



**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.*

PRELUDE

*Prélude modale*

Jean Langlais

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isabel McLeod

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, say to the Lord;

**People: My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust.**

Leader: For he will deliver you, under his wings you will find refuge.

**People: My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust.**

\*CHORAL INTROIT

*O Be Joyful in the Lord*

Donald Moore

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN 630

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Crusaders' Hymn

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

**Unison**

**God of grace, we confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor, we ignore cries for justice, we do not strive for peace. Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin and baptize us once again with your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Believe the good news,

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

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS



Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the Son, — whose grace has  
par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, — whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A-men.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN**

Mr. Drumheller

*Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the children's sermon, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.*

**ANTHEM**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Eric H. Thiman

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light, inaccessible, hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, Victorious, Thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy Justice like mountains high soaring above,  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all, live Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish but nought changeth Thee.*

*Great Father of Glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render; O help us to see,  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee. Amen.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Holy God, whose voice is heard in the thunder and in the silence, speak to us now, by the power of your Spirit, that we may hear your word for us today. Amen.**

**GOSPEL READING**

[Luke 16:19-31](#)

Pew Bible, page 75

**SERMON**

*A Chasm*

Mr. Drumheller

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Belhar Confession*

**We believe that unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another, that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another, that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind, have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, and are obedient to one Lord, Amen.**

\*HYMN 708

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

Schumann

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

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

*Cantilena*

Robert Lau

\*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 766

*The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

McKee

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Peace, God’s Wonderful Peace*

William M. Runyan

\*POSTLUDE

*Toccata in Seven*

John Rutter

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\*All that are able may stand.

**We rejoice that you are worshipping 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 Andy McLeod.** After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

**Thanks to Isabel McLeod** for serving as liturgist today.

**Ushers:** Wes Eudy, captain; Steve Cumming, Angie Earnhardt, Don Joines, Nancy Joines, Greg Lisk, and Ronnie Michael **Elder Greeters:** Martha Sue Hall; Marshall Rogers **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Cora Harrison **Preschool Partners:** Melissa & Wes Eudy **Nana & Papa Team:** Teresa Taylor; Shirley

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** The family of Dr. Arthur Fort (brother of Dr. Davis Fort), Elizabeth Howard (cousin of Mary Kesselman; health concerns), Mike Dearstyne (brother of Holly Norwood, Peripheral Neuropathy), Katie & Roy Dearstyne (parents of Holly Norwood), Barbara Sprague (mother of Kassie Taylor; recovering from a stroke), Heather Kilde, Carolyn Sharpe, Cam Rogers, Anne Montgomery (auto-immunue disease), Jim Hesley. **See newsletter for complete list.**

**Please pray for the participants** of the women’s retreat and Elizabeth as they conclude their week-end in Montreat this morning.

**First Family Gathering on Wednesday, October 5  
Evening Prayer in the Chapel at 5:45 p.m.  
Dinner in the Gym at 6:00 p.m.**

**Menu:**

**Chicken, Mashed Potato Bar,  
(cheese, butter, sour cream, chives, ham, bacon, gravy), Green Beans, Autumn Mixed Green Salad, Rolls,  
Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts, Tea, Lemonade, & Coffee**

**Contact the church office (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org))  
by noon on Tuesday, October 4 to say you are coming!**

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**Volunteers Needed for First Family Gathering**

Dessert Crew: Tuesday, October 4 at 10:00 a.m.  
Salad & Potato Crew: Wednesday, October 5 at 10:30 a.m.  
Set-up Crew: Wednesday, October 5 at 3:45 p.m.  
Final Touches Crew: Wednesday, October 5 at 5:00 p.m.  
Clean-up Crew: Wednesday, October 5 at 6:45 p.m.

Please call Jane Snyder at the church (704-982-2722) or on her phone (704-438-3358) if you would like to help.

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**Pickleball in the Church Gym**

**Watch & Learn**

**Wednesday, September 28 and Friday, September 30  
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**

Questions? Contact Keith & Martha Wolf (704-983-3505 or [mywolfmail@gmail.com](mailto:mywolfmail@gmail.com)).



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**World Communion Sunday**

**October 2 at 9:15 a.m. at Courthouse Square Park**

On World Communion Sunday (October 2), Albemarle's downtown churches will demonstrate our unity in Christ by worshipping together. We will gather at 9:15 a.m. at Courthouse Square Park for a brief service of song and sacrament. Families are encouraged to participate in this morning together before Sunday School.

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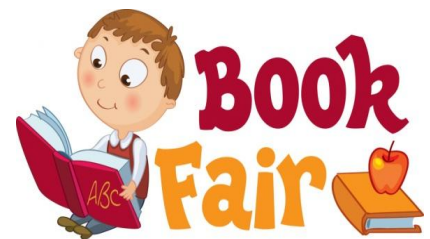
**Circle 5 will meet with Joyce Lambert (750 Pee Dee Ave., Albemarle) on October 3 at 7:00 p.m.** We will begin a new study, *Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*. Author Judy Yates Siker invites us to join her on a journey to expand our understanding of who Jesus was and is- a journey of our hearts and minds, a journey that we will take together. Each of the studies nine lessons explores the question *Who Is Jesus?* Through a particular theological lens, for example, each of the Gospel writers, Paul, the Hebrews, and finally the reader's own perspective.

