



**The Weekly Bulletin**  
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**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

*O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; 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**

*Prelude on 'Adoro te devote'*

Everett Titcomb

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lee Boone

Leader: The Lord is creating and forgiving,

**People: Awaken to the love of God.**

Leader: Jesus is healing and teaching,

**People: Awaken to the presence of Christ.**

Leader: The Spirit is breathing and inspiring,

**People: Awaken to the movement of the Spirit.**

**\*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 2**

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

Italian Hymn

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

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN**

\*Call to Confession

Craig Taylor, Cantor

*Come, ye weary, heaven laden, lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.*

\*Prayer of Confession

Silence

**Unison**

**Lord, though you have called us to be your followers, we have fallen asleep. Rather than remaining attentive to your presence, we have become complacent. Forgive us when we prefer to dwell in the darkness rather than waking up to your dawning light. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive our sin. Awaken us to your life and your love.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news,

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

\*Response to Forgiveness

hymnal, page 415

*(Refrain)*

**I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are then thousand charms.**

**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 remain in worship.*

**ANTHEM**

*Everlasting Life*

David Rasbach

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,  
That whosoever believeth in Him hath everlasting life.

God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**God our light, make us attentive to your Word as to a lamp shining in a dark place, that seeing your truth we may live faithful lives until that great day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts.**

**Amen.**

**GOSPEL READING**

[John 2:1-11](#)

Pew Bible, page 87

**SERMON**

*Water to Wine*

Mrs. Ayscue

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*from A Brief Statement 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. Amen.**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Ellen Snyder

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

Dale Wood

\*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
- Words of Institution
- Serving of the Meal
- Thanksgiving

\*HYMN 166 *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days* St. Flavian  
*During the singing of the hymn, folks who are participating in the prayer for another  
 are invited to come forward and take a card.*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *Goodness Is Stronger than Evil* Hymn 750  
 (Choir & Congregation)  
**Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;  
 Light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.  
 Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.  
 Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.**

\*POSTLUDE *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* Johannes Brahms

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 \*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 Angus Currie.** After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

**Thanks to Lee Boone** for serving as liturgist today.

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Lindsey Harward, Bruce Roney (uncle of Dona Lisk; breast cancer), Andy Cotton, Blue Honeycutt, Caroline West. **See newsletter for complete list.**

**Ushers:** Brett Richards, captain **Elder Greeters:** Martha Sue Hall; Adam Jolly **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Samantha Wangler **Preschool Partners:** Penny & Jack Morton **Nana & Papa Team:** Carroll Sitton **No Children's Church**

**We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering** for hunger today.

**The rose in the sanctuary** is in honor of the birth of Calvin Glenn Huneycutt, son of Karlyn Cox and Derreck Huneycutt, on February 26.

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**Lent Small Group Sign-up Sheets are available in the pit stop.  
 Groups begin the week of March 5. Please sign-up for a group today!**

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**First Presbyterian Church will prepare and serve lunch for the Community Lenten Service on March 15.** If you would like to help and/or contribute a dessert, contact Ann Duckwall (704-983-3498).

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**Legacy Campaign Second Phase**  
 As of March 1 - 74 pledges have been received; Total pledged: \$128,015

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**Intentional Prayer...**Our Lenten tradition of praying intentionally for one person will continue. Complete a prayer card (purple) with your information prior to worship on March 5. Choose another card with information about the person you will pray for. Make one. Take one.

## Luncheon for Visitors & Prospective Members...Sunday, March 5

Visitors & Prospective Members are invited to lunch and conversation about the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Join the Membership Committee following worship. Please contact the church office ([klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-982-2722) to let us know you are coming.

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## COMMUNITY LENT WORSHIP SERVICES AT CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 AT NOON IN THE SANCTUARY THEME: BUILDING THE KINGDOM

LUNCH FOLLOWING IN THE GYM...COST: DONATION

Central United Methodist Church is hosting the Community Lent Worship Services. An offering will be received each week in support of the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build.

Wednesday, March 8 Preacher: Dr. Andy Jung, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Albemarle

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**MANTREAT AT MONTREAT...Men from our church will be participating in the Mantreat at Montreat over the weekend of April 21-23. The price is \$257.50 per person for a double-occupancy room and \$337.50 per person for a single-occupancy room. Please sign up with the church office or by emailing Matt at [mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org). Payment in full should be made to the church by March 15.**

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### It's a New Sunday School Class!

When? Starting Immediately  
Where? In the Gathering Room on the Second Floor  
What? Any adult is welcome to attend. You'll find newcomers to the church  
And many young adults and those who are young adults at heart will be there.  
What happens? Conversation about the Scriptures and encouragement for living the faith.  
Sometimes, there's also food!

Leadership comes from the class – especially Greg Lisk & Wes Eudy.

For more information, contact Greg Lisk (704-519-5932 or [liskgreg@aol.com](mailto:liskgreg@aol.com)).

