



The Weekly Bulletin
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

PENTECOSTAL PROCESSION

Stanley R. Scheer

The wind represents the presence and movement of the Holy Spirit. As the Spirit moves, the elements of worship will be placed in the worship space.

***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 297**

In Christ Called to Baptize

St. Denio

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent

Unison

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

***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

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Children's Greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Renunciation and Affirmation

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

hymnal, page 14

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.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Introduction to the Congregation

Anthem

A Welcome Song

Thomas Pavlechko

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, as we listen to your holy Word, open our hearts to the power of your Spirit, call us out of darkness, and lead us into your marvelous light. Amen.

ANTHEM

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold W. Friedell

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:1-21

Pew Bible, page 111

HOMILY

Mrs. Ayscue

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

WHY IT MATTERS

Patrick Currie

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Come, Holy Spirit

Johann Gottfried Walther

*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 to the Lord's Table

*Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...

Sanctus

Congregation and Choir

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.

Breaking of the Bread and the Communion of the People

(The congregation is invited to come forward to receive the elements. The serving station at the center front is gluten free.)

Anthem

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks
(Sung by choir and congregation)*

Alleluia No. 1
hymnal, page 240

Thanksgiving

*HYMN 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

Lancashire

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
 Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
 Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
 Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
 Moon and stars pour light on you,
 Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you,
 Deep peace of Christ to you.

*POSTLUDE

Come, Holy Spirit

Johann Sebastian Bach

*All that are able may stand.

Verse	Scripture Reference	Pew Bible, page #
<i>In the beginning, when God created...</i>	Genesis 1:1	O.T., page 1
<i>Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...</i>	Deuteronomy 6:4-5	O.T., page 157
<i>The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want...</i>	Psalm 23	O.T., page 474
<i>God is our refuge and strength, ...</i>	Psalm 46:1	O.T., page 489
<i>This is the day that the Lord has made; ...</i>	Psalm 118:24	O.T., page 534
<i>Trust in the Lord with all your heart, ...</i>	Proverbs 3:5-6	O.T., page 553
<i>For surely I know the plans I have for you, ...</i>	Jeremiah 29:11	O.T., page 687
<i>Come to me, all you that are weary...</i>	Matthew 11:28	N.T., page 11
<i>So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; ...</i>	Luke 11:9	N. T., page 68
<i>In the beginning was the Word, ...</i>	John 1:1	N.T., page 86
<i>For God so loved the world...</i>	John 3:16	N.T., page 88
<i>Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life...</i>	John 14:6	N.T., page 102
<i>We know that all things work together...</i>	Romans 8:28	N.T., page 148
<i>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; ...</i>	I Corinthians 13:13	N.T., page 164
<i>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation...</i>	II Corinthians 5:17	N.T., page 170
<i>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, ...</i>	Galatians 5:22-23	N.T., page 179
<i>Do not worry about anything, ...</i>	Philippians 4:6	N.T., page 187
<i>I can do all things through him who strengthens...</i>	Philippians 4:13	N.T., page 187
<i>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, ...</i>	Hebrews 11:1	N.T., page 211
<i>Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, ...</i>	Hebrews 12:2	N.T., page 213
<i>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just...</i>	I John 1:9	N.T., page 224

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 Blake Taylor. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bob Palmer by John, Jessica, Jacob, & Jack Palmer, and Kellie, Andy, & Vance Cole.

Julian Claire Eudy, daughter of Melissa and Wes Eudy, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Elder Ellen Whitley is participating in the baptism.

During worship, we will have processional participants and a reader of the Scriptures. Processional participants are: Kristie Bryson, Jim Carter, Lachlann Currie, Evan Johnson, Jacob Palmer, Ellen Snyder, and Connie Wallace. Ethan Richards will read scripture.

