



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

*God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing. Amen.*

Prayer from
Sarum Primer
(c.1514)

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONGS

Hymn 816 *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee* stanzas 1 and 3
Hymn 625 *How Great Thou Art* stanzas 1 and 2

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing to the Lord a new song;
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Those who love the Lord, God will deliver;
When they call, God will answer them. Let us worship God.

Psalm 96

***PRAYER OF THE DAY 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.

***HYMN 32** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Ellacombe

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence
Unison
Merciful God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. We try to master your creation, but cannot grasp your great design. We want to share the throne of glory, but cannot bear the cross of grief. Forgive us, God of grace. Save us from ourselves and give us the humility to trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark 10:35-45

***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.**

Glory to God
hymnal
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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

*God Gave Me Eyes
What a Wonderful World
All Things Bright and Beautiful*
Trusty Travelers:

Margaret L. Crain
William J. Reynolds
English Melody

Brayden Brown, Zi'Yonna Brown, Elliana Burseson, Hugh Carpenter,
Russ Carpenter, Ashley Deese, Emily Deese, Cidney Eudy, Carter Gibson,
Emma Gibson, Ayla Hahn, Leni Henkenjohann, Jordan Hesley,
Maddox Jolly, Marshall Jolly, Leo McLeod, Ellie Niederer, Mason Pickler,
Reese Pickler, Sophie Poplin, Kemarian Redfearn, Katie Saltzman,
Madelyn Taylor, Caitlyn Thompson, Eston West,
Jake Whisnant, Sydney Wilhelm

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

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

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

Presentation of Bibles

Congregation: Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all and its words speak to our community of faith. They tell us who we are and remind us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

Children: We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds. Thank you. We will read and study the Bible together.

Parents: **We will encourage and support your efforts to know God's word by reading with you and sharing our understanding of God's word.**

Congregation: We celebrate this step in your journey of faith. We pray God will guide you and all of us as we study together and grow in our knowledge of God's word.

All: **The Word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Dedication

Mark 1

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Compassionate God, all creation delights in the radiant presence of your Word. May the authority of your Spirit bring understanding to our confused minds and truth to our troubled hearts. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING [Mark 10:35-45](#) Pew Bible, page 44

OLD TESTAMENT READING [Job 38:1-7;34-41](#) Pew Bible, page 458

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Power

Rev. Drumheller

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

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

What do you believe when you say, *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?*

That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God.

How does the knowledge of God’s creation and providence help us?

We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future, we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from God’s love. Amen.

***HYMN 23**

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Pleading Savior

During the hymn, ushers will collect your written prayers for inclusion in the Prayers of the People.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Rich Schaefer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TITHES AND OFFERING

Invitation

As followers of Jesus, we are called to give ourselves for others, as Jesus has given himself for us.

With gratitude for Christ’s grace, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory

Andante from Sonata III

Felix Mendelssohn

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 819**

Be Still My Soul

Finlandia

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

May the Road Rise to Meet You

Mark Schweizer

***POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune

David N. Johnston

***All that are able may stand.**

This litany is excerpted from the Heidelberg Catechism which, completed in 1562, addresses the concern of the Reformation for both Lutherans and Reformed Christians.

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.

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.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Anna, Dave, Mason, and Addie Feezor by Holly and Tom Norwood.

Thanks to the Trusty Travelers for their musical leadership in worship today.

Ushers: Jack Morton, captain; Taylor Barbee, Duncan Bryson, Jim Ivey, Robert Ivey, Greg Lisk, Penny Morton, Jeff Robertson **Outside Ushers:** Wes Eudy; Chris Whitley **Elder Greeters:** Lee McLaurin; Lynn White **Nursery:** Cortney Brown **Kids Care Crew:** Chris Mabry; Greg Lisk **Children's Church:** Frankie Palmer; Jacob Palmer

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Jane Childress (wife of Wayne Childress), Cam Rogers, Cyndi Thornton (niece of Lynn White; breast cancer), Sally Warburton (friend of Debbie & John Hahn), Marty Goforth (friend of Debbie & John Hahn; treatment for melanoma), Margaret Brooks (friend of Debbie & John Hahn), 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.

Bibles are being presented today to third graders

Hugh Carpenter, son of Katie & Matt Carpenter
Emily Deese, daughter of Heather Deese & Lee Deese
Cidney Eudy, daughter of Melissa & Wes Eudy
Jordan Hesley, daughter of Jennifer & Bubba Hesley
Leo McLeod, son of Laura & Mike McLeod
Ellie Niederer, daughter of Courtney & Eric Niederer
Jake Whisnant, son of Alison & Aaron Whisnant

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Session has called a congregational meeting to be held immediately after worship on Sunday, October 21. The purpose of the meeting is to elect deacons and ruling elders to the Class of 2019 and to elect members of the congregational Nominating Committee. The congregation will hear and act on the report of the Nominating Committee member, Keith Bryson. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Keith Bryson, Chair, Robert Ivey, Taylor Johnston, Nancy Joines, Bill Jolly, Jack Morton, and Frankie Palmer. Once the committee has presented the slate of officers, the floor will be open for additional nominations. As a matter of courtesy, please check with any person whose name you plan to place in nomination prior to doing so.

