**Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Samantha Wangler **Preschool Partners:** Angie Earnhardt; Adrienne Averette; Kelly Lentz **Nana & Papa Team:** Gayle & Ned Russell **Children's Church:** Laura McLeod; Andy McLeod; Jacob Palmer

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Nhia Ly, Elizabeth Howard (cousin of Mary Kesselman; health concerns), Mike Dearstyne (brother of Holly Norwood, Peripheral Neuropathy), Katie & Roy Dearstyne (parents of Holly Norwood), Carolyn Sharpe, Cam Rogers. **See newsletter for complete list.**

**Bibles are being presented today to third graders:**  
 Gabriel Beamon, son of Leah & Eric Beamon  
 Brody Campbell, son of Stephanie & Josh Campbell  
 Oliver Henkenjohann, son of Anna & Peter Henkenjohann  
 Thora Kilde, daughter of Heather & John Kilde  
 Caroline West, daughter of Terri & Garry West

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**Montaña de Luz**  
 Providing hope for children  
 affected by HIV/AIDS in Honduras

**Anna Wainwright invites you to a  
 Traditional Honduran Meal to support the children of Montaña de Luz.  
 Sunday, October 23 following worship in the church gym  
 Donations accepted.**

**Tee shirts will also be available for purchase (\$10.00).**

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**SHOW YOUR TEAM SPIRIT & SUPPORT FORMULA FOR LIFE  
 NEW COLORS FROM THE NECKLACE MINISTRY  
 CAROLINA PANTHERS & VARIOUS COLLEGE COLORS AVAILABLE  
 \$5.00 EACH**



Please visit the pit stop before and after worship to buy your necklace. Your purchase of a necklace supports the funding of infant formula for HIV-negative babies in Mwandia, Zambia. Since the inception of this ministry, more than 10,000 necklaces have been sold.

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**SERRV CATALOG ORDERS  
 WILL BE TAKEN:**

**On Sunday morning, October 23 in the pit stop  
 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. & following worship  
 After that, 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 13.

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**Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF  
 during Sunday School on October 30, 2016**

The children's classes will visit the Youth Middle School Sunday School and all adult Sunday School classes with information about UNICEF and their UNICEF boxes. Please be prepared to support UNICEF and the children of First Presbyterian Church as they support the children of the world on Sunday, October 30. **Your gifts make a difference!**

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**Have you volunteered with Homes of Hope or the Community Inn at any time in the past?**

If so, you are invited to a Volunteer Appreciation Banquet on Thursday, November 17 at 6:15 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Sign-up on the bulletin board in the pit stop by October 24 and enjoy a celebration of all you have helped them accomplish.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

This is a good time to pack a shoebox for a Samaritan's Purse child overseas! This box that you lovingly fill with little gifts for either a boy or a girl will bring that child great joy. Use this opportunity to help Samaritan Purse spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Instructions for packing are also available. **Boxes are available in the pit stop. Pack a box or two and return them to the church office before November 13.**



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## Backpack Food Program

**Donations Needed:** Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper, Canned Tuna, Snack Crackers, Pineapple or Fruit Cocktail Cups. A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.



**Next Backpack Food Program Packing Date is:**

**Wednesday, October 26 at 10:00 a.m.**

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**Fall Carnival on Sunday, October 30  
5:00 p.m.-6:30 pm. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Street Parking Lot  
(Rain location: Church Gym)**

On October 30, Youth Ministry will host our annual Fall Carnival for the church. Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of costumed fun (non-scary). Bring your friends. We will have treats and games for all ages! Please join us from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Street parking lot.

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## Time for the Homes of Hope fall...

### HEARTY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

### Donations Accepted!

**Stanly County's homeless housing program serving more than 800 since 2005.**

**Enjoy a Hearty Breakfast of:**

**Scrambled Eggs, Cereal, Bacon, Biscuits, Pancakes, Juice, Fruit,  
Coffee, Gravy, Grits, & Sausage**

**6:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. on Friday, November 4**

**Central United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall**

**(172 N. Second Street, Albemarle)**

Homes of Hope is a United Way agency.

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The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Bowls Project  
"Help Fight World Hunger at the Local Level"

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

**Where: Central United Methodist Church**

**172 North Second Street, Albemarle**

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

A ticket allows you to share in a delicious 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.



**First Family Gathering**  
**Wednesday, November 2**  
**Evening Prayer at 5:45 p.m. in the chapel**  
**Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the gym**

Menu:

Brunswick Stew, Mixed Green Salad, Fresh Fruit, Cornbread, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Station,  
 Assorted Desserts, Tea, Lemonade, & Coffee

Contact the church office (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)) by noon on Tuesday, November 1 to say you're coming.

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**Fall Movie Night**  
***The Jungle Book***  
**Friday, November 4**  
**6:30 p.m. in the church gym**

Enjoy a remake of one of Disney's finest adventure tales and see how friends of all shapes, sizes and species join together to save a little boy...

Bring the entire family out to a movie with friends, popcorn, candy & drinks!

\*Cozy up in your chair or blanket and plan to relax and laugh out loud!!!

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# CELEBRATE GENEROSITY CONSECRATION SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6

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



## 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 23

*Bibles Presented to Third Graders*

*Trusty Travelers sing in worship*

*Youth Club Handbell Ensemble ring in worship*

9:15 am Youth Club Handbell Ensemble rehearsal

9:45 am \*Sunday School

9:30 am Trusty Travelers' rehearsal

9:45 am 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders *Get to Know Your Bible*  
(3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom-3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm Montana de Luz Mission Meal hosted by Anna Wainwright

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Connection

### Monday, October 24

7:00 pm Fall Book Study (parlor)

8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square

8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

### Tuesday, October 25

9:30 am Presbytery Meeting at Providence Presbyterian Church  
(10140 Providence Church Ln, Charlotte)

### Wednesday, October 26

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Backpack Food Program

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/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

### Thursday, October 27

9:30 am \*Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

8:00 pm Theology Lite at Little Tokyo

### Sunday, October 30

*Reformation Sunday*

*Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF*

*Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due*

9:45 am \*Sunday School/Trick or Treat for UNICEF

11:00 am \*Worship

5:00 pm-6:30 pm Fall Carnival (Gym)

**\*childcare provided**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### OCTOBER

24-Martha White

Danny Saltzman

26-Luke Marshall

27-Elizabeth Ayscue

Dave MacMurray

29-Lillie Hancock

30-Teresa Taylor

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### OCTOBER

24-Keith & Christine Andrew

25-Mark & Chris Mabry

26-Russell & Bede Karr

## Candy Needed For Fall Carnival

SNL needs donations of candy for the Fall Carnival. Please bring your candy donations to the pit stop or contact Matt Drumheller ([mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)). Thank you so much for your support!

## SCCM NEED FOR

### OCTOBER:

### Paper & Cleaning Products

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