Ushers: Phillip Brown, captain; Brad Boone, Lee Boone, Mandy Brown, Wes Eudy, Don Joines, Nancy Joines, and Mary Kesselman **Elder Greeters:** Bob Johnston; Kim Marshall **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Salem Taylor **Preschool Partners:** Anissa & Chris Chapman **Nana & Papa Team:** Teresa Taylor; Shirley Welch **No Children's Church**

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Cam Rogers (hip replacement), Linda Slimick (mother of Jana Sanderson; Forrest Oakes Healthcare Center), Gloria Bryson, Barbara McManus, Anita Gower, Caleb Poston (great-grandson of Joan & Roger Belsan), Becky Carter, Peter Henkenjohann, Katherine Cox (mother of Sherrie Richards), David Sanges (brother of Nathan Sanges). **See newsletter for complete list.**

May 24 is Pentecost Sunday. Wear red, the liturgical color for the day. We will celebrate the Holy Spirit's presence in the early church and in the lives of God's people everywhere and partake of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All those who trust in Jesus Christ are invited to come to the table. Prepare your hearts for this day.

We will receive the Pentecost Offering on May 24. This offering supports programs for at-risk children and youth. Forty percent of this offering remains in our community for use in our programs for at-risk children.

MUSIC AND ARTS CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Music and Arts Camp will be **June 14-18.** Volunteers are an essential part of the camp, and we need YOU to step up to the plate and help (teenagers and adults). If you would like to volunteer, contact Gina Martin (704-982-2722 or gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org).

NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP

Summer newsletters are available for pick-up in the pit stop and the common area outside the church office. Newsletters are available for those without email addresses. One per family, please.

**First Fellowship on Sunday, May 31
in the Pit Stop between 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**

Come straight to the pit stop from Sunday School or arrive for worship a few minutes early for First Fellowship on Sunday, May 31. Enjoy a beverage and a savory bite to eat while sharing conversation with friends.

The youth of First Presbyterian Church will lead us in worship on Sunday, May 31. **Confirmands** will also be recognized during the service. Your support of our youth by your attendance is greatly appreciated.



**Young Adults Gathering
Friday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m.
Home of Rose & Lenny Saltzman
(1505 Melchor Rd., Albemarle)**

There will be fellowship gathering for young adults on June 5 at the home of Rose & Lenny Saltzman. You are invited to gather at the Saltzman home for a time of shared food and fellowship. Childcare can be provided upon request.

COMMUNITY TABLE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 6...First Presbyterian Church will serve lunch at the Community Table on June 6. Contact Linda Anderson (704-982-3723) for more information and/or if you can help.

**Music & Arts Camp Volunteer Meeting
Sunday, June 7 at 11:00 a.m. in the Session Room**

Come hear final details about camp! It's not too late to volunteer!

If you have some time the week of June 14-18, come join us!

For more information, contact Gina Martin at gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org.

CENTRAL SCHOOL BRUNCH ON FRIDAY, JUNE 12 AT 9:30 A.M.

We will celebrate another successful school year with the staff at Central School by hosting brunch on Friday, June 12 at 9:30 a.m. at Central School. Volunteers are needed to cook, set-up, and clean-up. Look for a sign-up sheet on the Mission bulletin board in the pit stop if you are interested in helping. For more information, contact Ruth Cotton (704-983-2481 or hugawolf@hotmail.com) or Carolyn Sharpe (704-982-2814 or carolynsharpe@live.com).

2015 Community Health Assessment

The Stanly County Health Department is partnering with Stanly Regional Medical Center to conduct the 2015 Community Health Assessment. A public opinion survey is a key component of this assessment. Stanly County residents 15 and older are encouraged to complete this survey. It can be accessed at www.stanlycountync.gov through June 14, 2015. It will take 15 minutes or less to complete a survey.

Please let your voice be heard. Your opinion is very important. The results from the survey are used to assist in developing action plans to address priority community health concerns for the next three years. This information is, also, used by agencies and organizations to obtain grants. If you would like a program on the community health assessment to be presented to an organization, group, etc., please contact Debbie Bennett at 704-986-3016 to schedule one.

Graduate Information Needed for Graduate Recognition on Sunday, June 7. During worship on June 7, we will recognize First Presbyterian Church's high school graduates. If you have (or are) a family member graduating from high school, college, or graduate school in the spring of 2015, please contact the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org) as soon as possible.