Nominating Committee

Bob Johnston has been a member of FPC for 39 years. He and his wife, Debby, have raised three sons at FPC and now have five grandchildren that participate in many of the programs when they come to visit. He has served on the Diaconate and Session over the years, along with the Legacy Committee that helped renovate many areas of the church over the last few years, and also chaired the Gym Renovation Project. He currently serves on the CPM (Committee on Preparation for Ministry) committee in the Charlotte Presbytery. Bob looks forward to serving on the 2019 Nominating Committee to find willing candidates to serve our church.

Nancy Joines has been a member of FPC for more than 40 years, and has served on both the Diaconate and Session. She is married to Don, her high-school boyfriend, and they have two grown children and two grandchildren whom they see often even though they are scattered across the U.S. Since retiring from Stanly Community College, Nancy is involved with the Albemarle Downtown Development Corporation, currently serves as the treasurer for the ADDC board, and is a trustee at Stanly Community College. She belongs to two book groups and likes to hike and go to the mountains.

Morgan Kinley is a sophomore at South Stanly High School where she is a significant contributor to the volleyball team. She is the daughter of Leslie (Morgan) & Stephan Kinley and can often be found in the church kitchen (with a big smile!) cleaning up after First Family dinners.

Barbara McManus is a lifelong member of FPC. Living in the Midland area, Barbara works for Stanly County Schools. She and her husband, Lee, have two children – Drew McManus and Emma Long; two grandchildren, Brinson Long and Parker McManus. Barbara considers herself a *jack of all crafting, but a master of none*, listing cardmaking, crocheting, basket weaving, sewing, and jewelry making among her many interests.

SESSION (CLASS OF 2021)

Debbie Bennett has been at FPC 30 years and has served on the Diaconate and Session in the past. Debbie shares her musical *talents* in the choir and makes a *joyful noise* with bells and maracas. Debbie works for Stanly County as a Public Health Educator.

Steve Coats has been at FPC a long time and has served previously on the Diaconate and Session. In addition to his wife Elaine, they have two talented children in Jordi and Austin. Steve in his spare time has been known to refinish a sweet boat and take time out to paddle across the lake accompanying Elaine on one of her marathon swims.

Ben Jolly has been at FPC for his entire life, 49 years, and has served on the Diaconate and Session in the past. Ben also shares his talents in the choir. His family consists of wife Liz, son Adam, and daughter Katherine. In his spare time, you can find Ben reading a good book or getting in a workout.

Jacob Palmer is a junior at Gray Stone Day School. He lives in Locust and has been going to FPC his whole life. He enjoys school and swimming, and is currently swimming for Sailfish Aquatics at the Stanly County YMCA. Jacob works at the YMCA lifeguarding and teaching swim lessons. In his spare time, he enjoys trips to the mountains and the beach, but most importantly, Mexican food.

Jim Sawyer has been at FPC since 1998 and has previously served on the Diaconate and Session. Around the church, Jim helps John Hahn with various projects as an expert ladder holder. Jim also sings in the choir and has served as head of ushering. Jim's family consists of wife Mary Louise and sons, John and Christopher, and grandson, Samuel. In his spare time, he volunteers with Homes of Hope, The Historical Society, and Boy Scouts of America.

DIACONATE (CLASS OF 2021)

Wiley Crutchfield joined FPC 15 months ago although he and his wife Ann attended 6 years or so before joining. You can see Wiley in our choir where he shares his talents on Sunday. Wiley and Ann have 2 grown daughters...Megan and Kayla...as well as a wonderful grandchild. Wiley's hobbies include saving SAAB automobiles, as well as the occasional home flipping.

Melissa Hinson Eudy has been a member of FPC since 2000 when she became the Director of Youth Ministries. Since then, Melissa married Wes Eudy, and they baptized their three children... Nathaniel (10), Cidney (8), and Julian Claire (3)...in this very sanctuary. She teaches Sunday School, works with Youth Club, and performs other duties as assigned. Outside of church, Melissa works with Wes at Donald R. Eudy & Associates, substitutes at Gray Stone Day School, and serves on the JCPC and Friends of the Library boards, and participates with the Uwharrie Players. She looks forward to serving the church in the role of deacon and is honored to answer the call.

John Howell has been with FPC 18 +/- years and has served numerous times on the Diaconate and Session. John can be found cooking breakfast for the Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast and is often recruited to kitchen duties for other events as well. He and his wife Robin, have a son, John, who is married to Lauren, and are proud grandparents to Aubrey Jane. John enjoys spending his spare time in the great outdoors.

Courtney Niederer joined FPC Albemarle in November of 2017 although she had been attending for at least a year before joining. At church you may find her teaching the 3-5th grade Sunday School Class or working with the Faith Explorers. She and her husband, Eric (of 13 years), have two daughters, Ellie a 3rd grader and Natalie a 5th grader, both of whom are at Badin Elementary School. Courtney teaches high school math at Gray Stone Day School, and in her spare time likes to read a good book and go to the beach.

