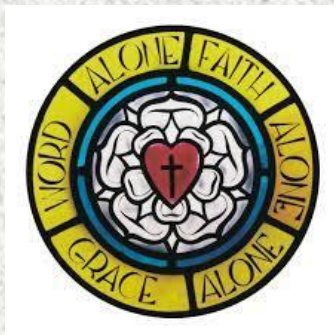


An Order  
for the Public Worship of God



REFORMATION SUNDAY  
AND  
KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

First Presbyterian Church (USA)

Albemarle, North Carolina

Founded in 1898

Eleven o'clock in the morning

The Thirtieth Day of October

Two Thousand and Twenty-Two A.D.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
10-30-22  
REFORMATION DAY & KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Most gracious God, our Heavenly Father! In whom alone dwelleth all fullness of light and wisdom: illuminate our minds, we beseech Thee, by Thine Holy Spirit, in the true understanding of Thy word. Give us grace that we may receive it with reverence and humility unfeigned. May it lead us to put our whole trust in Thee alone; and so to serve and honor Thee, that we may glorify Thy holy name, and edify our neighbors by a good example. And since it hath pleased Thee to number us among thy people; O help us to pay Thee the love and homage that we owe, as children to our Father, and as servants to our Lord. We ask this for the sake of our Master and Savior. Amen.*

From John Calvin

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PRELUDE

“Highland Cathedral”

Michael Korb & Ulrich Roever

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Seth Richards, acolyte

\*PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mike King, liturgist

This day we bend the knee to God, our Great Chief

**Before whom the people of every tongue and clan and nation will one day bow.**

Grant to us, O Savior, the fear of God and the love of God.

**And the will of God to do on earth at all times what the saints do in heaven.**

In the sight of the Father who created us,

**In the sight of the Son who died for us,**

In the sight of the Spirit who cleanses us,

**Let us lift up our hearts and voices and worship God.**

Adapted from *Celtic Invocations*, Alexander Carmichael, 1899

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Glorious and gracious God, your people once scattered are now gathered; invited to join you in the house where a welcome always waits; ready and willing to praise you with open hearts and eager minds. Enter our lives and hearts, we pray, that we may begin this day assured of the love which came from on high to live and grow among us and which springs fresh every day through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Adapted from worship resources of the Church of Scotland

\*HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

EIN' FESTE BURG

*A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,  
And armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side,  
The man of God's own choosing. You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name,  
From age to age the same; and he must win the battle.*

*And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God has willed  
His truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him. His rage we can endure,  
For lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.*

*That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever!*

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thoughts of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.**

Adapted from John Knox's liturgy of 1560

*Silent Reflection and Confession*

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of Life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

#### \*RESPONSE

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”  
(Bagpiper plays the first stanza, congregation sings the second)

AMAZING GRACE

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.*

#### CHILDREN OF THE KIRK

Heather Kilde

#### ANTHEM

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

Roland E. Martin

*Let the whole creation cry: Glory to the Lord on high! Heav'n and earth, awake and sing: God is good and therefore King! Praise Him, all ye hosts  
above, ever bright and fair in love, Sun and moon, lift up your voice, night and stars in God rejoice. Warriors fighting for the Lord, prophets  
burning with His Word, Those to whom the arts belong, add their voices to the song. Kings of knowledge and of law, to the glorious circle draw, All  
who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!" Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem manifold, And let children's  
happy hearts, in this worship bear their parts. From the north to southern pole, let the mighty chorus roll,  
"Holy, holy, holy One, Glory be to God alone!"*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O Lord, heavenly Father, in whom is the fullness of light and wisdom, enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit, and give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and humility, without which no one can understand your truth. Amen.**

From the Prayers of John Calvin

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

[Matthew 16:13–18](#); [1 Peter 2:9–10](#)

pew Bible, pgs. 17 and 219

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda”  
 (“The Church Reformed, Always Being Reformed”)

