



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 SONGS

Hymn 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

stanzas 1 and 2

Hymn 472

Kum ba Yah

stanzas 1, 2, and 4

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord! I thank the Lord with all my heart in the company of those who do right, in the congregation of God's people.

People: How amazing are the works of our God! They are treasured by all who love and serve him.

Leader: Everything God does reveals glory and majesty. God's righteousness never fails.

People: Who can forget the wonders God performs? How gracious and merciful is our God!

All: Let us worship God together.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the power of your word and to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

Italian Hymn

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

God of grace, we bring to your our ingratitude for all that you have done for us; our impatience when prayers seem to be ignored; our selfishness when prompted to give or share; our unfaithfulness when wandering from your way. We ask for your forgiveness, through Jesus Christ who gave all, that we might learn to do likewise.

*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

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Mr. Drumheller

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

ANTHEM

Ann Crutchfield, Soprano

Soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, reveal yourself to us in your Word. Holy Spirit, move in our midst and open our hearts. Jesus Christ, teach us to live and love as your disciples. Amen.

A WORD FROM HAGGAI

David Kilde

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Haggai 1:15-2:9](#)

Pew Bible, page 827

SERMON

Take Courage

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Heidelberg Catechism*

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.

*HYMN 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

During the hymn, ushers will collect your written prayers to be included in the Prayers of the People.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mr. Drumheller

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

*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 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*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 Leah Kilde. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thanks to David Kilde for his portrayal of the prophet Haggai and to Ann Crutchfield for sharing her musical talent with us this morning.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the first wedding anniversary of Murphy and Valerie Hall by Martha Sue, Dan, and Bill.

The prophet for August 20 is Zechariah. Take some time to read this two chapter book of the Old Testament in preparation for worship next week.

Ushers: Jim Hesley, captain; Duncan Bryson, Keith Bryson, Banks Garrison, Sandy Saunders, Harold Sharpe
Outside Ushers: Greg Lisk; Bill Pickler **Elder Greeters:** Keith Bryson, Ellen Snyder **Nursery:** Samantha Wangler **Toddler Room:** Emily Andrew **Preschool Partner:** Heather Kilde **Nana & Papa Team:** Mary & Frank Green

There is no Children's Church in August. School-aged children are encouraged to remain in worship.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Don Joines, Elizabeth Knight (daughter of Ken Knight; thyroid cancer), Marlene Sanges (undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer). **See newsletter for complete list.**

We are in need of a couple of part-time childcare providers. If you can recommend someone (reliable, kind, good with children, 18 years of age or older) who may be interested in working a few hours per week (Sundays and other times), please contact Kyle (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOSTS THE ANNUAL
CENTRAL SCHOOL FACULTY & STAFF LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16 AT 11:30 A.M.**

On August 16, First Presbyterian Church will host a back-to-school luncheon for faculty and staff of Central Elementary School. We are planning a menu for 90-100 people. If you can help with preparation/serving/clean-up, sign-up on the Mission bulletin board.



**Summer Vespers & Homemade Ice Cream
7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 20 at the home of
Connie Wallace & Ken Knight (45118 Byrd Rd., Albemarle)**

We'll gather for summer vespers and ice cream. If you can bring ice cream, let us know (704-982-2722). We will sing, pray, and read scripture together.



Join us for a

Reception & Celebration of Ministry

**to honor Gina Martin for her ten-year tenure as the
Director of Christian Education of First Presbyterian Church.**

Sunday, August 27 in the Pit Stop and Parlor. Light Refreshments will be served.

Would You Like To Be A Silent Partner?



First Presbyterian Church has 19 students who will be in college for the 2017-2018 school year. We will need 19 people to serve as a Silent Partner to these college students. The Silent Partner remains anonymous to the student but maintains contact by sending cards, and/or small packages of helpful college items such as favorite snacks, small school supplies, or gift cards for fast food or coffee, etc. More details are available from Janet Schaefer (336-461-3422 or janet.schaefer@gmail.com). Contact the church office at 704-982-2722 if you would like to be a Silent Partner.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE COMMUNITY INN
BBQ FUNDRAISER

The Community Inn will have a BBQ fundraiser on Friday, August 25 at West Albemarle Baptist Church (336 Church Street, Albemarle). Can you help in one or more of these areas? Sign-up on the Mission bulletin board.

- Make a pound cake (un-iced & delivered to West Albemarle Baptist Church).
- Set-up and/or Clean-up.
- Assemble Take Out Orders.
- Assist with the Meal.
- Be a Delivery Driver.

Contact Skeet Ayscue at Homes of Hope (704-982-3634).



Labor Day Worship at the YMCA Park
Sunday, September 4 at 9:00 a.m.

We'll worship together at the YMCA park and revel in the sights and sounds of God's good creation. Following worship, the Fellowship Committee will provide light breakfast refreshments. Worship will focus on the places we've seen and/or experienced the work of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit during the summer.

COMMUNITY INN FUNDRAISER

A Homes of Hope Program

Stanly County's homeless housing program since 2005

GOOD OLE' BOYS BBQ!

