



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 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

all stanzas

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: We have come to worship the God of all creation.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Ever-living God, before the earth was formed and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

St. George's Windsor

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. We have not boldly proclaimed the gospel, and we have not shared the good news of salvation. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

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

THANKSGIVING

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Penny Morton

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.

ANTHEM

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

Craig Courtney

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

[Psalm 100](#)

Pew Bible, page 522

The congregation will read in unison.

SERMON

We Are God's People

Mrs. Ayscue

*HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun danket alle Gott

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Introduction

Reaffirmation of Faith

*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.

Prayer

Congregational Welcome

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us
in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.**

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Now Thank We All Our God

Johann Sebastian Bach

*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

*HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

For the Fruit of All Creation

Stanley R. Scheer

*POSTLUDE

Chorale Improvisation on 'Nun danket alle Gott'

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*All that are able may stand.

IN MEMORIAM
Henry Thomas "Toby" Webb, Jr.
December 20, 1920-November 9, 2017

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 Lily Snyder. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

The roses in the sanctuary are in honor of the births of twins, Parker Grace Morgan and Miles Hawkins Morgan, daughter and son of Teryn and Miller Morgan, on November 10.

Ushers: Brett Richards, captain; Judy Kilgore, Jim Marshall, Mike McLeod, Grace Richards, Lee Snuggs
Outside Ushers: John Earnhardt; Lee Snuggs **Elder Greeters:** Steve Cumming; Ellen Snyder **Nursery:** McKenzie Hinson **Toddler Room:** Sara Kate Thomas **Preschool Partners:** Laura Beth & Kyle Marks
Nana & Papa Team: Sarah & Ronnie Michael **Children's Church:** Liz Jolly; Katherine Jolly; Grace Richards

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Toby Webb, Marty Goforth (treatment for melanoma). **See newsletter for complete list.**



**2017 Thanksgiving Offering on Sunday, November 19
for Children's Hope Alliance
(formerly called Barium Springs Home for Children)**

Your generous donation will make an impact on each child.

Bring your offering on Sunday, November 19.

This is my commandment,

that you love one another as I have loved you.

John 15:12 (NSRV)



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES
Return shoeboxes to the church for dedication on November 19.

New Members

*Derek & Meredith Moses
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*Courtney & Eric Niederer
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CAN YOU HELP?

Central School needs belts for their students...men's belts, women's belts, children's belts. They can be new or gently used. Will you clean out your closets and find those that others may use? There is a collection bin in the pit stop.



**Community Thanksgiving Worship
at First Baptist Church
(202 North 2nd Street, Albemarle)
Sunday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.**

Join other downtown worshippers as we celebrate God's gifts in this harvest season. Members of our choir will be part of the combined choir. Earl Bradshaw, pastor at Central United Methodist Church, will preach and an offering will be received for on-going hurricane relief. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the service.



Sanctuary Window Décor for Advent

Would you be willing to share a nativity set with the church in this Advent? We would like to fill the sanctuary windows with a variety of nativity scenes this year. Contact Ellen Snyder (704-991-5560 or ellens@carolina.rr.com) to let her know you have one to loan for this season.

Alternative Christmas Gifts

On November 19 and December 3, 10, and 17, opportunities are available to purchase alternative gifts in the Pit Stop. You can select from among both local and international recipients. Charities include: Homes of Hope, Community Care Clinic, SCCM-Clothing Closet, and the Heifer International. For each purchase, you will receive one of several holiday-themed acknowledgement cards designed by artist Leslie Carter. Come visit us in the pit stop on Sunday or the church office Monday-Thursday during office hours.



Saturday, December 2

First Presbyterian Church will host the Saturday lunch at the Community Table on Saturday, December 2. Volunteers are needed to prepare food ahead of time and to help serve and clean-up on December 2. For more information as to how you can help or to volunteer your services, contact Linda Anderson (704-982-3723) or refer to the Mission Bulletin Board in the pit stop area. Sign-up sheets are posted on the Mission Bulletin Board.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 19

Thanksgiving Offering for Children's Hope Alliance

Dedication of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Alternative Gifts available in the Pit Stop

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

1:00 pm Faith Explorers' Christmas Card Making & *Honk Jr.*
Play at AHS presented by The Talent Company

5:30 pm Youth Group Thanksgiving Potluck

7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service at First Baptist Church
(202 North 2nd Street, Albemarle)

Monday, November 20

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

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

Tuesday, November 21

10:00 am-11:30 am Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, November 22

Church Office Closed

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 24

Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 26

Alternative Gifts available in the Pit Stop

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER

19-Gus Feather

21-Tom Rabe

Debbie Wainwright

23-Meredith Moses

Gayle Russell

Thomas Taylor

24-John Earnhardt

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

NOVEMBER

22-Gayle & Ned Russell

26-Mark & Kim Andrew

SCCM CHALLENGE

NOVEMBER

Canned Fruit

(Lite Syrup or No Sugar Added)