Rev. George

\*HYMN

“I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes”

DUNDEE

*I to the hills will lift my eyes; from whence shall come my aid?  
My help is from the Lord alone, who heaven and earth has made.*

*God will not let your foot be moved; your guardian never sleeps;  
God’s watchful and unslumbering care protects and safely keeps.*

*Your faithful keeper is the Lord, your shelter and your shade.  
Neath sun or moon, by day or night, you shall not be afraid.*

*From evil God will keep you safe, provide for all you need.  
Your going out, your coming in, God will forever lead.*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of [people] chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace him by true faith in Jesus Christ, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus. This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit. Amen.**

From Chapter 16 of *The Scots Confession of 1560*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Shannon Bullard, Deacon

RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Offertory

“Dundee”

Charles Callahan

\*Response 612

“We Praise You, O God: (stanza 1)”

KREMSER

*We praise you, O God, our redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Out of your providing, Lord, we make this offering brought from our daily living. Sanctify your gift, and bless the life from which it comes, that with a cheerful spirit and an ungrudging heart, we may be devoted to your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

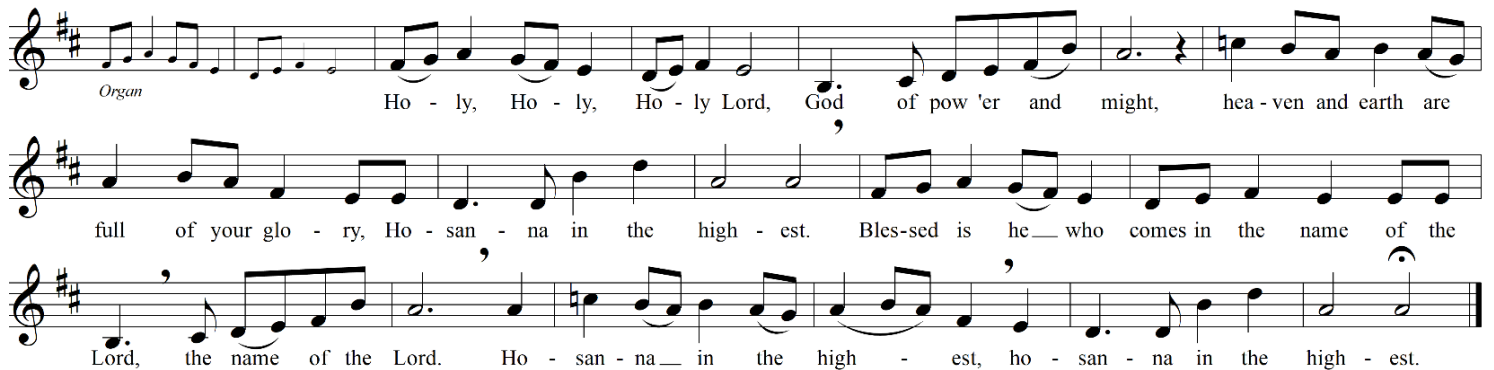
From the *Book of Common Order*, Church of Scotland

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** It is indeed right....and sing your praise in the angels' song:



Organ

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow 'er and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord, the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

In tune with all the heavenly hosts...dedicated and fit for your acceptance; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.** Now hear us as we are bold to pray the prayer taught to us by our Lord, saying, **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.**

From the *Book of Common Order*, Church of Scotland

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

“Be Still for the Presence of the Lord”

David J. Evans

*Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here; Come, bow before Him now, with reverence and fear: In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; He burns with holy fire, with splendor He is crowned: How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace: No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.*

Prayer After Communion

**Gracious God, we give you glory, thanks, and praise for the dying and undying love of our Savior Jesus Christ. In your great goodness, you have brought us into communion with him and with all who love him, and made us heirs of your everlasting kingdom. By your grace, may we continue in this holy fellowship, and live to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

