



The Weekly Bulletin
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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. United with Christ and all the faithful, may we one day enter in triumph the new Jerusalem, eternal and holy. Amen.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.

PALM PROCESSIONAL

Hosanna March

Susan D. Parsons

Youth Club Trusty Travelers

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

People: **Triumphant and victorious is he,**

Leader: Humble and riding on a donkey,

People: **On a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts. From hope to despair, to hope again. As the story unfolds, open us to both the joy and the pain. Prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait. In the name of the one who taught us to pray: 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.

***HYMN 197**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacome

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

Unison

Merciful God, forgive us our desire for power, and our willingness to replace our empire with another. Forgive us when we think that knowing you for a long time means a place of privilege in your Kingdom. Forgive us when our desire to follow ends with the joyful procession, and refuses to hear about the inevitable outcome of speaking truth to the powerful, or speaking love to the fearful. Forgive us our failure to follow.

Use the Prayer of Preparation to center your thoughts as you prepare for worship.

Zechariah 9:9

Mark 11:1-11

Mark 10:32-11:11

This joyful response can be found on page 582 of the *Glory to God* hymnal.

The Apostles' Creed reflects the theological formulations of the first century church. As it developed over several centuries, the creed preserved and transmitted Christian faith in a time when many Christians were illiterate.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Glory Be to the Father

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Mr. Drumheller

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation and Questions

*Profession of Faith

The Apostle's 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 the saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Introduction to the Congregation

Anthem

Feed My Lambs

Natalie Sleeth

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

[Mark 11:1-11](#)

Pew Bible, page 44

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Believe and Follow

Mr. Drumheller

*HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' feste Burg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Georg F. Kaufmann

*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

Invitation and Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Hymn 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LITANY FOR THE PASSION

(see bulletin insert)

Lachlann Currie and Nathan Sanges, Readers

ANTHEM

Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs

Lloyd Larson

He was wounded for us and bruised for our iniquities.

The chastisement fell upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed.

Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, yet He opened not His mouth.

**Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,
That mortal judgement has on you descended?**

**By foes derided, by your own rejected,
O most afflicted.**

*BENEDICTION

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

Barrett Jackson Morgan, son of Amanda and Jordan Morgan, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Terry Morgan is assisting as Elder.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Michelle Honeycutt Cole (stage 2 Hodgkins Lymphonma; friend of Katie Carpenter), Diane Marks (diagnosed with breast cancer; mother of Kyle Marks). **See newsletter for complete list.**

We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering today (March 25). The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is the single largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Ushers: Brett Richards, captain; Mark Donham, Jim Hesley, Judy Kilgore, Grace Richards, Danny Saltzman, Rose Saltzman **Outside Ushers:** Lee McManus, Greg Lisk **Elder Greeters:** Mary Kesselman; Gayle Russell **Nursery:** Kaitlyn Massey **Preschool Partners:** Jane and Brad Boone **Nana & Papa Team:** Cathy King, Teresa Taylor **No Children's Church**

There is no Children's Church today. Children are encouraged to remain in worship on Palm Sunday.

The Lord's Table is open to all who trust in Christ or who want to trust in him more.

Communion will be served by intinction. When invited by the ushers, proceed to the nearest station.

Break off a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and then partake. Gluten-free elements are available upon request.

Litany for The Passion

Leader: Christ our teacher, for us you were obedient, even unto death.

Voice 1: And going on a little farther, Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed, *My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.*

People: Teach us to obey God's will in all things.

Leader: Christ our hope, you were despised and denied, left alone in your hour of need.

Voice 2: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, *Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.* Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, *I do not know the man!* At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: *Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.* And he went out and wept bitterly.

People: Help us stay true to our faith in you.

Leader: Christ our strength, you endured the depths of pain and humiliation at the hands of sinners like us.

Voice 1: Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his hand and mocked him, saying, *Hail, King of the Jews!*

People: Show us how you conquered not in strength, but in weakness.

Leader: Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all time with your outstretched arms.

Voice 2: When they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull) they offered him wine to drink mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots.

People: Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.

Leader: Christ our life, by dying on the cross you destroyed the power of evil and death.

Voice 1: And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?* Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks were split.

People: Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.

Leader: Christ our salvation, you gave your life out of love for us.

Voice 2: Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earth quake and what took place, they were terrified and said, *Truly this man was God's Son!*

People: Help us to love one another.

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

People: Grant us peace. Amen.

Palm Sunday Fair

Sunday, March 25

9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. in the Church Gym

Intergenerational Event for ALL!!!

Continental Breakfast

Educational stations for Children, Youth, & Adults

Join in the celebration of the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem
and prepare your hearts and minds for Holy Week.

Please bring travel-sized toiletry items for our Palm Sunday Fair service project for the Community Inn. Items may be placed in the bin in the pit stop. Items needed: deodorant, dental floss, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand sanitizer, comb/brush, shampoo/conditioner, lotion.

Easter Lilies...Deadline: Sunday, March 25



If you would like to contribute to the purchase of Easter Lilies as an Easter Memorial or Honorarium, please fill out the form below exactly as you wish the memorial or honorarium to read, **attach a check in the amount of \$15.00** and place in the offering plate or leave in the church office no later than **Sunday, March 25**. Checks should be payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and designated "Easter Lilies." All memorials/honorariums received by March 25 will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 1.