**LEMONADE ON THE LAWN
SUNDAY, JUNE 7
FOLLOWING 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP**

**First Presbyterian Church
Spring Art Gallery Exhibit
presents**

Our Great State of North Carolina

Featuring Artwork from the Children of Central School

There will be no Cooking Camp this summer. We hope to get Jane Snyder back in the summer of 2016 for a return of this wonderful cooking experience.

**Banquet to Benefit Stanly County Adult Day Care
A Branch of Coltrane LIFE Center**

Thursday, June 4 at Stanly Regional Medical Center – Magnolia Room

Social 5:45 p.m.

Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Cost - \$50.00 per person

Enjoy wine, dinner, and entertainment!

RSVP by calling 704-788-1215 or see Debbie Bennett

Dress Code: Business Casual

TESTING PROCTORS NEEDED AT CENTRAL SCHOOL

EOG testing is set for May 27-June 11 at Central School. Proctors are desperately needed!!! If you can help, please contact Adeena East (adeena.east@stanlycountyschools.org) or Shelly Eudy (shelly.eudy@stanlycountyschools.org).

Summer Fridays

The church office will be closed on Fridays during June, July, and August beginning June 5. Office hours will be Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**New Church Website Address
& New Email Addresses**

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www.fpcalbemarle.org

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The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit

First Presbyterian Church
Music & Arts Camp
June 14-18, 2015



Children and adults will delight in the exciting story of David and Goliath, where the message of the story comes alive in a fresh, new way. There is plenty of humor in the musical comedy, *Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit*, by Allen Pote & Tom Long, with the timeless power of the message: *Our great God is worthy of trust, and His power is victorious if we trust Him with every challenge.* Music & Arts Camp promises to provide a fun-filled week of entertainment for the camper and volunteers!

FOR WHOM?

For you if you are age 4 (must turn 4 before June 30) or older - - all the way through completed 6th grade AND if you love to create, sing and have fun with others. Everyone is welcome.

WHAT WILL WE DO?

We'll sing and dance, create sets, play percussion instruments, study the Bible in new ways, act and play. It will be a full and exciting week.

WHEN WILL WE DO IT? It all begins on Sunday, June 14 at 2:00 p.m. ('til 5:00 p.m.). On June 15-18, these are the hours:

Ages 4-5	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Grades K-6 (completed)	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

WHAT ELSE?

Early Bird Registration Fee is only \$30.00 (by May 29).
Late Registration Fee is \$35.00 (after May 29).

Children who have completed grades K-6 should bring a lunch each day. Drinks will be provided.

**The camp's grand finale will be a performance of on Thursday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m.
(Ice Cream follows)**

Name _____ Age _____ & Grade Completed (as of June 10) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Parent's Name _____

Emergency Contact during hours of Music & Arts Camp _____

Food or other allergies _____

T Shirt Size: YX-Small (2-4) YSmall (6-8) YMedium(10-12) YLarge (14-16) YXLarge(18-20)

Adult S M L XL

Other things we should know about this child _____

Return registration form to:
First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578
126 West North Street
Albemarle, NC 28002

Questions? (704) 982-2722
or email Gina Martin
(gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org)