From the *Book of Common Order*, Church of Scotland

\*HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

AURELIA

*The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. She is his new creation by water and the word. From heaven he came and bought her to be his holy bride. With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

*Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses with every grace endued.*

*Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed.  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*

*Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forever more:  
Till with the vision glorious be longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

*Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them the meek and lowly, may live eternally.*  
(Tartan Bearers come forward at beginning of 4th stanza)

## THE KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN

### \*BLESSING OF THE TARTANS

Almighty God, who has promised that in all places where two or more are gathered in your name, that you will meet with your servants to bless them, fulfill your sacred promise and make this church a place of Christian love and fellowship, shared Christian heritage, worship, service, and prayer. May our worship be offered in the Holy name of Jesus and be pleasing in your sight. May you bless us with the presence of the Holy Spirit. May you sanctify this time as profitable to our hearts and souls. We rejoice in this opportunity to dedicate these tartans to you as symbols of the unwavering loyalty and steadfast faith of our Scottish ancestors. We praise you for their ingenuity and integrity; for their respect of truth and justice; for their rejection of hypocrisy; and for their regard of liberty, life, and the equality of all people. Grant us, O God, the ability to remain true to the faith of our ancestors, which has enlightened, encouraged, and enhanced the peoples of our beloved country and other lands. Use us to bring peace and goodwill on earth and to advance equality and justice throughout the world. In all these prayers, remembrances, and supplications, O heavenly Father, make us all, like the Scots of old, a people who strive to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. In the name of our precious Savior and Head of the Kirk, Jesus Christ, the Lord. **Amen.**

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*RECESSIONAL

*Please remain standing until the tartans have recessed.*

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

***Bold print*** indicates places where congregation reads or sings.

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## A WEE BIT OF INFORMATION

While celebrating the Scottish heritage of many in our midst, we also celebrate and bless all families. However, the main purpose of the service remains the public worship of our Lord by all assembled today.

### About the Protestant Reformation:

The Reformation was begun in Germany in 1517 by Martin Luther who insisted on grace and faith in Jesus Christ alone as the heart of Christian faith. John Calvin, guided by the Bible and Luther's example, helped to establish the Protestant Reformation in Geneva. This included a church governed by elders (presbyters), which became known as Presbyterian. From Calvin's Geneva, Presbyterianism spread to Scotland, and then to the United States, among many other places around the world.

### About the Kirkin’:

Kirkin’ is the Scottish word for blessing. It’s come to describe a special service of worship that includes all Presbyterians. Together, we give thanks to God for our Presbyterian heritage and ask for God’s continued blessing upon us.

### The History:

The Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan is of American origin, though based on history and legend in Scotland. After Bonnie Prince Charlie’s forces were defeated by the English at the Battle of Culloden in 1746, Scotland once again came under British rule. To control the Scots, a special act was passed that forbade the carrying of arms and the wearing of kilts, plaid, or any tartan that represented Scots’ heritage. Orders were given for British troops to kill upon sight any person dressed in Highland garb or displaying the tartan. As the Legend Goes . . . This act prompted the stubborn Scots secretly to carry a piece of their tartan with them as they went to church, known as the Kirk. The minister then slipped a blessing (a Kirkin’) into the service for the tartans. The prohibition against tartan lasted for nearly 50 years. At the repeal of the act, the Church of Scotland celebrated with a Service of Family Covenant, at which time the tartan of each family was offered as a covenant expression for the Lord’s blessing.

### The First Kirkin’:

The Saint Andrew’s Society of Washington, D.C. held the first Kirkin’ during the early years of World War II. The late Dr. Peter Marshall, an eloquent Scot, then Chaplain of the U.S. Senate and Pastor of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, led the service in 1943, choosing “Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan” for the title of his sermon. He had preached many sermons in support of the British War Relief and the Scottish Clans Evacuation Plan. His sermons were so popular that a request was made for their publication, with proceeds from the sales designated for war relief programs. As the war continued, the Saint Andrew’s Society continued to hold services of unified prayer for the subjects of the British Isles. These became known as Kirkin’s.

