



The Weekly Bulletin
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

PRELUDE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Youth Club Handbell Ensemble

Lowell Mason
arr. Margaret Tucker

Juan Campechano, Sophia Blalock, Elizabeth Bryson, Merrin Kinley, Brent Lisk, Grant Lisk, Addison Marks, Andy McLeod, Sanya Patel, Ella Shelton, Lily Shelton, Abby Snuggs, Eli Snuggs, and Natalie Taylor

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, all who are thirsty,

People: Come, all who are weak,

Leader: Taste the living water,

People: Dip your hands in the flowing stream.

Leader: Drink from it, live by it,

People: For this water will never run dry.

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

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 37**

Let All Things Now Living

Ash Grove

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent

Unison

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ into the world to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves as pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive our sin.

***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

Barbara McManus

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 the chapel for Children's Church.

ANTHEM

My Hands Are the Hands

Debby Retino

Servant of All

Michael Ryan

Volunteers

Joanne Barrett and Ron E. Long

Faith Explorers: Juan Campechano, Katherine Jolly, Hunter Josey,
Kate Lemons, Andy McLeod, Sanya Patel, Eli Snuggs, and Natalie Taylor

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In the truth of your Word, O Lord, reveal the truths of our lives. Illumine our hearts, refresh our lives, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:26-39

Pew Bible, page 63

SERMON

Demons

Mrs. Ayscue

***HYMN 181**

Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

Ebenezer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

Take, O Take Me as I Am

hymnal, page 698

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Choral Song

Samuel Wesley

*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

Prayer and Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Thanksgiving

***HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

hymnal, page 192

**Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

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

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper on Sunday, February 21. All those who trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share in this meal of our community. Ushers will direct worshippers forward to receive the bread and juice at the appropriate time. Gluten-free elements are available at the front of the sanctuary.

Thanks to the Youth Club Handbell Ensemble and the Faith Explorers for their participation in worship today.

Thanks to Morgan Kinley, Stephan Kinley, and Billie Jean Snuggs for their artistic contribution to worship.

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:** Al Andrew; Heather Deese

Nursery: Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Cici Ly **Preschool Partners:** John & Jessica Palmer **Nana & Papa Team:** Barbara & Bill Lindley **Children’s Church:** Angie Earnhardt; Jacob Palmer

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Sally Grantier, Connie Watson (sister of Dan Samples; recovering from a stroke), Dexter Efird. **See newsletter for complete list.**

Daily Scripture Reading and Prayer for Lent

February 21	Luke 6:20-49	February 25	Luke 8:26-50
February 22	Luke 7:1-35	February 26	Luke 9:1-27
February 23	Luke 7:36-50	February 27	Luke 9:28-62
February 24	Luke 8:1-25	February 28	Luke 10:1-24

ENGAGE! Mission...
Sunday, February 21 in the gym
9:30 a.m. ENGAGE! Café **9:45 a.m. ENGAGE! Mission**

Guest Speakers:
Paula Blake, Director of the SCCM Clothing Closet
&
Ginger Burris, 5th Grade Teacher at Central Elementary School

**First Presbyterian Church Hosting the Community Lenten Lunch
February 24 at First Baptist Church**

Ann Duckwall is coordinator for the Community Lent Lunch on February 24 at First Baptist Church. If you would like to help prepare and serve and/or provide a dessert, contact Ann (704-983-3498) or the church office (704-982-2722).

Food for Body & Soul

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer in the Chapel
5:45 p.m. Dinner prepared and served by the Faith Explorers; Cost...Donation.
Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, PB & J Station, Desserts, Tea, Coffee, Water
Please sign the Friendship Register if you are planning to attend dinner.

6:15 p.m. Classes
Wednesday evenings will bring the church community together for worship and around the table for dinner. Afterwards, there will be study opportunities for adults. Together we will talk about some of the issues that create barriers and separate people from one another.

Book Conversation on The Faith Club by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner...Location: Parlor

This is the story of three women of different faiths (Jewish, Muslim, and Christian) who commit to learning about the faith of others. Books will be available for \$10.00 at the first meeting. Discussion will be led by Carol Sasser and others.

Contemporary Barriers...A variety of speakers will help us think together about the following issues. Location: Sanctuary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
February 24	Mental Illness	John Giampaolo & Carol Gouge from Cardinal Innovations
March 2	Race	Dr. Rodney Sadler, Associate Professor of Bible at Union Presbyterian Seminary
March 9	Poverty	Skeet Ayscue Director of Homes of Hope, Inc.
March 16	Gender	TBD



COMMUNITY LENT WORSHIP SERVICES
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ALBEMARLE
WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 24 AND MARCH 2, 9, & 16
AT NOON IN THE SANCTUARY
THEME: THE PARABLES OF JESUS
LUNCH FOLLOWING IN THE GYM...COST: DONATION

First Baptist Church is hosting the Community Lent Worship Services on Wednesdays, February 24 and March 2, 9, and 16 at noon in the sanctuary. An offering will be received each week in support of Habitat for Humanity and the Crisis Assistance Fund.

