



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONG

Hymn 147

*The First Nowell*

stanzas 1, 2, 5, and 6

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

**And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

Nations shall come to your light

**And rulers to the brightness of your rising.**

*Isaiah 60:1, 3*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendor. The radiance of your incarnate Word pierces the night that covers the earth and signals the dawn of justice and peace. May his brightness illumine our lives and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

\*HYMN 143

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

Regent Square

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

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of 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.**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Melissa Eudy

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

ANTHEM

*We Three Kings*

Philip W. J. Stopford

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Matthew 2:1-12](#)

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HOMILY

*By Another Way*

Rev. Ayscue

HYMN 152

*What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

Puer nobis nascitur

*(Star words will be passed during the singing of the hymn.)*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS

Litany of gifts

Leader: There are different gifts,

**People: But it is the same spirit who gives them.**

Leader: There are different ways of serving God.

**People: But it is the same Lord who is served.**

Leader: God works through different people in different ways.

**People: But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.**

Leader: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

**People: To use it for the common good.**

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ.

**People: And individually members of the body.**

Leader: Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make his church useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father.

**People: Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free.**

Questions to the deacons and elders

Questions to the congregation

Laying on of hands

Installation prayer

Charge

Unison Prayer

**God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.**

\*Hymn 69

*Here I Am, Lord*

Schutte

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory *The Old Year Has Now Passed Away* Johann Sebastian Bach  
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 SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Words of Institution

Serving of the Bread and Cup

*The Lord’s Table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ. Communion will be served. As a sign of our unity in Christ, we will partake of the elements as one body, on cue from the pastor. All bread is gluten free.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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 150 *As with Gladness Men of Old* Dix

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* William G. Tomer

\*POSTLUDE *If Thou But Trust God to Guide You* Johann Sebastian Bach

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\*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 Natalie Taylor.** After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

**Ushers:** Jill Niebler, captain; Steve Cumming, Heather Deese, Nancy Joines, Katherine Jolly, Ken Knight, Andy McLeod, and Shelley Shedd **Outside Ushers:** Mark Mabry; Kyle Marks **Elder Greeters:** Taylor Johnston; Joyce Lambert **Nursery:** Caroline Snyder **Kids Care Crew:** Barbara & Chris Whitley **No Children’s Church**

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** The family of Joe Kluttz, Judy Toney (sister of Jim Hesley; chemotherapy for breast cancer), Mike Burke, Steve Granger (brother of Laura McLeod; stage 4 lung cancer). **See newsletter for complete list.**

**We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger** on Sunday, January 6.

**We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper on Sunday, January 6.** All those who trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share in this meal of our community.

**There is no Children's Church today.** School age children are encouraged to remain in worship and to participate in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Nursery care is provided as usual.

**All ordained elders** are invited to participate in the laying on of hands during the ordination of deacons and elders. You will be invited to come forward at the appropriate time.

**Deacons being ordained and installed today are:**  
Wiley Crutchfield, Melissa Eudy, John Howell, and Courtney Niederer

**Elders being ordained and installed today are:**  
Debbie Bennett, Steve Coats, Ben Jolly, Jacob Palmer, and Jim Sawyer

**Gaither Endowment Grant Applications...**The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until January 15. Applications are available in the church office. If you have questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)).

**Confirmation Class Meeting  
Sunday, January 6  
In the Parlor following Worship**

Eighth and ninth graders and their parents are invited to meet with Matt Drumheller on January 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss plans for the 2019 Confirmation Class. We will meet briefly in the parlor following worship.



**Warm Gifts of Winter Collection through Sunday, January 6**

This winter, please help us spread the warmth to our friends in the community by bringing new and gently used scarves, mittens, gloves, and toboggans to the tree in the Pit Stop. We will collect through Sunday, January 6. We will donate these warm gifts to children at Central Elementary School and the SCCM Clothing Closet.

**Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!**

- Who can come? 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders
- What? Breakfast...muffins, fruit, yogurt, milk, juice, etc.
- When? Sunday, January 6 from 9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.
- Where? Media Room
- Why? To pray together & build a strong community of faith.

Please let Jill Niebler ([jlniebler@gmail.com](mailto:jlniebler@gmail.com)) know if you are able to join us.



it's back!

**High School Bible Study Returns**

When? Monday nights at 8:30 p.m. beginning January 7  
Where? At Elizabeth's house (1611 Bellamy Circle)  
What else? All 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to participate in this group for fellowship, prayer, and the study of God's word.

Jack Morton and Elizabeth will gently lead the discussions.

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**Adult Bible Study on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. beginning January 8**

The lectionary gospel for most of 2019 is Luke. We'll focus our attention on a new study resource, *Six Themes in Luke Everyone Should Know* written by John T. Carroll, professor at Union Presbyterian Seminary. Join us for six weeks of study and fellowship as we focus on Luke's gospel.

**Sign-up by January 7...Book cost: \$12.00**

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**Decorating Committee Meeting**

If you like to decorate, we would love for you to join our Decorating Committee!!!

We decorate for all the major events at the church (about 14 times a year).

Each person usually decorates 2-3 times a year with a team.

This is our one and only meeting!

We will meet in the Session Room on

**Wednesday, January 9 at 5:00 p.m.**

Please bring your calendars.

For more information, contact Jane Snyder ([jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org)).

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Chief Seattle's  
Speech of 1854 is a  
powerful statement  
on the environment,  
culture, and the  
future of humanity.

**PRIMETIMERS' LUNCHEON ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 10**

**AT NOON IN THE PIT STOP**

**PROGRAM: SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION OF  
CHIEF SEATTLE, THE ENVIRONMENTAL SPEECH  
BY ANDY COTTON**

**MENU: LASAGNA, SALAD, BREAD, DESSERTS**

Come and enjoy this time together with friends, good food, and a wonderful slide show presentation by Andy Cotton! Contact the church office (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)) by Tuesday, January 8.

## **OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

### **Sunday, January 6**

*Epiphany/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Ordination & Installation of New Officers/Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger/Bring Warm Gifts of Winter*

- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm Confirmation Class Meeting for 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Graders & Parents (parlor)
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

### **Monday, January 7**

- 8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

### **Tuesday, January 8**

- 10:00 am Adult Bible Study

### **Wednesday, January 9**

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 3:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 5:00 pm Decorating Committee (Session Room)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, January 10**

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm PrimeTimers' Luncheon (pit stop)

### **Sunday, January 13**

- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm Youth Group & Parents – Montreat/Massanetta Information Session
- 12:15 pm Faith Explorers eat at the church then travel to Urban Air Trampoline Park in Mint Hill
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

**\*childcare provided**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**JANUARY**

- 06-Shannon Lisk
- 09-Isabel McIntyre
- 10-Rita Morgan  
Jacob Palmer
- 12-Ruth Ann Rogers
- 13-Jane Borders

### **SCCM CHALLENGE FOR JANUARY**

Toiletries & Household Items

(Shampoo/Conditioner, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Laundry Detergent, Bar Soap, Feminine Hygiene Products)

### **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.