### The Service:

The worship service is of traditional content, using much of the Church of Scotland form. Central to its theme is the presentation of various tartans—through the carrying of flags and the wearing of tartans—for a blessing. Clans provided protection and economic, political, and social support. The tartan is a symbol of love and togetherness. The Kirkin’ is intended to encourage all participants to reflect with thanksgiving on their own family and ethnic heritage and to celebrate God’s grace poured out for all generations.

### About John Knox:

Before he became a leader of the Reformation in Scotland, John Knox served as a bodyguard. During worship he stood in the front of the church holding a claymore sword to protect the pastor during those dangerous times.

### About the Scots Confession:

On August 17, 1560, Reformer John Knox and five of his colleagues presented the first Reformed confession of faith written in the English language to the Parliament of Scotland. “The Scots Confession,” as it is now known, united all of Scotland in its politics and in the church. From that day on, the nation was united under a Protestant Flag, emblazoned with the Cross of St. Andrew. This was the birth of the Church of Scotland, a church governed by elders, which became the parent of Presbyterian churches around the world. The 25 Chapters of the Confession spell out a contemporary statement of the Christian faith as understood by the followers of John Calvin during his lifetime. Although the Confession and its accompanying documents were the product of the joint effort of a committee, its authorship is customarily attributed to John Knox.

The Scots Confession (Scotland, 1560)



THE BLUE OF THE SHIELD: The background color of the Church of Scotland.

THE TARTAN, X-Shaped CROSS: A form called St Andrew's Cross, he being the apostle who brought the gospel to Scotland. The Tartan, or plaid, is that of the Hamilton clan in honor of the first martyr of the Scottish Reformation, Patrick Hamilton.

THE CELTIC CROSS: Another ancient form associated with Christians of the British Isles.

THE SHIP: A symbol for the Church; the Confession contains a remarkable, strong doctrine of the Church.

THE BIBLE AND THE SWORD: Paul called the word of God "The sword of the Spirit," and the sharpness of John Knox's preaching of the Word was a major power for reformation in Scotland.

THE BURNING BUSH WHICH IS NOT CONSUMED: Reminding us of Moses' Sinai experience, thus a symbol of God's presence and call: the chief symbol of the Church of Scotland.

The Book of Confessions:

The Scots Confession is an official standard of the Church of Scotland, but was never meant to stand alone. It was approved along with other Catechisms, confessions and a Book of Common Order. Similarly, today, the Scots Confession does not stand alone. It's part of the PC(USA)'s Book of Confessions that expresses the faith of the church in specific times and places throughout history.

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### VETERANS DAY FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS



On Veterans Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of veterans. **Each name is \$2.00.** Please mail, deliver or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **no later than Sunday, November 6.** Please make your check payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and designate for Veterans Day Arrangements. The names of donors and those being remembered/honored will be listed on Sunday, November 13.

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### VETERANS DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thanks to** the Chancel Choir, Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, Mike King, Heather Kilde and Thomas Hahn- Piper for participating in worship today.

**The acolyte today is** Seth Richards.

**Ushers for October:** Jim Hesley (captain), Myron Lowder, Elizabeth Bryson, Jim Ivey, Lee Snuggs, Leo McLeod.

**Outside Ushers for October 30:** John Earnhardt; Lee Snuggs

**Sound:** Evan Sanges

**Film:** Leo McLeod

**Nursery:** Bailey Mitchell

**There will be no Children’s Church today.** Childcare provided but all children are encouraged to remain in worship For the Kirkin’ of the Tartans.

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**The Mission Committee will meet after worship this Sunday, October 30 in the Session Room.**



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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS THE FALL ART GALLERY EXHIBIT BY**

**NORTH STANLY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

We are so excited that North Stanly Middle School student work will be featured in the art gallery for the months of November and December!

