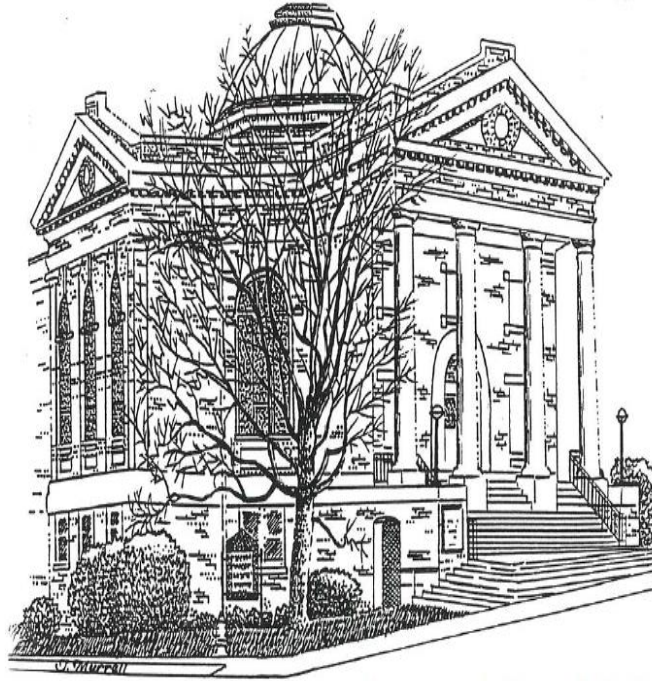


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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 13, 2022

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

**GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Voluntary”

John Stanley

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Ella Cumming, acolyte

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 12

Connie Wallace, liturgist

Sing praises to God, for the Lord has done gloriously. Let it be known in all the earth.

**Surely, God is my salvation, for the Lord is my strength and has become my salvation.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of righteousness, truth, and justice, you judged your people according to the statutes delivered to Moses. We praise you for the mercy of Christ's intercession. In Christ's name, we gather and are assured of your presence. We bow in adoration and sing of your glory. Your Word is proclaimed for our guidance and nurture. Look now with favor on our worship, as in Christ, we seek to be faithful. Amen.**

\*HYMN 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HYFRYDOL

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art.  
Visit us with thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast.  
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be.  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive.  
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore they temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then, thy new creation; true and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of consuming fire, treat us not as stubble through the folly of our misdeeds. We're misled by arrogance as we boast of our goodness. We look with disdain on those less fortunate, and ignore the poverty of our own souls. Claiming to be among the mighty, we favor those gifted with similar**

**strengths. As individuals and as a nation, we test your patience. Yet in Christ, you love us still. Forgive our pride and restore our sanity, so that we may yet serve you.**

*Silent Confession and Reflection*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*Those coming forward for Faith Sharing are invited to move to the chancel area during the Response.*

**\*RESPONSE 475**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

(stanza 3)

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now 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.*

## THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Rev. George

ANTHEM

“Rejoice in the Lord Always”

Henry Purcell

*Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice. Be careful for nothing, but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, Let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of the earthquake and the silence, quiet in us any voice but your own, that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we might hear, and in hearing we might believe, and in believing we might act, making way for your new creation. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

[Isaiah 65:17-25](#) & [Luke 21:5-19](#) pew Bible, pages 654 & 80

SERMON

“The Peaceable Kingdom”

Rev. George

\*HYMN 340

“This Is My Song”

FINLANDIA

*This is my song O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home the country where my heart is; here are my hopes my dreams my holy shrine; But other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. So hear my song, O God of all nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

*This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one. So hear my prayer. O God of all nations: myself I give thee let thy will be done.*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *The Confession of 1967*

**God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in [people] and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom**

of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. “Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.**

#### RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Offertory

“Blessed Jesus, At Your Word”

Johann Gottfried Walther

\* Response 675

“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”

TALLIS CANON

(stanza 4)

*Praise, God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of the wolf and the lamb, the lion and the ox, we give thanks for these gifts and pray that they might be agents of your peace. May they serve your creation as we seek your new heaven and new earth. Help us take these gifts out into a world filled with distress and calm it. Help us take these gifts out into a world filled with pain and heal it. Help us take these gifts out into a world filled with silence and speak up; in Jesus name. Amen.**

#### SENDING

\*HYMN 378

“We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom”

MERLE’S TUNE

*We wait the Peaceful Kingdom, when wolf and lamb shall lie in gentleness and friendship without a fear or sigh,  
When lion shall be grazing, when snake shall never strike; a little child shall lead us both strong and weak alike.*