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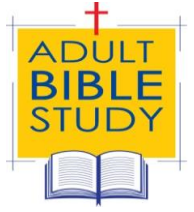
**Volunteers Needed for Central School Book Fair**

**October 3-7**

The Central School Book Fair is Monday, October 3 through Friday, October 7. If you can help out, please call or email Carroll Sitton at [carrollsitton@rtmc.net](mailto:carrollsitton@rtmc.net) or 336-461-5158 or sign-up on the Mission bulletin board.



**Adult Bible Study**  
**Tuesday Mornings in the Old Session Room**  
**Beginning October 4 from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**



We'll explore prayer in the Scriptures by focusing on particular prayers and Jesus' teaching on prayer. We'll also practice a variety of prayer forms.

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**SCCM's CARING and SHARING CAMPAIGN**

Proceeds from the Caring & Sharing Cups will be used to purchase food and supplies for the Community Tables and Food Pantry and will provide assistance with client needs. **Please return your yellow cup on Sunday, October 2.**

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**Lectionary-Based Bible Study**  
**Mondays...8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m**

**Location: Off the Square (114 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Albemarle)**

Matt is hosting a weekly Bible study this fall on Monday evenings from 8:00 – 9:00 pm at Off the Square. Anyone is welcome to join Matt for this lectionary-based study.

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**In preparation for World Communion Sunday on October 2, we are in need of the following –**

- People who are willing and able to speak a few sentences in a language other than English
- Items from around the world which can be displayed during worship. Clothing, jewelry, household items, toys, & decorative pieces are all appropriate. Questions? Contact Matt (704-982-2722 or [mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)).

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**!!!SIGN-UP NOW FOR MANTREAT AT MONTREAT!!!**

Our next men's retreat will take place in the spring of 2017 at Montreat, NC. This is a conference aimed specifically at men. It will be a time for worship, relaxation, and community in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina. The conference will take place April 21-23. Please sign up with a \$100.00 deposit by October 1. Details? Contact Matt Drumheller ([mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)).

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**Louisiana Flood Relief Mission Trip**

Rebuilding efforts are in full swing in the parts of Louisiana which were devastated by spring and summer flooding. Our congregation has been invited to join with Central United Methodist Church and others in a trip to participate in rebuilding.

Here are the details:

Dates: October 30-November 4

Destination: Monroe, LA; housing will be in a local church

Mode of Transportation: Vans & Cars

Work to be Done: Specific projects will depend on the skills of participants, but may include framing, painting, installation of drywall and flooring, electrical and/or plumbing

Cost: Dependent on the number of participants; most likely between \$250-\$300 per person which will include food, housing, & transportation

Questions? Contact Thomas Hahn at 704-985-0403

## **OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

### **Sunday, September 25**

*Women's Retreat at William Black Lodge (Montreat, NC)*

*SCCM Caring & Sharing Campaign*

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm-2:00 pm Communion Workshop

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Connection

### **Monday, September 26**

*Church Office will close at 4:00 p.m.*

7:00 pm Fall Book Study (parlor)

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

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

### **Tuesday, September 27**

*Church Office will close at 4:00 p.m.*

### **Wednesday, September 28**

*Church Office will close at 5:00 p.m.*

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

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

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)

7:00 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, September 29**

*Church Office will close at 4:00 p.m.*

9:30 am \*Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

### **Friday, September 30**

*Church Office Closed*

7:00 pm Youth Connection Lock-in (gym)

### **Sunday, October 2**

*World Communion Sunday*

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

*Ten-Cents-A-Meal*

*Returning of Caring & Sharing Cups for SCCM*

9:15 am World Communion Observance at Courthouse Square Park

9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)

12:00 pm SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)

**\*childcare provided**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

25-Kristie Bryson

27-Carter Gibson

Caroline West

28-Ruth Goforth

29-Al Taylor

30-Mary Grace Caudle

Hannah Martin

Jordan Morgan

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

26-Joe & Ann Snuggs

27-John & Jessica Palmer

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

#### **OCTOBER**

01-Graham Chapman

Eston West

02-Joan Boling

Emily Domenech

### **SCCM NEED FOR**

#### **SEPTEMBER:**

**Boxed & Canned Pasta Meals**

### **SCCM NEED FOR**

#### **OCTOBER:**

**Paper & Cleaning Products**

**(toilet tissue, facial tissue,**

**paper towels, cleaning**

**supplies)**

## **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FALL PRIMETIMERS LUNCHEON**

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT NOON IN THE PIT STOP**

The menu will include barbecue, slaw, pasta salad, fruit salad, rolls, tea and dessert.

Matt Drumheller will speak on his trip to the Middle East. Please RSVP to Kyle (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)) in the church office by Monday, October 10 if you plan to attend.