**The congregation of First Presbyterian Church is invited to meet the NSMS artists at the Art Gallery Reception on Wednesday, November 2 from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. in the church common area.**

*Tartan Bearers 2022*

**Tartan**

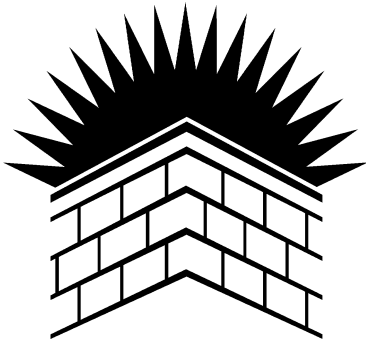
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Montgomery  
Myers  
Jolly  
Palmer  
Wallace/Knight  
Green

**Carrier**

Debbie Hahn  
Shelley Shedd  
Nathaniel Eudy  
Andy Cotton  
Jackson Palmer  
John Palmer  
John Hahn  
Emily Andrew  
Shelby Abernathy  
Steve Cumming  
Becky Andrew  
Ruth Cotton  
Melissa Eudy  
Thora Kilde  
Leah Kilde  
Heather Kilde  
Bill Hall & Palmer Schultz  
Jim Hesley  
Mike McLeod  
Seth Richards  
Ken Knight  
Rachel Grace Campbell  
Brett Richards  
Jackson Shedd  
Katherine Jolly  
Sidney Eudy  
Ella Cumming  
Michelle Cumming



*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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**WE NEED CANDY!!**



Do you love handing out candy to kiddos at Halloween? We have a task for you! We are looking for 10 cars or stations for our Trunk or Treat on Sunday, Oct 30 at the YMCA park. We are also in need of candy donations. If you are willing to help, please let Melissa know ([meudy@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:meudy@fpcalbemarle.org); 704-439-6747).

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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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**Who:** All children up to 5th grade  
**What:** Trunk-or-Treating, games, face painting  
**When:** Sunday, October 30, 4-6pm  
**Where:** YMCA Park

Wear your costume and bring your candy bag!!

This is a collaborative event between First Presbyterian, First Lutheran, and Central Methodist.

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**November 6<sup>th</sup> - Youth Outing**

Stay for lunch at church then we will travel to the Corn Maze.  
 Bring \$20 to participate.  
 We will return to church at 3:00.



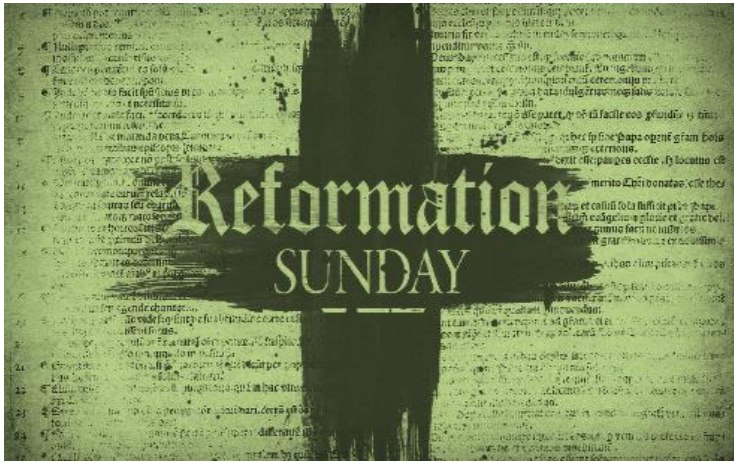
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**There will be a Christian Ed meeting Sunday, November 6 after worship during luncheon.**



**FAITH ON THE FIFTH OFFERING  
FOR ROY HINSON CANCER CENTER/ATRIUM  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**

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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). The family of Peggy Smith (Mother of Kim Andrew) See newsletter for complete list.  
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**Reformation Sunday  
& Kirkin' o' Tartans  
Sunday, October 30**

Through familiar words and sounds, we will celebrate both our denominational Scottish heritage and the history of the Protestant Reformation. We will include the tartans that we use every year, and we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We will have shortbread and cider in the Pit Stop following worship.