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**From the Scholarship Committee...Scholarship applications are available on the counter in the church office. The deadline to return completed applications is Monday, April 10. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2017 are: Heather Deese, Chair, Al Andrew, Anne Montgomery, Elizabeth Wilson, and Lee McLaurin, ex-officio.**

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### Daily Scripture Reading and Prayer for Lent

The congregation is invited to read the gospel of John during Lent. Sermons and small group conversations will be based on texts from John.

Suggested scripture readings for the coming week are:

March 5	John 2:13-25	March 9	John 4:27-42
March 6	John 3:1-21	March 10	John 4:43-54
March 7	John 3:22-36	March 11	John 5:1-18
March 8	John 4:1-26	March 12	John 5:19-29

### Questions to consider each day:

*What is God saying to me through these words?*

*How will I respond?*

**Wednesday Worship at 5:50 p.m.**

Using the familiar elements of word, song, prayer, and response, worship will take on new life as we explore John’s gospel in new ways. This coming week, some of our middle school students will bring the text to life.

Worship is family-friendly and interactive. Come in a suit, jeans, or gym gear for 20 mid-week minutes focused on the power of God and the importance of our faith community.

**Wednesday Dinner Out**

No gym?...No problem.

Table hosts will be available at these local restaurants on March 8 to welcome you. Come after worship or meet at 6:20 p.m. You need only show up for these Dutch treat dinners with friends.

**Little Tokyo (Hwy 52) - Rebekah Ayscue & Matt Drumheller**

**El Ranchito – Laura McLeod**

**Second Street Sundries – Nathan & Marlene Sanges**

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**Remember to *spring forward* one hour in the early morning hours of March 12  
(or before you go to bed on March 11).**

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**Planned Giving...Leaving a Legacy**

Please join the Planned Giving Task Force and Olanda for a *lunch & learn* on Sunday, March 19 following worship. Lunch will be provided in the pit stop, and Olanda Carr, of the Presbyterian Foundation, will share basic financial planning information, as well as some specifics about how to leave a legacy gift which will provide for the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church for years in the future. Sign-up to be part of the conversation by **Thursday, March 9** (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)).

For more information, contact any member the Planned Giving Task Force: Larry Sitton, chair, Jane Boone, Patrick Currie, Art Rogers, Ellen Snyder, and Chris Whitley.

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**Hosting Habitat Volunteers from Bucknell University Coming Our Way**

We will host the Bucknell University students again this year for their spring break trip. They will arrive Sunday, March 12 and be here through the week. There are plans for our church members to provide a dinner meal on Thursday, March 16. If you can help, please contact Dave Bristol ([dave.bristol001@gmail.com](mailto:dave.bristol001@gmail.com)) or Don Joines ([djoines@ctc.net](mailto:djoines@ctc.net)). If you encounter any of the students, please give them a warm welcome.

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, March 5

*First Sunday of Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

*Ten-Cents-A-Meal/No Children's Church*

*Asheville Youth Mission*

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)

12:00 pm Lunch & Conversation for visitors & prospective members  
(Parlor)

3:00 pm Hiking Group at Morrow Mountain State Park  
with Connie Wallace & Ken Knight

4:00 pm Small Group at Elizabeth's house  
(1611 Bellamy Circle)

### Monday, March 6

12:00 pm Classic Discussion Small Group with Matt (Parlor)

7:00 pm Circle #5 at the home of Polly Moose  
(24875 Hwy 52 Business South)

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

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

### Tuesday, March 7

9:30 am-11:00 am *Taste & See* Cooking Crew Small Group (Church Kitchen)

7:00 pm Confirmation Class

### Wednesday, March 8

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Backpack Food Program

12:00 pm Community Lent Worship at Central UMC

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

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Club Handbells & Orff Rehearsals

5:50 pm \*Wednesday Worship

6:15 pm \*Classic Discussion Small Group with Dona & Greg Lisk (Church Kitchen)

7:15 pm \*Chancel Choir

### Thursday, March 9

9:30 am \*Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Foodie Fans Small Group meets at the Rosebriar Restaurant

### Friday, March 10 *Church Office Closed*

### Saturday, March 11

9:00 am Yoga Peeps Small Group with Anissa Chapman & Nancy Joines (Chapel)

### Sunday, March 12

*Second Sunday of Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Trusty Travelers will sing in worship*

8:45 am \*Diaconate

9:00 am Breakfast Bunch

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

3:00 pm Hiking Posse Small Group with Connie Wallace & Ken Knight meets at  
Morrow Mountain State Park

4:00 pm Classic Discussion Small Group at Elizabeth's

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Connection

7:00 pm \*Session

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### MARCH

05-Becky Andrew

06-Keith Andrew

Robert Ivey

07-Chris Mabry

09-Cidney Eudy

Ginny Marshall

David Whitley

10-Russ Carpenter

11-Jim Carter

Nancy Jolly

12-Morgan Kinley

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### MARCH

10-David & Carroll Holbrook

## SCCM CHALLENGE FOR MARCH:

Canned Soup & Crackers

**\*childcare provided**