Wednesday, February 24:
Preacher: Rev. Elizabeth McNair Ayscue, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church
Worship Leader: Dr. Roger Thomas, Executive Director of SCCM

Habitat for Humanity Needs Your Help

If you are interested in helping in some way with the Habitat for Humanity BBQ Fundraiser, sign-up sheets are on the Mission bulletin board in the pit stop.



Contemplative Lent Worship on Tuesday, February 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Join us for this important worship opportunity designed to help worshipers focus on the reading in Lent, to be silent before God, and to sing the hymns of faith. We will observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Childcare is provided.

School Supplies for Central School...The Mission Committee continues to ask for your support in bringing donations of school supplies for Central School. Supplies needed are: #2 Pencils, Wide-Ruled & College-Ruled Notebook Paper, 24-count Crayola Crayons (Crayola brand only), Kleenex, Hand Sanitizer, & Anti-bacterial Wipes. A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

THE COMMUNITY INN
EMERGENCY HOUSING

AN OPPORUNITY TO SERVE

The Mission Committee is planning to prepare and serve dinner at the Community Inn several times a year. We will need folks to help prepare, as well as serve the meal. If you would be interested in joining us for one of the meals, please sign-up in the pit stop on the Mission bulletin board. Committee members will be in touch with you when dates have been determined.



Love Mugs

On sale in the pit stop for \$8 per mug...Sunday, February 21

All proceeds benefit two local organizations helping the homeless in our community: Homes of Hope & Stanly Community Christian Ministry (SCCM)

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

BARBEQUE CHICKEN FUNDRAISER

1/2 BBQ Chicken, Slaw, Chips, Roll, and Dessert... Catered by Port-A-Pit BBQ

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25...11 AM- 7 PM

CENTERVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

(508 NORTHEAST CONNECTOR)

Drive Thru, Take-Out, Delivery, & Dine-In

(Delivery Available with Orders of 5+ plates)

Tickets are \$9.00 by February 24...\$10.00 Day of Event

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE!



Happiness Begins with a Cup of Tea

Tea & Conversation

Tuesday, February 23 at 2:00 p.m.

in the Church Parlor

All women of the church are invited to attend.



Making All Things Possible

Christian Education Mini-Retreat

Sunday, February 28

Noon-2:30 in the pit stop

Lunch will be served and we will spend the afternoon reflecting on the past and reaching into the future where we work together to make ALL things possible! Please feel free to join the Christian Education Committee on this mission. Contact the church office at 704-982-2722 or Gina Martin at gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 21

Second Sunday of Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Youth Club Handbell Ensemble rings in worship/Faith Explorers sing in worship

Faith Explorers' Love Mugs for sale in the pit stop

9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE! Mission in the gym/
Faith Explorers rehearse in the sanctuary/Youth Club Handbell Ensemble
rehearse in the sanctuary

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers' Pizza Lunch & Afternoon of Art (pit stop)

5:30 pm-7:00 pm SNL

Monday, February 22

7:30 pm *Sanges Small Group* at the home of Marlene & Nathan Sanges
(409 Cherrywood Lane, Albemarle)

8:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Tuesday, February 23

10:00 am Covenant Bible Study

2:00 pm Tea & Conversation (parlor)

6:00 pm *Contemplative Worship (Chapel)

6:45 pm-7:45 pm **Flex, Flow, & Grow Small Group* (Classroom 2-basement)

7:00 pm *Mission Emphasis Johnston Small Group* at the home of Debby & Bob Johnston
(1212 Heritage Drive, Albemarle)

7:00 pm *Mittendorf/Schaefer Small Group* at the home of Susan Pandich
(1727 Southpoint Lane, New London)

7:30 pm *Drumheller Small Group* (Church Parlor)

Wednesday, February 24

6:00 am *Ayscue Small Group* (Church Parlor)

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

12:00 pm Community Lent Service at First Baptist Church

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)

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

5:45 pm Lent Dinner

6:15 pm-7:15 pm *Lent Classes

7:15 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Thursday, February 25

9:30 am *Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

11:00 am-7:00 pm Habitat for Humanity BBQ Chicken Fundraiser at Centerview Baptist Church
(508 Northeast Connector, Albemarle)

12:15 pm *Lisk Small Group* (Church Parlor)

8:00 pm Theology Lite at Coach's

Friday, February 26

SNL departs for Ski Trip

10:30 am-Noon *Meditative Watercolor Small Group* (Old Session Room)

Sunday, February 28

Third Sunday of Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/SNL returns from Ski Trip

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm-2:30 pm Christian Education Committee Mini-Retreat

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! FEBRUARY

22- Ben Lisk

25- Robbie Stevenson

Ann Upchurch

28- Carroll Holbrook

*Visit the
First Presbyterian Church
Winter Art Exhibit
Featured Artist
Judy Murrell*

***childcare provided**