Friday, August 25 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

West Albemarle Baptist Church Family Life Center

336 Church Street, Albemarle

-Purchase tickets before August 25th for best price!

BBQ Plate – BBQ, slaw, chips, bread, dessert - \$8

BBQ Pound container - \$8

BBQ Tray 6½ lbs. - \$48 (½ pound free)

***Day of BBQ Prices*: BBQ plate or pound - \$10; BBQ Tray - \$55**

Drive-thru * Delivery * Dine-in

Will deliver within Stanly County with minimum order of 5 plates.

Checks made payable to: *The Community Inn*

Call or text 704-985-8798 with orders or questions

The Personnel Committee is actively seeking new leadership for our Christian Education program. If you know of anyone who may be interested in working with our children and volunteers in providing innovative educational programming, please contact any member of the Personnel Committee by **August 20.**

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CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST

The 2017-18 school year is drawing near and school supplies are in the retail stores ready for purchase. Please take the list below and begin shopping for much needed supplies for our partner school, Central Elementary. A designated bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Uniform shirts for youth are \$10.00 (these are plain polo shirts).

Donations for 1 or more shirts would be greatly appreciated.

Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and in the memo put:

CES uniform donation

Your donations are needed in the pit stop by Sunday, August 13.

If you shop at OfficeMax/OfficeDepot, Central Elementary School will receive 5% back. At checkout, present ID number 70060235.

Student Supplies

Pencil Box	3 Subject Notebook Hard Plastic Cover	Glue Sticks	Highlighters
Zipper Pouch Pencil Holder	Hard Cover Composition Books	Post-It Notes	3-prong folders
#2 Pencils	1 Subject Spiral Notebook	Elmer's Glue	2 pocket folders
Lead Pencils	Wide-Ruled Notebook Paper	Scissors	Headphones
Pencil Sharpener	Expo Dry Erase Markers/Erasers	Earbuds	
24 pack Crayola	Colored Pencils Pencil Erasers	Small Index Cards	
24 pack Crayola Crayons	Spiral Notebooks with pockets	Pink Block Erasers	

Classroom Supplies Needed Include:

Kleenex	Hand Sanitizer	Ziploc Bags (Sandwich/Gallon)
Anti-Bacterial Wipes	Band-Aids	Paper Towels



The Power of Story

**First Presbyterian Church Women's Retreat
September 22-24 in Montreat, North Carolina**

Join women from First Presbyterian Church and their friends for this week-end of study, worship, fellowship, and relaxation. We will gather in Montreat at the William Black Lodge. Cost for the week-end is: \$241.00 (single room occupancy)
\$183.00 (double room occupancy)

Contact Elizabeth (eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) for scholarship assistance. **Deposits of \$75.00 must be received by August 28.**

GRANDPARENT'S DAY FLOWERS

On Grandparent's Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of grandparents. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.** Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Grandparent's Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Grandparent's Day, September 10.** Any money collected over the cost of the flowers will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.



GRANDPARENT'S DAY FLOWERS

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

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 13

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 10:00 am *Worship
- 7:00 pm *Session

Monday, August 14

- 4:00 pm Rally Day Planning Meeting

Tuesday, August 15

- 9:00 am Staff Retreat
- 7:00 pm Stewardship Committee

Wednesday, August 16

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 11:30 am Back to School Luncheon for staff/teachers of Central School
- 5:30 pm-8:30 pm Summer Study for Adults

Thursday, August 17

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, August 18

Church Office Closed

Saturday, August 19

- 9:30 am Presbytery Meeting at Bethpage Presbyterian Church
(6020 Mooresville Rd., Kannapolis)

Sunday, August 20

- 10:00 am *Worship
- 7:00 pm Summer Vespers & Homemade Ice Cream at the home of Connie Wallace & Ken Knight
(45118 Byrd Rd., Albemarle)

*childcare provided

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! AUGUST

- 13-Dan Samples
- 14-Salem Taylor
- 15-Sheryl Stewart
- 16-Kimbal Chapman
Elaine Coats
- 18-Sarah Michael
Brett Richards
- 19-Mark Andrew
Don Joines
- 20-Jack Boling
Doris Forte
Frankie Palmer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! AUGUST

- 13-Tommy & Judy Murrell
- 17-Roger & Gina Martin
- 18-Norman & Peggy Rogers
Lee & Billie Jean Snuggs
- 20-Chris & Anissa Chapman

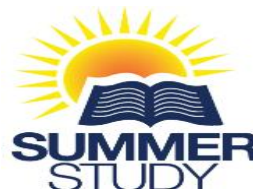
SCCM CHALLENGE AUGUST:

Staple Items
Flour, Sugar, Vegetable Oil, Cooking Spray, Broth

First Presbyterian Church
Summer Art Gallery Exhibit is
Theme: *Creativity...No Age Limit*

Gardening for SCCM

Bring extra garden produce to the Pit Stop on Sunday mornings. All donations and extra produce will be donated to SCCM.



SUMMER STUDY FOR ADULTS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16 FROM 5:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M.

We will gather to consider some of the theological concepts which define us as Christians and as Presbyterians. Call the church office (704-982-2722) to sign-up. A light dinner will be provided.