



The Weekly Bulletin  
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**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Why It Matters

Duncan Bryson

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

PRELUDE

*Prelude on 'Old Hundredth Psalm Tune'*

Henry Purcell

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of God's salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

**People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; God is to be revered above all gods.**

**All: Come, let us worship God together.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN 14

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

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

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we give you thanks, for you have created us to live together in love and freedom with you, with one another, and with all creation. You have made us in your image and endowed us with gifts of reason, imagination, and will. You have created us in your image that your goodness may be reflected in our lives, but we have fallen short. Our relations with others are distorted and confused. Though we live with neighbors, we have ceased to live for them. Though we live with you, we have ceased to live for you. Although we recognize our distinctive human gifts, we have not used those gifts well. Our hearts have been set on self – not others, and certainly not on you, O God. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

\*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.*

### ANTHEM

*Patriotic Melodies*

The Poolos Family

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Faithful God, as we turn to your Word, we hear again your welcome. Let us listen with new ears so that we renew our commitment to love and serve you. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE AND SERMON

*The Wisdom of the Turtle*

Mrs. Ayscue  
Mr. Drumheller

### \*HYMN 20

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Royal Oak

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Larry Sitton

### 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 Anthem

*Aria*

Noel Rawsthorne

\*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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**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 338

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

Materna

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

*Allegro Maestoso from 'Water Music'*

George F. Handel

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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 Duncan Bryson.** 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 loving memory of Johnny Andrew by his family.

# IN MEMORIAM

Rebecca (Becky) Wright Carter  
September 22, 1939 – June 30, 2015

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**Ushers:** John Howell, captain; Al Andrew, Jay Andrew, Brad Boone, Lee Boone, Kalyn Caudle, Bill Hall, Robin Howell, Adam Jolly, Greg Lsik, Ben McLeod, Isabel McLeod, Barbara McManus, and Joe Snuggs  
**Elder Greeters:** Jim Carter; Ruth Cotton **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Cici Ly **Preschool Partners:** Taylor & Dustin Jolly **Nana & Papa Team:** Debby Johnston; Joyce Lambert **No Children's Church**

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** The family of Becky Carter, Randall Kimrey (father of Bryce Kimrey; receiving chemo treatment prior to bone marrow transplant on July 8), Charles Miller (battling cancer; husband of Marion Andrew Miller); Anita Gower, Miriam Williams (grandmother of Michelle Cumming), Bailey Holshouser, Karen Niebler (mother of Jill Niebler; at home following liver transplant), Rita Whitley, Barbara McManus, David Sanges (brother of Nathan Sanges). **See newsletter for complete list.**

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## Endowment Committee Grants

The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until **July 15**. Applications are available in the church office. If you have questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)). If you have questions about the application process, please contact Kim Marshall. Endowment Committee members include: Kim Marshall, chair; Debbie Bennett, Bob Gaither, Ronnie Michael, Shannon Newport, and Sandy Saunders. Elizabeth Ayscue, and Lee McLaurin (treasurer) are ex-officio members of the committee.

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## Our Living Legacy

Demolition has begun in the kitchen. Take a peek following worship. Pledges are still being received to cover costs related to the work in the kitchen, replacement of the metal steps leading to the parking lot, and other projects. For additional information or a pledge card, contact Mark Mabry (704-982-2149 or [mabryins@vnet.net](mailto:mabryins@vnet.net)), chair of the *Our Living Legacy* Campaign Committee.

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**Shortbread Bakers Needed...** Shortbread bakers are needed for Scottish Communion on July 19. If you can help by making a batch, sign-up on the bulletin board in the pit stop or contact Jane Boone (704-984-6353 or [jane.boone@stanly.org](mailto:jane.boone@stanly.org)).

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**A Prayer Wall has been added to the church in the basement outside the chapel.** This is a visual reminder for all to **write** about their needs and concerns and to pray for others. You are encouraged to add praise notes as well; for who God is, what God has done, and how God has answered our prayers. Take a moment soon to sit by the **Prayer Wall** in quiet meditation and prayer.



**Thanks to Ollie Henkenjohann for his artwork based on the book  
*Old Turtle*.**

**Text by Douglas Wood  
Watercolors by Cheng-Kee Chee**

# SANCTUARY CIRCLE THE

The summer months at SCCM find the food pantry quite bare. Children are home from school and we don't want any of them to go hungry. So, once again, the Mission Committee is asking you to help by bringing the requested food items and placing them in the appropriate places around the perimeter of the sanctuary.

**The collection will take place on July 12, 19, & 26.**

**Let's make this the biggest collection ever!**

**Food item categories are:**

- **canned meat**
- **canned fruit**
- **macaroni and cheese/pastas**
- **cereal, grits, oatmeal**
- **spaghetti sauce and noodles**
- **canned vegetables**

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## The 2015 Nominating Committee

welcomes your suggestions of persons to be considered for service  
as Deacon or Ruling Elder.

