



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, you are the giver of life. We pray for the church in the whole world. Sanctify her life, renew her worship, give power to her witnessing, restore her unity. Give strength to those who are searching together for that kind of obedience which creates unity. Heal the divisions separating your children one from another, so that they will make fast, with bonds of peace, the unity which the Spirit gives. Amen.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

***INTROIT**

Halle, Halle, Halle

Hal H. Hopson

Choir: Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Praise God in this holy place, every nation, every race.

Come, make joyful music to the Lord. Sound the trumpet, sound it clear.

Sound it for the world to hear. Come, make joyful music to the Lord.

Refrain: Choir & Congregation (sing 2 times)

Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah. (Repeat 4 times)

Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather around the table in places far and near.

Women: Eating sourdough, rye, pitas, tortillas,

Men: Crackers, Wafers, and Wonderbread –

All: The body of Christ.

Leader: Drinking the wine or the juice

Women: From handmade chalices and silver goblets,

Men: Golden spoons and tiny cups-

All: The blood of Christ.

Leader: The bread and the cup unite us with all who would follow Jesus.

Women: This meal reaches back through the centuries.

Men: This table reaches around the world.

All: Let us eat and drink with joy.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

***HYMN 318**

In Christ There Is No East or West

St. Peter

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

This prayer
originated in Zaire.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

Unison

God of grace, love and communion, you create us for relationship, to live in communion with you and one another. Yet we are isolated from one another and separated from you. We neglect the means of grace which would bring us closer- prayer, scripture, and worship. We fail to heed your call to love as you love. We fail to recognize your image in others. Transforming God, forgive our unfaithfulness. Deepen our community; restore us to right relationship.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Glory to God hymnal
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***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

Mike McLeod

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Faith Sharing with Children, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

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

ANTHEM

O Living Bread of Heaven

Lloyd Larson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

[Mark 10:13-16](#)

Pew Bible, page 43

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Blessing the Children

Mrs. Ayscue

This African Affirmation
of Faith comes to us from
Kenya.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. God created people and wanted them to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe on earth. We have known this High God in the darkness, and now we know God in the light. God promised in the book called The Bible, the Word of God, that all nations and tribes of the world would be saved. We believe that God made good this promise by sending Jesus Christ, the Son of God, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and people, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by this people, tortured and nailed-hands and feet-to a cross and died. He lay buried, but the hyenas did not find his body, and on the third day, he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord! We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love, and share the bread together in love, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive! He lives! This we believe. Amen!

This hymn speaks to the hope (rising sun) and the need (Lord, have mercy) of African American slaves who first sang it and worshippers today.

Since this is our parting hymn, we will alter the second word of stanzas 1 and 2. Instead of singing, *I come*, we will sing, *I go*.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* Let Us Break

Bread

On cue from the organ, the congregation is invited to sing the hymn during the serving of communion.

**Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)
Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees;)
Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees;)
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)**

**Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;)
Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;)
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN 515 *I Come with Joy* Dove of Peace

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 540 *Farewell, Good Friends!* Shalom, Chavrim!

Sung once by the choir in Hebrew.

Choir and Congregation sing once together in English.

Sung as a round following the director's cue and joining the choir members in your section.

*POSTLUDE *The Rejoicing* Charles Callahan

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

There is no Children's Church today. Children in grades K-2 are encouraged to remain in worship.

Ushers: Jack Morton, captain; Taylor Barbee, Duncan Bryson, Jim Ivey, Robert Ivey, Greg Lisk, Penny Morton, Jeff Robertson **Outside Ushers:** Mark Mabry; Kyle Marks **Elder Greeters:** Lee McLaurin; Lynn White **Nursery:** Kyle Lambert **Kids Care Crew:** Kristie Bryson; Elizabeth Bryson **Children's Church:** No Children's Church

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Cam Rogers, Cyndi Thorton (niece of Lynn White; breast cancer), Katherine Cox (mother of Sherrie Richards; health concerns), Conor Granger (nephew of Laura McLeod; mental health issues), Holly Norwood, Judy Murrell, Sally Grantier. See newsletter for complete list.

A memorial service for Ginny Connell will be held on Sunday, October 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church Chapel. Mrs. Connell died on July 27, 2018.



***The Little Yellow Cup...Caring & Sharing Campaign for SCCM
September 30-October 21***

The SCCM Caring & Sharing Campaign continues through Sunday, October 21. If you haven't gotten a yellow cup, you may find one in the narthex or the pit stop. Fill your cup with coins, bills, and checks. Remember Taylor's challenge: everytime you hear someone say *pumpkin*, add something to your cup so SCCM can continue the good work of providing food and assistance for rent, utility bills, and medication.

Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!

Who can come? 2nd & 3rd graders
 What? Breakfast...muffins, fruit, yogurt, milk, juice, etc.
 When? Sunday, October 7 at 9:00 a.m.
 Where? Media Room
 Why? To pray together & build a strong community of faith
 Please let Jill Niebler (jlniebler@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us.



Mugs, Mingling, & Muffins

**Tuesday, October 9 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, October 9 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-call/text or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) to say you want to participate.



Catalogs Available

**for Review & Placing of Individual Orders in the Pit Stop
 October 7, 14, & 21 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**

Review the Fall/Christmas catalog and place your order!

Also, catalogs will be available for your review in the church office during regular business hours.



"GET LOST"
 CORN MAZE

**Youth Group Outing to the
 Get Lost Corn Maze
 Saturday, October 14
 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

Contact Dorothy (dorothyhart@fpcalbemarle.org) for details and if you are interested in participating.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 7

World Communion Sunday/ The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

SCCM Caring & Sharing Yellow Cup Campaign

8:45 am Fellowship Committee

9:00 am Breakfast Bunch

9:00 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalogs available in the pit stop

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Mission Committee Meeting

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, October 8

8:00 pm Monday Evening Bible Study w/Matt

Tuesday, October 9

9:30 am Mugs, Mingling, & Muffins

Wednesday, October 10

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

3:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 11

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, October 12 *Congregational Retreat*

Saturday, October 13 *Congregational Retreat*

Sunday, October 14

SCCM Caring & Sharing Yellow Cup Campaign

Congregational Retreat

8:30 am Worship at Morrow Mountain (amphitheatre)

9:00 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalogs available in the pit stop

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship (sanctuary)

6:00 pm-9:30 pm Youth Group (Corn Maze)

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

08-Robert Land

10-Scott Griffin

12-Ella Cumming

13-Isabel McLeod

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

OCTOBER

08-Luis & Kellyn Luna

SCCM CHALLENGE

FOR OCTOBER

Peanut Butter & Jelly



First Presbyterian
Church presents the
Fall Art Exhibit
Face Off 2018
featuring works by
GHA Autism Supports
Creative Arts Program



Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:

Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper, Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Next Packing Date: Wednesday, October 24 at 10:30 a.m.