*Where is the Peaceful Kingdom? When will this new day start? We long for peace and comfort to reign within each heart.  
Yet not in our lives only, nor simply in our home - we pray that all Creation will one day find shalom.*

*When wars of desolation and hate come to an end, when nation meets with nation and call the other "friend,"  
Still peace in all its fullness will only have begun: shalom for all creation begins with justice done.*

*That little child shall lead us to walk the chosen way, to share the Peaceful Kingdom, to greet God's newborn day.  
The child born in a stable is sent to break our chains, to bring through Word and Table the Day when justice reigns.*

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

“May the Road Rise to Meet You”

Mark Schweizer

*May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face; may the rain fall soft upon your field, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.*

\*POSTLUDE

“Rondeau”

Henry Purcell

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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**Thank you** to Stan Scheer, Frank Poolos, and Connie Wallace for their leadership in worship today.

**The acolyte today is** Ella Cumming.

**Ushers for November:** Myron Lowder (captain), Jim Hesley, Al Andrew, Steve Cumming, Ella Cumming, Jack Morton.

**Outside Ushers for November 13:** Jim Marshall, Jack Morton.

**Elder Greeters** Mike King, Chris Whitley.

**Sound:** Evan Sanges    **Film:** Elizabeth Bryson    **Nursery:** Bailey Mitchell


**There is no Children's Church during November.** Children are encouraged to remain in worship.

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**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Claude Harwood, Wayne Palmer, Penny Welling (friend of the congregation), Gloria Bryson (Bethany Woods), Ann Byrd (Home), Tim Rodgers, Doris Forte-Spring Arbor, Brayden Enzor (grandson of Gus & Pam Holbrook); (Home), Carole Yost (Home), Don Abernathy, Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Nancy Jolly, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler, Elizabeth Wilson, Polly Moose-recovering from hip surgery, Ann Snuggs, Susan Pandich-breast cancer, Jason Miller (friend of the congregation), Laura Frazier.

See newsletter for complete list.

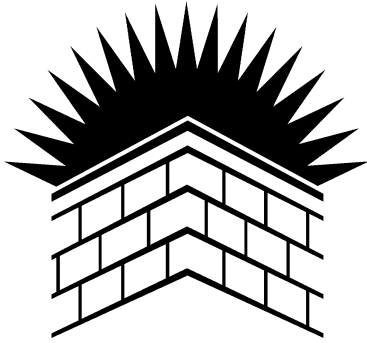
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You're invited to view the  
 First Presbyterian Church Fall Art Gallery  
 Exhibit  
 Featuring the artwork of  
 North Stanly Middle School Students  
 Located in the  
 Basement Office Hallway



We sent 28 Operation Christmas Child  
 Shoeboxes!  
 Thank you for helping to make a difference  
 in a child's Christmas this year!



*The Christian Education Corner*

- Join us for SUNDAY SCHOOL !**
- ❖ Children (K-5th graders) meet in the childcare area downstairs (music 9:45-10:05 in choir room)
  - ❖ Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders) meet upstairs in the Youth Room
  - ❖ The Wired Word meets in the Parlor
  - ❖ Dr. Jolly's Discussion Class gathers in the Old Session Room
  - ❖ Those who Love to Read meet in the Gaither Classroom.
  - ❖ Questions & Conversations will meet upstairs in the Conversation Room.

If you are not on the SPOND app please download it. That is the easiest way for all of us to keep in touch. Here is the link to join <https://group.spond.com/LTOXZ>

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**SNL Youth Group Friendsgiving**  
**Sunday, November 20**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
Bring your favorite dish to share.



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**Monday Night Bible Study** 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders at the home of Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr.) Mondays at 8:30 pm.



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**Central Elementary School**  
**Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:**  
Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper, Cans of Tuna, Chicken Helper, Cans of Chicken, Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups

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**Faith Explorer Sunday Outing**

**Who:** Faith Explorers (4th-5th graders)

**When:** Sunday, November 13 after worship

**What:** Moana Jr. presented by Talent Company



Remain after worship and we will walk to the show.