Easter Lilies

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

I plan to take my lily after worship on Easter.

I will leave my lily for delivery to a homebound member.



Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 25

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at City Lake Park

The youth will host an Easter Egg Hunt for congregation families at City Lake Park on Palm Sunday. Come enjoy some time outside, join in fellowship and food, and maybe find some Easter eggs! Families are asked to bring a bag of chips and/or a drink to share. **Anyone who would like to donate bags of candy, please drop off your donations at Matt's office by Wednesday, March 21. We do NOT need plastic eggs this year.** This is one of our favorite activities every year, so bring the family out for an afternoon of fun!

Easter Eve Cookout & Camping at Morrow Mountain State Park

Saturday, March 31



The Fellowship Committee extends a welcome to campers and non-campers at the group campsite around suppertime on Easter Eve. Feel free to bring dinner to cook on the coals, or if you wish, you can bring supper from home or take out from your favorite restaurant. Smore's will be provided! Please bring your drinks and chairs along as well! Contact the office if you plan to join us (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)!



From the Scholarship Committee...Scholarship applications are available on the counter in the church office. **The deadline to return completed applications is Monday, April 9.** If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2018 are: Lee McLaurin, Chair; Al Andrew, Heather Deese, and Taylor Johnston.



**SAVE
the
DATE!**

Bread for the World Letter Writing on Sunday, April 29

Question: What is the offering of letters?

Answer: It is a letter writing campaign which engages churches and other faith communities in writing to our congressional representatives. Each year for the campaign focus, we choose specific legislation or a legislative emphasis that can make a real difference to people struggling with hunger and poverty. Supported with prayer, these letters are a bold witness to God's justice and mercy. They continue to have a significant impact on the decisions made in Congress.



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday (March 25)

9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Fair

Reflect on Christ's final days using spirituality centers set up around the church.

11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship

Worship will include a palm parade celebrating Christ's triumphal entry.

4:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt at City Lake Park

Monday-Friday

7:30 a.m. Perk & Pray

-8:30 a.m. Drive through the parking lot on First Street for a cup of coffee or a juice box and a prayer.

12:00 p.m. Noon Prayer

Spend time each day of Holy Week in intentional worship and prayer.

Maundy Thursday (March 29) in the Pit Stop at 6:00 p.m.

Bring a covered dish or two to share with your church family. We'll have a meal and then briefly worship as we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper around the tables. Worship is child-friendly and a wonderfully tactile experience for children and the people who love them!

Good Friday (March 30)

10:30 a.m. Cross Walk (for all ages)

Meet outside the sanctuary (on North Street). We'll follow the cross through downtown Albemarle and pray for the people of our community.

12:00 p.m. Noon Prayer in the Chapel

8:00 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

The choir will lead this solemn service which focuses on the declining loyalty of the disciples and the fading light of the world as Jesus departs from it. We will share The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Childcare is provided.



Easter Sunday

April 1

7:00 a.m.

Gather at the shelter at the top of Morrow Mountain to celebrate the risen Christ. Dress for the weather and linger for fellowship and a light breakfast following worship.

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages.

11:00 a.m.

Worship will include seasonal music, guest musicians, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday/One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Trusty Travelers & Faith Explorers Sing in Worship
The Sacrament of Baptism/Deadline for Easter Lilies Form
No Children's Church

- 9:30 am *Palm Sunday Fair (Gym)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 4:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt at City Lake Park

Monday, March 26

- 7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray
- 12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel
- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square

Tuesday, March 27

- 7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray
- 12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel

Wednesday, March 28

- 6:00 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray
- 9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel
- 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, March 29

Maundy Thursday

- 7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel
- 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday (Covered Dish Meal-Pit Stop)

Friday, March 30

Good Friday

- 7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray
- 10:30 am Cross Walk
- 12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel
- 8:00 pm *Worship (Sanctuary)

Saturday, March 31

Easter Eve Cookout & Camping at Morrow Mountain

- 10:00 am-12:00 pm Choir Rehearsal with lunch following

Sunday, April 1

Easter/Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Ten-Cents-A-Meal

- 7:00 am Sunrise Service at Morrow Mountain State Park
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MARCH

- 27-Lachlann Currie
- 29-Claude Harwood
- 30-Ellie Niederer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

- 01-Leslie Kinley
- Kent Newport

SCCM CHALLENGE

MARCH

- Boxed Pasta Meals
- (Hamburger Helper)
- Instant Potatoes
- Stuffing Mix

SCCM CHALLENGE

APRIL

- Toiletries & Household Items:
- Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant,
- Toothpaste, Laundry Detergent,
- Bar Soap, Feminine Hygiene

Backpack Food Program

UPDATED LIST OF DONATIONS

NEEDED:

- Breakfast Cookies
 - Individual Bags of Goldfish
 - Large Cans of Soup
 - Canned Tuna
 - Saltine Crackers
 - A bin in the pit stop
- will receive your donation.

Next Packing Date:

Wednesday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m.

From the Senior Care Committee...The Senior Care Committee is seeking potential drivers to provide transportation for our seniors to allow them the mobility to go to church events, grocery stores, and doctor appointments. We need a pool we can call on to provide these services on an as needed basis. Please contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) to be placed on the Senior Transportation Drivers List. If you have any questions, contact Tom Norwood (704-983-3647 or fnorwood@vnet.net), Senior Care Committee Chair.