



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Everybody who believes has been witnessed to in some way, perhaps by a parent or grandparent, the care of a teacher, maybe even by the earthen foolishness of a poring preacher. Think about who witnessed to you. Go and do likewise.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONGS

Hymn 623	<i>I've Got Peace like a River</i>	all stanzas
Hymn 634	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	all stanzas

CHURCH CORRESPONDENCE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hymn 390	<i>Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!</i>	Louez le Seigneur
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***PRAYER OF THE DAY 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.

***HYMN 309**

<i>Come, Great God of All the Ages</i>	Abbot's Leigh
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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

Unison

God, you have called us to live lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. But we confess to you and each other that we have not always spoken the truth in love; we have not always made every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Forgive us and, by your grace, help us to grow in every way into him who is our head, Jesus Christ.

***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.

From
Crazy Talk...A Not-So-Stuffy Dictionary of Theological Terms
by Rolf A. Jacobson, Editor.

Throughout this sermon series, we will listen in on conversations between *modern Christians* and *early Christians* as they explore faith in the church.

Glory to God
hymnal
page 582

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The congregation is encouraged to participate in the prayer with the children.

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Penny Morton

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

SOLO

This Little Light of Mine

Dr. Ann Crutchfield, Soprano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come Holy Spirit, our helper and advocate: Open our hearts and minds this day. Speak to us with a word of life – a message that we may share with others as we seek to live Christ's love in the world. All this we ask in the name of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us. Amen.

Sermons are posted to the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org). You can usually find the previous Sunday's sermon by Wednesday.

A WORD FROM THE STORYTELLER

Barbara McManus

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Acts 4:13-22](#)

Pew Bible, page 113

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Witness

Mrs. Ayscue

From
A Declaration of Faith.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God sends us to tell all nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith, and obedience. We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death. We are to offer them, in Christ's name, fullness of life now and forever. We must not distort the gospel by weakening its promises or demands, by identifying it with oppressive structures, by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ. We must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves. We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers. We urge them to join us in telling others the good news and in struggling for justice, compassion, and peace. Amen.

*HYMN 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

God spreads a table of blessings before us.

Let us express our gratitude by giving a portion of what has been given to us.

Offertory

Offertory on 'Terra Beata

Dale Wood

*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 congregational response throughout the prayer is *Merciful God, hear our prayer.*

My Offering cards are in the pews. As a regular practice, you are invited to take one, reflect on your giving, and place it in the offering plate when it comes to you.

*HYMN 462

I Love to Tell the Story

Hankey

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Toccata

Johann Pachelbel

*All who are able may stand.

Worship continues with fellowship in the Pit Stop. Join others for lemonade and conversation.

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 Elizabeth Bryson. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

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

Thanks to Derreck Huneycutt and Leah Kilde for their role as letter writers in worship this morning.

Thanks to Dr. Ann Crutchfield for her musical leadership in worship today.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Johnny Andrew by Mildred Andrew and family.

Ushers: Brett Richards, captain; Jim Hesley, Judy Kilgore, Grace Richards, Danny Saltzman, and Rose Saltzman **Outside Ushers:** John Howell; Tom Norwood **Elder Greeters:** Keith Bryson; Taylor Johnston **Nursery:** Grayson Harris **Preschool Partners:** Laura Beth & Kyle Marks **Nana & Papa Team:** Sara & Ronnie Michael

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Junior Lambert (uncle of Danny Lambert; stage 4 lung cancer), Dick Liles (sciatica pain), Ruth Ann Rogers, Betty Stancik (sister of Bill Hall; continuing health concerns), Doug Archer (cancer), Frank Osborne (brother of Lillie Hancock), Rodney Morgan. **See newsletter for complete list.**



**First Presbyterian Church
Congregational Retreat
October 12-14**

Morrow Mountain State Park

It’s not too early to sign-up for First Presbyterian Church’s congregational retreat on October 12-14 at Morrow Mountain State Park. See the bulletin board in the pit stop for more information.