**RSVP** to Kate Gibson (336) 301-4564 or [katherine.e.gibson@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.e.gibson@gmail.com)



**DRIVE-THRU MEAL WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16  
FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M. RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY,  
NOVEMBER 14**

**PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL**

**Menu: Black Bean Cakes with Yogurt lime sauce (on the side), homemade salsa,  
Tortilla chips, Mixed Green Salad, and Blondie Brownies.**

**Call Anne Montgomery at 704-796-5841 or email Anne at [johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com](mailto:johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com)  
and let her know, How many plates, and if it is  
p/u or delivery. Suggested Donation is \$6 per person, Max of \$20 per immediate family.**

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## **PRIMETIMERS' BOXED LUNCHES - Drive-Thru**

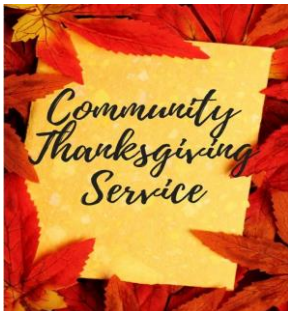
**Thursday, November 17 from 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**From Glory Beans- Menu: Chicken Salad Wrap, Potato Soup, Fruit and  
Brownies.**

**Contact Laura McLeod at 704-796-0487 (text or call) or email**

**[mcleod2@windstream.net](mailto:mcleod2@windstream.net) \$5 donation. Deadline to RSVP is Monday, Nov. 14 by noon.**

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### **Community Thanksgiving Worship**

**Date: Sunday, November 20**

**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: First Presbyterian Church**

**We are hosting.**

**Other area pastors will assist in worship.**

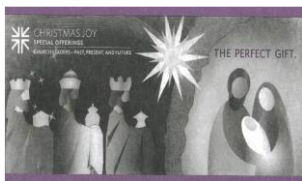
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## ***Save the Date for the Joy Program Sunday, December 11 at 11:00 a.m.***

The Youth will present the Joy Program during worship on December 11.  
The Joy Program is called, ***O Come Let Us Adore Him***. While the story will be well-known, and the songs will be familiar, you will notice a few new twists on your favorite Christmas carols. Our children will tell us the age-old story of faith. We will have a covered dish following worship.

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### **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**

***Every generous act of giving...***

***is from above.***

**James 1:17**

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

**Sunday, November 13**

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 am Diaconate Meeting

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm Faith Explorers Outing- Talent Show- Moana Jr.

6:00 pm SNL

**Monday, November 14**

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8:30 pm Bible Study 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade –Home of Debby Johnston  
1212 Heritage Dr.

**Wednesday, November 16**

6:45 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

5:00 pm - 6:00pm Drive Thru Meal

6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, November 17**

11:30 am- 12:00 pm Prime Timers Drive Thru Meal

4:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

**Sunday, November 20**

*Christ the King/Reign of Christ, The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper*

8:30 am Session Meeting

9:45 am Sunday School

9:45 am Breakfast Bunch (K – 5<sup>th</sup> graders)

11:00 am \*Worship

6:00 pm SNL Friendsgiving

7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service-FPC

**\*childcare provided**

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Transitional Pastor, Rev Catherine George

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**November**

14- Carol Sasser

17- Taylor Johnson

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**November**

17- Steve and Michelle Cumming

Richard & Joyce Lambert

**Elders**

Al Andrew, John Earnhardt, Bill Jolly, Mary Kesselman,

Mike King, Ken Knight, Kim Marshall, Andy McLeod,

Catherine Moeller, Sandy Rogers, Ellen Snyder, Chris Whitley, Ellen Whitley

**Deacons**

Emily Andrew, Keith Bryson, Shannon Bullard, Michelle Cumming, Wes Eudy, Martha Sue Hall,

Lillie Hancock, Jim Hesley, Liz Jolly, Myron Lowder,

Laura McLeod, Lee Snuggs

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Click on the GIVE button.

The offering as part of our worship is a response to God’s grace. The plates will be passed by the ushers or you may make your gift by scanning the QR Code here. Thank you for your generosity.



November 13, 2022



***Don't forget to turn in your pledge card if you weren't here last week to do so!***

**“Painting the Picture of Stewardship”**

**Our Calling to be thankful to all the saints!**

Last Sunday, Mike King, one of our Church Elders, offered a moment for thanks and recognizing those that have come before us. He said,