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 As part of our worship this morning, we will be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. If you prefer not to come forward to be served the elements, please see an usher about prepackaged elements available in one of the Narthexes.  
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**FIRST FAMILY GATHERING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 6:00 P.M.  
RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 31**

**DINE IN GYM**

**Menu: Spaghetti, Meatballs, Marina Sauce, Salad, Garlic Bread  
and Assorted Desserts.**

Please RSVP to the church office 704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

Due to the cost of food our Suggested Donation is \$6 per person....

Maximum of \$20 per immediate family.

Please come with correct change or a check written to First Presbyterian Church.



!!! ATTENTION !!!  
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS  
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6.  
REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!



**All Saints Day  
Sunday, November 6**

On November 6, we remember all those who have gone before us. The Worship Committee will provide an opportunity for you to remember the saints who have paved the way in faith. Flowers will be available as you enter the sanctuary, which you may place in baskets at front of sanctuary during designated time in worship.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**

**Boxes are in the Pit stop and need to be returned to the sanctuary on November 6.**

The cost this year to cover the shipment for a OCC shoebox is \$10. When you pick your shoebox up from the pit stop, check the inside for a "How to Pack a Shoebox" pamphlet. This pamphlet shows you how to pack a box, has boy and girl labels (to be put on the top of the box) and the envelope for the \$10 check/cash is also included.



**SERRV Bazaar on Sunday, October 30**

On Sunday morning in the Pit Stop: October 30, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Review the catalog and make your selections. Orders will be placed on November 2.

Also, catalogs will be available for your review in the church office during regular business hours.



**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

**Donations may be dropped off in the Pit Stop at the church.**



**FREEZER FEST**

Date: Saturday, November 5, 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen hosted by Kristie Bryson

We will make Sausage Muffins, Ham Biscuits and Spinach Balls that you can put in your freezer to get a jump-start on holiday treats. Bring 3 large containers or freezer bags to transport your goodies home and into the freezer. Or, you can donate some of your goodies to the Christmas Kitchen.  
Cost: \$30.00 Limit: 10 people



You must RSVP to Jane Snyder by Tuesday, November 1 ([jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-438-3358).

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, October 30

*Reformation Sunday & Kirkin' o' the Tartans/*

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Faith on the Fifth Offering*

9:00 am SERRV Catalogs Pit Stop

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm Cider and shortbread cookies in Pit Stop

12:00 pm Mission Committee Meeting in Session Room

4:00 pm-6:00 p.m. Fall Festival- YMCA Park

### Monday, October 31

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12:00 pm God Wink

8:30 pm High School Bible Study at the home  
of Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr., Albemarle)

### Tuesday, November 1

*All Saints' Day*

### Wednesday, November 2

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10:30 am Packing of Back Packs

1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Pit Stop)

4:00 pm -5:30 pm Fall Art Gallery Reception- Church Common Area

6:00 pm-6:00 pm First Family Gathering Dinner in Gym

6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, November 3 *Deadline for SERRV Catalog Order*

10:00 am Staff Meeting

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

### Saturday, November 5

9:30 am Freezer Fest

10:00 am- noon Chancel Choir Retreat-FPC

### Sunday, November 6 *All Saint's Day/Consecration Sunday/Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger/*

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Daylight Saving Time Ends/Deadline for Veteran's Day Flower Form*

