



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Only God can give us a selfless love for others, as the Holy Spirit changes us from within. Will others see Christ's love in your life today?

Billy Graham
(1918-2008)

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONGS

Hymn 837 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* stanzas 1 and 2
Hymn 744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* all stanzas

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our hearts are glad, and our souls rejoice; our bodies dwell secure.

You show us the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy, in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Based on
Psalm 16 and
Psalm 150

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of life, when it was evening on the day of resurrection, your Son came to his disciples, and they received the Spirit: Give us grace to know the risen Christ and show by our lives the joy of his presence. Breathe on us and fill us with your Spirit; strengthen us in love that we may proclaim our Lord and our God.

Amen.

*HYMN 239

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! Gelobt sei Gott

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Just and faithful God, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. We know your love alone lights up the night, and yet we are caught in the glare of distractions; we fail to listen to those who saw Jesus and believed; we do not live together in unity and love for one another. Forgive and cleanse us; keep your word in us for the sake of Jesus.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

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

Barbara McManus

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

ANTHEM

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Malcolm Archer

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Mortals give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys to death and hell are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Mortals give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We do not ask, holy Jesus, to touch or see your wounds but that you come to us in our fear and let us hear the words of those who saw you and believed. You blessed those who have not seen but yet believed: Bless us now and take away our doubt. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

[John 20:19-31](#)

Pew Bible, page 108

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Peace Be With You

Mrs. Ayscue

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN 460

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Bread of Life

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Mr. Drumheller

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

With gratitude for the Word of Life, let us offer our lives and gifts to God.

Offertory *Christ Has Broken the Bonds of Death* Georg Philip Telemann

*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 233

The Day of Resurrection

Lancashire

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

*POSTLUDE

Christ Has Broken The Bonds of Death

Johann Sebastian Bach

*All who 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 Grant Lisk. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Ushers: Jim Marshall, captain; Duncan Bryson, Elizabeth Bryson, Keith Bryson, Lachlann Currie, Kyle Marks, Laura Beth Marks, Mark Mabry, Mike McLeod, Chris Whitley
Outside Ushers: Brad Boone; John Earnhardt **Elder Greeters:** Jim Marshall; Sarah Michael **Nursery:** TBD **Preschool Partners:** Leah Beamon; Heather Deese **Nana & Papa Team:** Mary & Frank Green **Children’s Church:** Michelle Cumming

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Pete Whitley (father of David Whitley), Michelle Honeycutt Cole (stage 2 Hodgkins Lymphoma; friend of Katie Carpenter), Diane Marks (diagnosed with breast cancer; mother of Kyle Marks). **See newsletter for complete list.**

The Mission Committee will hold a mini-retreat following worship today in the pit stop.

Session has called a congregational meeting following worship on April 22. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee. At that time, they will nominate Jeff Robertson to fill a term on the Diaconate in the class of 2020. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Before placing a name in nomination, please determine that person’s willingness to serve.

From the Scholarship Committee...Scholarship applications are available on the counter in the church office. **The deadline to return completed applications is Monday, April 9.** If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2018 are: Lee McLaurin, Chair; Al Andrew, Heather Deese, and Taylor Johnston.



Youth Sunday

Our youth will lead worship for us on April 15. They will lead us in prayer, music, and worship of God. Our two seniors, Adam Jolly and Isabel McLeod, will reflect on God's Word. It promises to be a wonderful day of worship, so plan to join us.



Bread Bakers Needed

Bread bakers (and shoppers) are needed for the April 29 bread sale to be held on Letter Writing Sunday. If you bake quick bread, sourdough, or yeast breads, call Ann Duckwall (704-983-3498) to tell her how you can help. Donations from the sale will be given to SCCM.

Mugs, Mingling, & Muffins

Beginning Tuesday, April 17 at 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

Come join Jane for a mug of coffee, some fun mingling, and making muffins!

You choose in what way you would like to participate:

1. Bake muffins on Tuesday, April 17 at 9:30 a.m.

or

2. Bake & Take the muffins to those in our church and community.

or

3. Deliver the muffins to those in our church and community.

Contact Jane Snyder (704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) to say you want to participate.



BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Question: Why is Bread for the World focusing on the budget again this year?

Answer: **The biggest threat to people struggling with hunger and poverty continues to be large budget cuts. The federal budget is the investment of our tax dollars and should reflect our nation's priorities and values our values. In 2018, Congress will again target vital domestic and international anti-hunger and anti-poverty programs for deep cuts.**

breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.



Join Matt and Elizabeth on April 22, for lunch and conversation for those who have been worshipping at First Presbyterian Church and would like to know more about the mission and ministries of the church. Call or email to let us know you're coming (eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org or mrdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722).



Movie Night

Friday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Gym

*Bring the entire family out to enjoy a movie with friends, popcorn, candy & drinks...

*Bring a chair or blanket and plan to relax and laugh out loud!!!



STANLY COUNTY YOUTH BREAKFAST

A Stanly County Tradition Since 1967

Churches from across the county join together to host a week-long breakfast event for Middle and High School Youth. Join us each morning to celebrate God's love, meet new friends and enjoy a great breakfast!

April 16-20, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church,
126 W. North Street, Albemarle

6:30 – 7:15 am, Transportation to school provided

ROUND TRIP TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED DAILY FROM
WEST STANLY HIGH SCHOOL AND SOUTH STANLY HIGH SCHOOL
AT 6AM .

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 8

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee Mini-Retreat (Pit Stop/Kitchen)
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, April 9

Deadline for Scholarship Applications

- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's
- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square

Wednesday, April 11

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play
- 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, April 12

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, April 13

- 6:30 pm Movie Night in the Gym – *COCO*

Saturday, April 14

- 9:00 am-1:00 pm Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Recycling Collection at the Stanly County Agri-Civic Center (Rear Parking Lot)

Sunday, April 15

Youth Sunday/Youth Club Orff Ensemble Plays

- 8:00 am Session
- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch (Media Room)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Informational Gathering for Worship Visitors & Friends
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

- 08-Joyce Lambert
- 09-Ashley Maust
- 10-Murphy Hall
Holden Taylor
- 11-Marlene Mittendorf
- 12-Laura Blalock
Jake Davis
Holly Norwood
- 14-Anissa Chapman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

APRIL

- 13-Gus & Nancy Feather

SCCM CHALLENGE

APRIL

Toiletries & Household Items:
Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant,
Toothpaste, Laundry Detergent,
Bar Soap, Feminine Hygiene

Backpack Food Program

UPDATED LIST OF DONATIONS NEEDED:

Breakfast Cookies
Individual Bags of Goldfish
Large Cans of Soup
Canned Tuna
Saltine Crackers
A bin in the pit stop
will receive your donation.

ATTENTION

Please visit the...
First Presbyterian Church
Spring Art Gallery Exhibit
Featuring
The Artwork of
Central School Students