“In January 1968, Mrs. W.E. Milton, wrote in the *“History of the First Presbyterian Church Albemarle,* “On March 18, 1898, there came into existence the Presbyterian Church of Albemarle, NC....eleven charter names who made up the membership of this church were Dr. R. Anderson, Mrs. A.B. Anderson, Mrs. Laura L. Dry, Mrs. Belle L. Palmer, Mrs. Cassana Lentz, Miss Frances E. Ufford, Mr. William J. Cotton, Miss Emma Hearne, and P.L. Treece.” These are but a few of the dozens of saints from our past who made First Presbyterian a reality. Even in 1947, Mrs. Milton writes about the increase in the contributions and benevolences of this “always mission minded” Church. Those benevolences included missionaries, Bible instruction, and of both international and domestic Presbyterian causes. She even describes an “evangelistic arm” of the Church on the radio! Mrs. Milton closes her history, “with (sic) the cooperative spirit now prevailing among the members, this fellowship, with God’s guidance, is destined to accomplish great and wonderful things for the ongoing of Christ’s Kingdom n Albemarle... and to the uttermost parts of the Earth.”

It is apropos that today, Sunday, November 6, 2022 is All Saints Day AND Consecration Sunday. Mrs. Milton’s closing could have ended with the words of our Stewardship theme “for such a time as this.” From our history and our current actions, our Church desires to reach out and participate in the challenges that our brothers and sisters face each day. Over the last few weeks, the Stewardship Committee has tried to share how, as a church, we stand on the shoulders of those that came before and how when we do so, we become the foundation for those that will stand on our shoulders. We hope that sharing so much in a little time has been inspiring to you as it has inspired us.

The Stewardship Committee wishes to thank all of you who heard the stories and responded accordingly. We also thank those that worked hard to bring a picture of stewardship to the Church this Fall, including Rev. Cathy George, Kyle Lambert, Beth Poolos, Jim Sawyer, Sandy Rogers, Chris Whitley, Lee McLaurin, and Mike King.

“Your faithful and generous giving has a direct impact on the mission and ministry of Albemarle

First Presbyterian Church! Thank you!!”

## VETERAN'S DAY FLOWERS

### IN MEMORY OF:

Charles Abernathy (World War I).....	Don Abernathy
Solomon Burroughs (revolutionary War).....	Janice Abernathy
Edward Arnold.....	Linda Anderson
John Jerry Earnhardt, Sr.....	Sarah Earnhardt Baker
Fred Cumming.....	Steve, Michelle, & Ella Cumming
Fred McInturff.....	Steve, Michelle, & Ella Cumming
John M. Duckwall.....	Ann Duckwall
James W. Duckwall.....	Ann Duckwall
Francis W. Green.....	Mary Green
B.J. Green.....	Mary Green
R.P. Dowlin.....	Mary Green
Cutlar Balance (USN).....	Bill Hall
James W. Ivey, Jr. (USAF).....	Margaret B. Ivey and Family
Clegg Hall Carpenter (US Army WWII).....	Kyle Lambert
Roy Holly Dearstyne.....	Tom & Holly Norwood
W.T. "Freck" Norwood.....	Tom & Holly Norwood
Robert Palmer (USAF).....	Frankie Palmer
William Barringer (US Army).....	Frankie Palmer
Melvin Hatley (USAF).....	Frankie Palmer
Dr. J.G Poolos (US Army).....	Frank & Beth Poolos
Harold H. Thomas Sr (US Army).....	Frank & Beth Poolos
Manus Mills Samples (US Army; WWII).....	Dan Sample
Malvern Palmer Harris, Sr. (US Army; WWI).....	Martha Sue
Malvern Palmer Harris, Jr. (US Army; WWII).....	Martha Sue

### GIVEN BY:

### IN HONOR OF:

Andy Cotton (USN, USAF).....	Ruth & James Cotton
Lindy Taylor.....	Steve, Michelle, & Ella Cumming
Roger Eudy (US Army).....	Joan Eudy
Bob Gaither (US Army).....	Donna Gaither
Dennis Gower.....	Anita Gower
John Sharp (US Army; WWII).....	Rev. Catherine S. George
Randy Hall (USMC).....	Bill Hall
Dan Samples (USAF; Desert Storm).....	Martha Sue
Daniel Samples (USAF/NCANG).....	Dan & Martha Sue
Charles David Harris (USAF/NCANG).....	Dan & Martha Sue
David Harris (US Army NG).....	Dan & Martha Sue
Daniel Hall Lambert (Mst Srgt USAF).....	Kyle Lambert
Terry Morgan.....	His Grandkids
Wayne Palmer (USAF).....	Frankie Palmer
James Isenhour (US Army).....	Frankie Palmer
Arthur Henry Rogers, Jr.....	Sandy Rogers
Captain Luby C. Pulley, III.....	Sandy Rogers
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