



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.

GATHERING SONG

Hymn 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Restoration

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is near.

People: We call on your name, O God.

Leader: The Lord is near.

People: Hear our cry, O Lord.

Leader: The Lord is near.

People: We praise you and bless your holy name.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love. Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

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

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

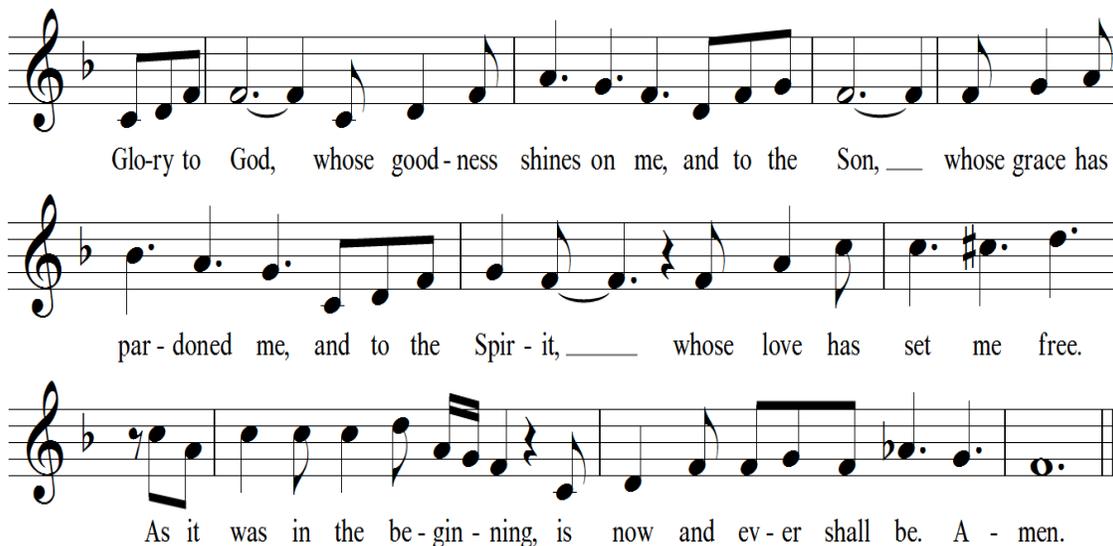
Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

*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

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.

ANTHEM

Pie Jesu from 'Requiem'

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Henry Thomas and Ann Crutchfield, Soloists

Blessed Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant them everlasting rest.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[*II Thessalonians 2:13-17*](#)

Pew Bible, page 192

SERMON

For This Purpose

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

hymnal, page 35

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS

Leader: In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.

People: In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.

Leader: In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

People: In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.

Leader: In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

People: In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.

Leader: When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

People: When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.

Leader: When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.

People: So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

During the prayer, a bell will toll for the saints of First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, who have entered the Church Triumphant since All Saints Day 2015. They are:

Margaret Sauls	December 8, 2015	Jim Ivey, Jr.	June 9, 2016
Pam Brafford	January 19, 2016	Annie Ruth Kelley	July 26, 2016
Ed Myers	May 27, 2016	Mary Lou Andrew	August 9, 2016

*HYMN 326

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

During the singing of the hymn, the congregation is invited to place a flower in the basket in memory of the saints of their lives.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Beautiful Savior* Michael Burkhardt

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Leader:... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the people of faith of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Organ

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow 'er and
might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader...Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

Distribution and Sharing of the Elements

Anthem
Hymn

O Lamb of God
Let Us Break Bread Together

Malcolm Archer
Let Us Break Bread

The congregation is invited to sing the hymn while communion is being served.

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)
Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Let us drink wine together...

Let us praise God together on our knees...

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

Dove of Peace

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be in My Head

John Rutter

*POSTLUDE

O Welt ich muss dich lassen

Johannes Brahms

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

Thanks to Henry Thomas and Ann Crutchfield for their participation in worship today.

There will be no Children's Church this Sunday. All elementary aged children are encouraged to remain in worship for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on Sunday, November 6.

The Lord's Table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ. The elements will be passed in the pews. Gluten free bread is in a separate container on each bread tray. As a sign of our unity in Christ, we will partake of the elements as one body, on cue from the pastor.

Ushers: John Howell, captain; Brad Boone, Lee Boone, Bill Hall, Robin Howell, Adam Jolly, Jack Morton, Penny Morton, and Ellen Snyder **Elder Greeters:** Mary Kesselman; Lee McManus **Nursery:** Samantha Wangler **Toddler Room:** Misty Honbarrier **Preschool Partners:** Penny & Jack Morton **Nana & Papa Team:** Carroll Sitton **No Children's Church**

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Jeanette Isenhour (sister of Frankie Palmer), Joan Belsan (recovering from a stroke; Stanly Manor), Sally Grantier (at home), 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.**

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

November 6

Please return your completed pledge card as we offer to God a portion of what God has blessed us with. A bountiful lunch will be served by the Fellowship Committee following worship. Plan to celebrate God's generosity around the tables in the gym.

On the menu:

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots, Rolls, and Homemade Desserts



Post-Election Unity Service

Wednesday, November 9

6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

After the chaos of this election season, First Presbyterian Church is holding a Post-Election Unity Service. Join us on Wednesday, November 9 at 6:00 p.m. for a 30-minute worship service. We will pray for our country, offer up our prayers for unity, and look to the future with our hope rooted in Christ.