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

11:00 am Return Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child

12:00 pm Lunch in gym

12:00 pm Christian Education meeting in Session Room

1:00 pm-3:00 pm Following lunch- Youth to Thomas Family Corn Maze

**\*childcare provided**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

#### OCTOBER

30- Teresa Taylor

31- Ruth Cotton

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

#### NOVEMBER

01- Donna Gaither

03- Barbara Overcash

04- Connie Wallace

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

#### NOVEMBER

03- Matt & Katie Carpenter

04- Bo & Lauren Andrew

#### Church Staff

Transitional Pastor, Rev Catherine George

Office Manager, Kyle Lambert

Secretary, Beth Poolos

Transitional Director of Christian Ed, Melissa Eudy

Director of Fellowship/Congregational Care, Jane

Snyder

Music Director, Frank Poolos

Organist, Stan Scheer

Facilities Manager, Shawn Graeff

#### 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

Tithes and offerings may be  
mailed to:  
First Presbyterian Church  
P.O. Box 1578  
Albemarle, NC 28002



Online giving can be done  
through the church's website  
([www.fpcalbemarle.org](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)).  
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.



## ***Consecration Sunday*** ***November 6***

You will have an opportunity to return your pledge cards during worship on Consecration Sunday. Following worship, everyone is invited to a luncheon provided by your Fellowship Committee.

We hope you will plan to stay and enjoy fellowship and delicious food.

On the Menu:

Chuck Roast, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,  
Yeast Rolls

Please bring a dessert to share.

October 23, 2022



Consecration Sunday is November 6<sup>th</sup>

*If you haven't received your card yet, please let the Church office know*

**“Painting the Picture of Stewardship”**

**Serving Each Other**

On Sunday, October 23, we were blessed to hear from Liz Jolly, Deacon, about the many ways our Church serves our own congregation, both inside and outside of these walls. She reminded us of how important taking care of each other is and how our generous giving allows us to continue this mission.

Children, youth, parents, older adults, and shut-ins all provide the creative energy, vitality, and focus of First Presbyterian Church! There is a real sense of BELONGING and CONNECTION that brings our entire church family together. We share and support each other.

One of the driving forces of this mission is the Congregational Care Committee. It is vital to the overall health and welfare of our church members in times of bereavement, family health crises, immobility need, and isolation, etc. Mysteriously, meals appear at front doors, the telephone rings more often than usual, students away from home are affirmed, birthday, get well, and congratulation cards arrive in the mail, and transportation is provided..... CONNECTION!

Three additional quiet groups of people are critical to Congregational Care effectiveness. First Friends give attention to those church members with deeper or more special needs requiring for more intentional communication and constant reminders of invaluable church fellowship. Senior Care is particularly aware of elderly church member needs. Often events are planned to celebrate and bring people together.

Thirdly, a very skilled group of selfless ladies spend countless hours knitting beautiful and colorful Prayer Shawls. The shawls provide warmth, comfort and companionship for shut-ins and patients in the hospital. And a shawl is always given to a family in honor of a child baptism.....BELONGING.

Liz also reminded us of the “Pfeiffer Friends” program, connecting students at Pfeiffer with members of our congregation as well as our “Silent Partners” program, maintaining the connection of our college students away from home to the church and ministry of Jesus Christ.



This is First Presbyterian Church at its best; growing in its care, love, and empathy with and for each other! Your faithful and generous giving has a direct impact on the ministry and outreach of our church both inside and outside its walls!

Next Sunday, Stewardship Committee is asking that you bring your financial pledge to worship so that these gifts can be received and dedicated to the work of Jesus Christ. Over the last several weeks, during the offertory and in the bulletin, you've heard and read the many ways your gifts make a difference in the lives of both our congregation and our community. Rev. George reminded us of the story of Esther, who at the urging of her cousin Mordecai, saved the Jewish people from genocide. Mordecai reminded her that perhaps she had been put in the right place at the right time by God for "such a time as this." Given the challenges that we face, perhaps we have been too.

Thanks to all of you for prayerfully considering the time, talent, and financial treasure you bring to our Church. We gratefully look forward to your participation on November 6.