**Quarter Ministry for
The Mary & Martha Center for
Women & Community Care**

The Mary & Martha Center for Women & Community Care is collecting quarters to assist women with laundromat expenses. Your donation of quarters can be dropped in jars located at the sanctuary entrances. Your quarters make a difference!

**FELLOWSHIP
&
LEMONADE
ON THE
LAWN
EVERY SUNDAY
FOLLOWING
WORSHIP
IN THE
PIT STOP**



!!! IMPORTANT MEETING !!!

**Diaconate & Session Committee Chairs
2019 Budget Request Meeting
Sunday, July 22**

Following worship in the Session Room

There will be a brief meeting of the Diaconate and Session Committee Chairs concerning the 2019 budget requests. Please meet in the Session Room following worship.



We will Circle the Sanctuary for the SCCM food pantry in July!
You may bring non-perishable food items to designated areas in the sanctuary between now and July 22.

Let's fill the shelves!

Most Needed Items Are:

**Canned Fruit (No Sugar Added), Canned Vegetables (Low Sodium),
Canned Meats, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles,
Macaroni & Cheese, Oatmeal/Grits, 1lb bag of rice**

- Christmas is Coming in August-



We'll celebrate this holy season without the distractions of shopping, baking, gift wrapping, etc.

- August 14 Bible study on the gospel accounts of the birth of Jesus
- August 19 Advent Worship with brunch & Chrismon making for all ages
- August 20 Book Conversation on *Shepherds Abiding*
- August 26 Christmas Worship

In addition, we will have a Movie Night (*The Star*) and collect items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

The 2018 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

1. _____
2. _____
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Please return suggestions to the church office or to Keith Bryson, Nominating Committee Chair, by August 5. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Keith Bryson, Robert Ivey, Taylor Johnston, Nancy Joines, Bill Jolly, Jack Morton, and Frankie Palmer.

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST

The 2018-19 school year will be here soon 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 \$15.00 (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 12.

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

Student Supplies

Crayons – 8, 16, or 24 count Crayola brand only

Glue Sticks

#2 Pencils

#2 Beginner Jumbo Pencils (for Kindergarten students)

Composition Hard Cover Wide-Ruled books (not spiral bound)

Scissors (child & youth sizes)

Pink Pearl Eraser

Card Stock Paper

Dry Erase Markers (small size)

Notebook Paper (wide-ruled & regular-ruled)

Small Zipper Pencil Pouch or Pencil Box

Dividers with pockets

Spiral Notebooks with pockets

Plain Solid 2-pocket folders

Pocket folders with prongs

2" 3-ring binders

Pencil top erasers

1 pk. Highlighters

Colored Pencils

Colored Paper

3x5 index cards

Ear Buds

Ear Phones

Small Pencil Sharpener

Sticky Notes

Classroom Supplies Needed Include:

Lysol or Clorox Wipes

Kleenex

Baby Wipes

Hand Sanitizer

Paper Towels

Band-aids

Ziplock Sandwich Bags (Quart and Gallon)

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 15

Circle the Sanctuary

10:00 am *Worship

11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (Pit Stop)

Monday, July 16

8:30 am Youth Group Monday Morning Mission

Wednesday, July 18

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, July 22

Circle the Sanctuary

10:00 am *Worship

11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (Pit Stop)

11:00 am Diaconate & Session Committee Chairs 2019 Budget Request Meeting
(Session Room)

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY

17-Matt Carpenter

Michael Laton

20-Hessie Clark

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JULY

21-Kent & Shannon Newport

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR JULY

Canned Meats

Tuna, Chicken, Spam, Salmon



**Summer Art Gallery Exhibit
Featuring Works
By Lilley Brookshire**



Summer Sermon Series

This summer, Matt and Elizabeth will lead us in taking a look at the life of the early Christian church – its challenges and practices – through the lens of the New Testament book of Acts. Sermons now through July 29 will focus on texts in Acts.

!!! Watch for all the details of Christmas in August !!!

Operation Christmas Child boxes are now available throughout the church. Pick one up and fill it with gifts for a child. Boxes will be dedicated in worship on Sunday, August 26.



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