I STILL
PROCLAIM
YOUR
WONDROUS
DEEDS

The Bible

Psalm 71:17

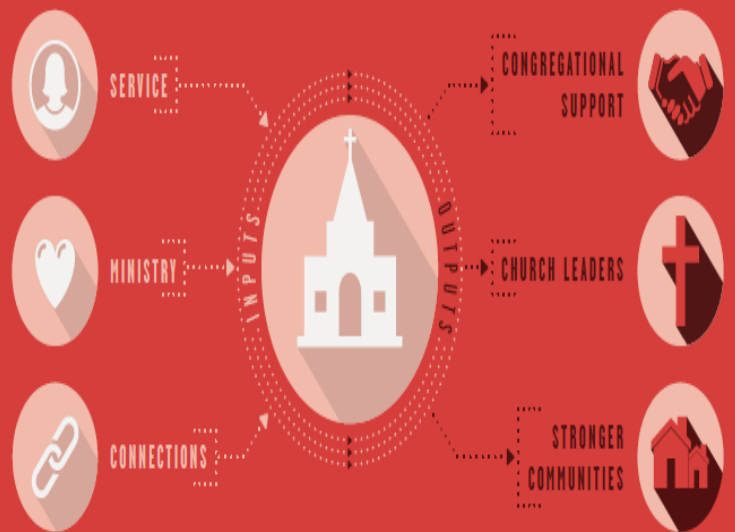


PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

GIVE TO THE PENTECOST OFFERING

BUILDING FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH THAT STAND THE TEST OF TIME

The Pentecost Offering supports a broad range of programs that work to nurture young people. It supports youth programs in your own community, creates opportunities for young adults to learn to serve others around the world, and helps build a foundation of faith. Research suggests that lifelong choices are formed based upon the belief systems and role models we experience early in life. This Offering provides opportunities for our young people to forge deep-rooted connections to God and to the church.



PROVIDING A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY FOR A BETTER TOMORROW.



HOW DOES YOUR GIFT HELP KEEP THE FAITH?

The Pentecost Offering helps create opportunities for young people to engage with their faith, developing them as lifelong congregants and future Christian leaders.

DID YOU KNOW?

1

The fastest-growing PC(USA) congregations report larger numbers of regularly participating youth¹

2

Young people who create personal relationships through the church are more likely to stay with their church into adulthood²

3

Religious worship for young people is correlated to many lifelong social benefits, from better grades in school to lower rates of divorce and substance abuse later in life³

4

Greater church attendance in adolescence leads to greater church attendance in adulthood⁴



SERVICE

FINDING A CALLING

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO SERVE, AND BE SERVED

- Volunteering in communities around the world
- Educating children at risk
- Supporting community efforts to benefit local youth



40% of the Pentecost Offering stays with your congregation to support local programs



MINISTRY

GROWING WITH GOD

LESSONS IN FAITH TO LAST A LIFETIME

- Learning the Gospel
- Connecting scripture and life
- Nurturing mind, body, and spirit



CONNECTIONS

STRENGTHENING TIES

COMMUNITIES OF FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

- Developing positive peer groups
- Building others up as Disciples of Jesus Christ
- Joining faith with action

YOUR GENEROUS GIFT SUPPORTS OUR FUTURE

A gift to the Pentecost Offering supports programs as diverse and unique as the young people they serve.

Programs with global reach:

Helping Young Adult Volunteers do great things with communities around the world.

Programs with local focus:

Supporting initiatives to benefit young people in your community.

Programs with sustained impact:

Teaching young people to grow with God, for a lifetime of faith.



THREE WAYS TO GIVE



Through your congregation



Text **YOUNG to 20222 to give \$10**



presbyterianmission.org/give/pentecost

Sources

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³ "The Benefits of Religious Worship Positive Outcomes Associated with Weekly Worship." marri Research. 14 Dec. 2011. Marriage and Religion Research Institute. Web. 12 Dec. 2014.

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 24

Pentecost

Pentecost Offering

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

No Children's Church

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 26

7:00 pm-8:30 pm Confirmation Class
(Session Room)

Wednesday, May 27

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:30 am *Pray & Play

7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Thursday, May 28

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Sunday, May 31

Trinity Sunday

Youth Sunday

Confirmation Class Recognition

The Sacrament of Baptism

No Children's Church

9:00 am Session, Confirmands, & Parents Breakfast

9:45 am *Sunday School

10:30 am-11:00 am First Fellowship (pit stop)

11:00 am *Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

26-Chris McLaurin

27-Gerald Poplin

28-Rebekah Ayscue

30-Jackson Lisk

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MAY

29-Lenny & Rose Saltzman

30-Al & Becky Andrew

Dan Samples & Martha Sue Hall

31-Aaron & Alison Whisnant

***childcare provided**

SCCM NEED FOR MAY:

TOILETRIES

Shampoo, Toothpaste, Soap, Deodorant, Personal Hygiene Items