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.



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: _____



SERRV Fair Trade Bazaar Sunday, November 13

This is the place to find...

- ❖ Gifts with meaning – helps children go to school, helps with community development
- ❖ Environmentally sensitive gifts – some organic or shade grown products which are shipped in recyclables
- ❖ Fair trade gifts – artisan’s and farmer’s cooperatives have input in setting a fair price for their products
- ❖ Gifts for under \$10.00 – coffee, tea, chocolates, baking cocoa, nuts, soup mix, jams, mango chutney, spice mixes, olive oil, and other food items

Will you help support this mission?
 We’ll be in the pit stop from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
 and
 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 13.
 Bring your Christmas shopping list!



Community Thanksgiving Worship at First Presbyterian Church Sunday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m.

We are delighted to host the community Thanksgiving worship service this year. We will be joined by folks from throughout the county. The Rev. Ben Sloan, pastor of Bethany United Methodist Church will preach and other local pastors will assist in worship. A special offering will be received for a community organization. Following worship, we will host a fellowship gathering. If you can help with refreshments, set-up, or serving, contact Mark Donham (919-702-8733 or mdonham1@nc.rr.com).



for Empty Nesters

Join us on Saturday, November 12 from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church (gym) for fun and recreation. Learn to play a new game! The Gaither Endowment Fund recently purchased a pickle-ball set for our use.

Pickle-ball is a game invented in 1965 on Bainbudy Island, a resort outside Seattle, Washington. It is easy to learn and play regardless of your age.

Do you want to learn to play or just be entertained watching others? Come out Saturday, November 12! Bring your favorite pick-up food. Enjoy the evening with us.



SOMETIME SINGERS & PLAYERS

Are you interested in leading our congregation in song on occasion, but unable to make a weekly commitment to the choir? Do you have some hidden musical talent you might be able to offer to the congregation every now and then? Do you enjoy a variety of musical styles? If you answer YES to any of these questions, plan to meet briefly with Frank

Poolos following worship on Sunday, November 13.

COATS FOR COOKIE'S KIDS



Albemarle Middle School is in need of new or gently used coats for their students. Donations are to be dropped at the school office or at the Samaritan's Feet event on November 12 at the Stanly County Family YMCA. For more information, contact Officer Kim Cook (704-961-3403).



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

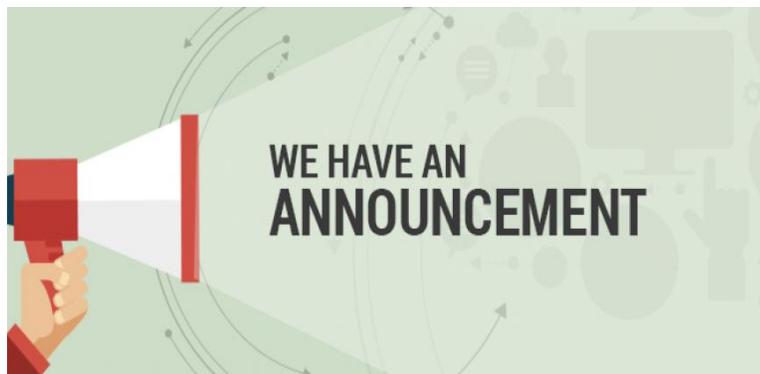
Please visit the pit stop before and after worship to buy your necklace. Your purchase of a necklace supports the funding of infant formula for HIV-negative babies in Mwandi, Zambia. Since the inception of this ministry, more than 10,000 necklaces have been sold.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Boxes are available in the pit stop.

Pack a box or two and return them to the church for dedication on November 13.





Community Thanksgiving Reception

First Presbyterian Church is hosting the Community Thanksgiving Worship Service for Albemarle churches on Sunday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. As host church, we will coordinate a reception following the service. We need your assistance in bringing a dessert or two and/or a fruit dish. Please contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) and let them know what you want to bring (dessert and/or fruit).

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

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/Necklaces for Sale

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

4:00 pm-7:00 pm Youth Vegetable Gleaning Project

Monday, November 7

7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Gloria Bryson
(811 Smith Street, Albemarle)

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

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

Tuesday, November 8

Election Day

7:00 pm Community Christmas Dinner FPC Committee Chairs Meeting

Wednesday, November 9

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Meeting

2:00 pm *Our Living Legacy* Committee

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)

6:00 pm Post Election Unity Service in the sanctuary

7:00 pm *Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 10

9:30 am *Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, November 11

Veteran's Day

Sunday, November 13

SERRV Bazaar in the Pit Stop

Collection of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

8:45 am *Diaconate

9:00 am *Breakfast Bunch

9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Bazaar

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm SERRV Bazaar

12:00 pm Sometime Singers & Players meet with Frank Poolos

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Connection

6:00 pm Worship Committee

7:00 pm *Session

*childcare provided

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER

06-Shannon Newport

07-Joyce Burris

08-Leni Henkenjohann

Nancy Joines

Elworth Plyler

Mary Louise Sawyer

09-Ann Duckwall

Ross Holshouser

Sarah Newport

11-Rose Saltzman

Bill Stevenson

12-Jay Andrew

Blake Taylor

13-Lori Ivey

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