

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, October 30

Reformation Sunday/Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

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

11:00 am \*Worship

5:00 pm-6:30 pm Fall Carnival (1<sup>st</sup> Street parking lot)

### Monday, October 31

Halloween

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

### Tuesday, November 1

10:00 am Adult Bible Study

10:00 am First Family Dessert Crew

### Wednesday, November 2

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:30 am First Family Salad & Fruit Crew

12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)

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

3:45 pm First Family Set-up Crew

5:00 pm First Family Final Touches Crew

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)

5:45 pm Evening Prayer

6:00 pm First Family Dinner

6:45 pm First Family Clean-up Crew

7:00 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, November 3

9:30 am \*Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at El Ranchito

### Friday, November 4

6:30 am-9:30 am Homes of Hope Hearty Breakfast Fundraiser at Central UMC  
(172 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Albemarle)

4:30 pm-7:30 pm Empty Bowls SCCM Fundraiser at Central UMC  
(172 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Albemarle)

6:30 pm Fall Movie Night in the church gym

### Saturday, November 5

9:00 am-3:00 pm Chancel Choir Retreat at Pfeiffer University

10:00 am-Noon OASIS Tea Party & Purse Auction at FPC

### Sunday, November 6

All Saints Day/Consecration Sunday/Ten-Cents-A-Meal/No Children's Church/Daylight Saving  
Time Ends/Deadline for Veteran's Day Flower Form

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm Consecration Meal

12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)

12:00 pm Faith Explorers' Old Fashioned Day at Morrow Mountain State Park

12:00 pm-4:00 pm New Officers' Training

5:00 pm-6:30 pm Middle School Youth Connection

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY! OCTOBER

30- Teresa Taylor

31- Ruth Cotton

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! OCTOBER

31- Sam & Liz Davis

31- Taylor & Lisa Johnston

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY! NOVEMBER

01- Brody Campbell  
Donna Gaither

03- Bailey Holshouer  
Barbara Overcash

04- Connie Wallace

06- Shannon Newport

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! NOVEMBER

03- Matt & Katie Carpenter



## The Weekly Bulletin FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Johann G. Walther

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have gathered today in search of reformation.

**People: We want to reform ourselves, our church, and our society.**

Leader: We stand fearless at the edge of change.

**People: For God is in the midst of us and we shall not be moved.**

Leader: Be still, and know that God is God.

**People: God is our rock and our redeemer.**

\*CHORAL INTROIT

*O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord*

Donald Moore

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**You are our hiding place, O God; you preserve us from trouble and deliver us from death. You teach us your wisdom and show us your grace by honoring the weak and forgiving the wicked. All glory and praise be to you, for justice and mercy meet in you, through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN 611

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Hymn to Joy

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

**Unison**

**Loving God, you promise that all who faithfully confess to you will be forgiven and preserved from trouble. Trusting in your mercy, we acknowledge the harm that we have done, and the good we have failed to do. Forgive us, we pray; guide us in your truth, and teach us the way to go, that we may love and serve you well. In the name of Jesus we pray.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Believe the good news,

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

**SCCM NEED FOR OCTOBER:  
Paper & Cleaning Products  
(toilet tissue, facial tissue, paper  
towels, cleaning supplies)**

**SCCM NEED FOR NOVEMBER:  
Peanut Butter & Jelly**

\*childcare provided

\*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**

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

**God, through the power of your Holy Spirit, open us to your Word that we would hear what you say to us today; through Jesus Christ, who invites us to welcome him in, even before we are ready or worthy. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *II Chronicles 31:1-10* Pew Bible, page 394

ANTHEM *Christ Is Our Cornerstone* Philip Stopford

Christ is our Cornerstone, on Him alone we build;  
 With His true saints alone the courts of heaven are filled;  
 On His great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.

O then with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring;  
 Our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing;  
 And thus proclaim in joyful song both loud and long, that glorious Name.

Here, gracious God, do thou forevermore draw nigh;  
 Accept each faithful vow, and mark each suppliant sigh;  
 In copious shower on all who pray each holy day thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from Heav'n the grace which we implore;  
 And may that grace, once given, be with us evermore;  
 Until that day when all the blest to endless rest are called away.  
 Christ is our Cornerstone, on Him alone we build.

NEW TESTAMENT READING *II Corinthians 8:1-9* Pew Bible, page 172

SERMON *What Does Generosity Look Like?*  
Jim Hesley, Rose Saltzman, Elizabeth Ayscue, Matt Drumheller

\*AFFIRMATION 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. Amen.**

\*HYMN 708 *We Give Thee but Thine Own* Schumann

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

MINUTE FOR MISSION Debbie Bennett

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 *Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word* Johann G. Walther

\*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 826 *Lift High the Cross* Crucifer

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *Amen* Peter C. Lutkin

\*POSTLUDE *Ein' feste Burg* William Faulkes

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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 David Kilde.** After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

**Thanks to Jim Hesley and Rose Saltzman** for their participation in worship today.

**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:** Misty Honbarrier **Toddler Room:** Cora Harrison **Preschool Partners:** Laura McLeod; Ben McLeod **Nana & Papa Team:** Bede & Russell Karr **Children's Church:** Anna Wainwright; Jacob Palmer

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** The family of John Rodda (brother of Susan Garrison), Pam Medlin (cousin of Janice Abernathy; multiple health concerns), 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.**

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**Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF on Sunday, 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!**



**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)**

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!

**Faith on The Fifth Offering** - On Sunday, October 30, we will receive an offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to support relief and repair efforts in eastern NC following hurricane Matthew. Checks may be made to the church.



**First Family Gathering on 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.

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

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!!!

**All Saints Day on Sunday, November 6**

On the day we remember all those who have gone before us, the Worship Committee will provide an opportunity for you to remember your saint. Please pick up a daisy provided as you enter the sanctuary on Sunday, November 6. During the service at the designated time, you may place your daisy in a basket located at the front of the sanctuary as you remember your loved one.

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



**CELEBRATE GENEROSITY**  
**CONSECRATION SUNDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 6**

Celebrate the many community activities that take place in our church (the gym, meeting room, pit stop, kitchen, sanctuary) because of your generosity.

**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.**

**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.**



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 Presbyterian Church will host the Community Thanksgiving Service on November 10 at 7:00 p.m. and the reception following. Can you help show hospitality to our community by providing a dessert and/or fresh fruit for the reception?** Contact Penny Morton (704-985-8239 or [mortonpen@gmail.com](mailto:mortonpen@gmail.com)) or Mark Donham (919-702-8733 or [mdonham1@nc.nrr.com](mailto:mdonham1@nc.nrr.com)) to let them know you can help or sign-up on the bulletin board.