In thinking of folks who may be qualified to serve, please consider the following:

- Worship attendance
- Participation in church activities
- Service rendered to the church
- Christian living in daily life
- Ability to work cooperatively with others

Suggestions for Deacon

Suggestions for Ruling Elder

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Please return suggestions to the church office or to Tom Norwood, Nominating Committee Chair, by July 6. Other members of the Congregational Nominating Committee are: Al Andrew, Virginia Currie, Bob Johnston, Anne Montgomery, Jim Sawyer, and Joe Snuggs.

### **Mission Trip to Mwandi, Zambia**

The Mwandi, Zambia mission trip participants will depart on July 31 and, after a long flight, will arrive late in the evening on August 1. While there, they will participate and serve in a number of areas. A priority will be to visit the surrounding bush villages to assess the clean water needs of the people. Participants from First Presbyterian are Rich and Janet Schaefer, Richard and Joyce Lambert, Andy Cotton, and Matt Drumheller. We will be joined in Mwandi by Kathy and Winston Faust from Pearisburg Presbyterian Church, Pearisburg, VA. Kathy and Winston have been a part of our Mwandi group since our first trip in 2008.

We can all participate in their trip by providing any of the following needed items:

Gloves for doctors and nurses

Gauze

Cotton Balls

Thermometers

Materials are needed for a new *special needs* class. Students range in grades 1 through 6. Books for pupils with intellectual disabilities:

Math

Pre-vocational

Skills for daily living

Literacy and Language

#### Other supplies include:

Crayons, Rulers, Colored Pencils, Play dough, Scissors

Stickers (keep in mind that fairy tale type stickers and books are not appropriate) Story books, Markers, Balls (soft), Paint & Paint brushes, Soccer Balls

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#### **Wish List Montaña de Luz**

Skeet Ayscue, Cherry Ayscue, and Virginia Currie are departing July 22 for Montana de Luz, Honduras. Please note that the mission team can only take 3 large tubs of supplies on the trip, so no need to purchase a lot of one thing. Below is a list of items needed for the people of that community:

#### **Hygiene Items (Family Size)**

Soap & Body Wash, Shampoo & Conditioner, Deodorant-male & female, Moisturizing lotion, Razors, Shaving cream/gel, Feminine Pads, Hair gel, Hairbands, Hair clips-girls, Hand sanitizer, Sunscreen (SPF 30 or higher), Toothpaste (NO toothbrushes needed), Shoe polish

#### **Pharmacy/Medical Supplies**

MULTIVITAMINS-Children and Adult, Vitamin C, Antacids:1-Tums,  
2: PeptoBismol/Mylanta/Maalox liquid, ACE Bandages-All sizes,  
Lice Shampoo kits, Metal Lice Combs

#### **General/Office Needs**

USB Memory Sticks (any size/recycled is fine), Printer Ink HP 60  
Needles for Ball/Bicycle Pump, Laptops in good condition/cleaned,  
Staplers

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, July 5

*Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering*

10:00 am \*Worship

### Monday, July 6

8:30 am SNL Monday Morning Mission

### Wednesday, July 8

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

### Thursday, July 9

10:00 am Staff Meeting

### Friday, July 10

*Church Office Closed – Summer Friday*

### Sunday, July 12

*Circle the Sanctuary*

*Lemonade on the Lawn*

10:00 am \*Worship

11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn

11:00 am Adult Education Taskforce

**\*childcare provided**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

#### JULY

05-Rodney Morgan

07-Barbara Lindley

Stella Marks

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

#### JULY

10-Don & Janice Abernathy

11-Bryson & Michelle Osborne

### SCCM NEED FOR JULY:

Macaroni & Cheese, Rice, & Pasta

### Summer Fridays

The church office is closed on Fridays through August.

### First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery presents

#### the Summer Art Exhibit

#### Featured Artist, Joyce Lambert

A collection of oil paintings by Joyce Lambert, a member of this congregation, are exhibited in the First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery. This exhibit features wildlife, the Mwandji Village, several portraits, and landscapes. We appreciate Joyce sharing her art work with us.

### ATTENTION VEGETABLE GARDENERS!!!

As you tend your summer vegetable garden, please remember to plant a little extra so that you can share some of the fruits of your labors with members of our congregation as well as the clients at the Stanly Community Christian Ministry. Bring your harvest to the table in the pit stop on Sunday mornings so that folks can have an opportunity to make a purchase. The donations will be sent to SCCM. Whatever vegetables remain will be transported to the SCCM food pantry.