DIACONATE (CLASS OF 2019)

To fulfill the unexpired term of Leah Beamon

Penny Morton has been a member of FPC for 10 years. She is a loyal Sunday School teacher, Music & Arts Camp Volunteer, Cooking Camp Volunteer, and volunteer for the Faith Sharing with Children moment in worship, where the children and congregation enjoy her energy. Penny and husband, Jack, have two daughters...Caroline & Taylor...and four wonderful grandkids. In her spare time, Penny likes to run, read, pull for the Panthers, and hit the gym.



**The Little Yellow Cup...Caring & Sharing Campaign for SCCM
Bring your cup on Sunday, October 21**

Fill your cup with coins, bills, and checks and bring your cup on Sunday, October 21. 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.



LAST SUNDAY

**Catalogs Available Today from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in the Pit Stop
Review the Fall/Christmas catalog and place your order!
SAVE THE DATE...The SERRV Bazaar will be held on Sunday, November 11**



Shortbread Cookies Needed...Can You Help?

We look forward to serving Mulled cider and shortbread cookies at Scottish Communion on October 28! Please notify the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) if you could bake or supply shortbread cookies.

**Fall Carnival on Sunday, October 28
5:00 p.m.-6:30 pm. in the Church Gym**



On October 28, our youth will host the annual Fall Carnival for the children and families of the church. Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of costumed fun. There will be prizes of all shapes and sizes, plenty of candy, and even a costume contest. Please join us from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

During Sunday School on Sunday, October 28



The children's classes will visit the Youth Sunday School and all adult Sunday School classes with information about UNICEF and their UNICEF boxes. Please be prepared to support UNICEF and the children of First Presbyterian Church as they support the children of the world on Sunday, October 28. **Your gifts make a difference!**

VETERANS DAY FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

On Veterans Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of veterans. **Each name is \$2.00.** Please mail, deliver or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **no later than Sunday, November 4.** Please make your check payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and designate for Veterans Day Arrangements. The names of donors and those being remembered/honored will be listed on Sunday, November 11. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.



VETERANS DAY ARRANGEMENTS

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

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____



**REFORMATION SUNDAY & KIRKIN OF THE TARTANS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28**

We'll recognize this important day in the life of the Protestant Church as we celebrate our own Scottish heritage.

Members of Locust Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church, Norwood will join us for worship and fellowship afterwards. We'll combine choirs and welcome a bagpiper for a glorious morning and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Dr. Jan Edmiston, newly installed General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Charlotte will preach, and Julie Hill, Evan Amo, Matt, and Elizabeth will lead worship.

Be a part of the day by carrying your family tartan in the opening processional and/or by making shortbread for the post-worship reception. Contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbeamarle.org) for either.

*Sharing God's Many Blessings
Consecration Sunday is November 4
with lunch following worship*

We will share God's many blessings by returning our pledge cards on Sunday, November 4...Consecration Sunday. You are all invited to a luncheon hosted by the Fellowship Committee following worship.

Menu: Roast Beef with gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Apple Cider Infused Carrots, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert, Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, and Water

Please join us for fellowship and the celebration of your generosity. We are thankful for all you do to make this an exceptional church as we fulfill God's purpose through the work we do in His name.



Volunteers are needed to make and/or bring desserts for the Consecration Luncheon on Sunday, November 4. If you can help, contact Connie Wallace (704-699-3715 or connie.wallace59@gmail.com).

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 21

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders

Trusty Travelers sing in worship

SCCM Caring & Sharing Yellow Cup Campaign

Congregational Meeting

8:30 am *Session

8:45 am *Diaconate

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

9:30 am Trusty Travelers Rehearsal

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm *Congregational Meeting

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, October 22

12:00 pm Technology Committee

7:00 pm Book Conversation (Parlor)

8:00 pm Monday Evening Bible Study w/Matt

Tuesday, October 23

9:30 am Charlotte Presbytery Meeting at FPC, Monroe
(302 East Windsor St., Monroe)

Wednesday, October 24

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:30 am Backpack Food Program

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

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 25

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, October 26

7:00 pm Faith Explorers' meet at the Agri-Civic Center for the
Talent Company's performance of Peter Pan

Sunday, October 28

Reformation Sunday & Kirkin' of the Tartans

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

9:45 am *Sunday School/Trick or Treat for UNICEF

11:00 am *Worship

5:00 pm-6:30 pm Fall Carnival (Gym)

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

21-Leo McLeod

22-Billie Jean Snuggs

24-Danny Saltzman

Martha White

26-Luke Marshall

27-Elizabeth Ayscue

Dave MacMurray

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

OCTOBER

24-Keith & Christine Andrew

25-Mark & Chris Mabry

26-Russell & Bede Karr

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

Candy Needed For Fall Carnival

The Youth Group needs donations of candy for the Fall Carnival. Please bring your candy donations to the pit stop or contact Dorothy Hart (dorothyhart@fpcalbemarle.org). Thank you so much for your support!



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.