



The Weekly Bulletin
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

PRELUDE

Prelude

Frank Bridge

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ invites us to make our home in him as he makes his home in us.

People: Let us build our homes on the rock that is Christ Jesus.

Leader: Then the storms of life will not bully us.

People: Hurricanes and floods will not destroy us.

Leader: Let the word of God dwell in us richly, in all wisdom.

People: We have gathered to worship God so we will learn to love our God with all our hearts, souls, and minds, and love our neighbors as ourselves.

*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 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

Italian Hymn

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever present God, there is no distinction between us, for we have all sinned and fallen short of your glory. We have not always kept your words in our hearts and minds, nor taught them to our children. Forgive us, we pray, and give us the gift of your grace, that we may be made whole through our faith in Jesus Christ.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Believe the good news,

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Matt Drumheller

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of this conversation, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

THE CHOIR'S FAVORITE HYMNS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Saving God, by your Holy Spirit give to us the meaning of your Word, a blessing that we treasure in our hearts and souls. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 139

Pew Bible, page 545

SERMON

A Pursuing God

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

excerpted 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. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

*HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Martha Sue Hall

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

Andante Moderato

Healy Willan

*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 157

I Danced in the Morning

Lord of the Dance

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Postlude

Frank Bridge

*All that are able may stand.



**Thanks to Stella Marks
for her artwork based on the book
The Runaway Bunny
by Margaret Wise Brown.**

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

Ushers: Wes Eudy, captain; Steve Cumming, Angie Earnhardt, Greg Lisk, Ronnie Michael, Witt Snuggs, and Morgan Smet **Elder Greeters:** Tom Norwood; Ellen Whitley **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Lauren Cranford **Preschool Partners:** Marlene & Bruce Mittendorf **Nana & Papa Team:** Barbara & Bill Lindley

There will be no Children’s Church during August.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Helen Mount.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Elliott Efird (granddaughter of Gayle & Ned Russell; diagnosed with galactosimia), Anita Gower, Karen Niebler (mother of Jill Niebler), David Sanges (brother of Nathan Sanges), Don Little, Glenn Burris. **See newsletter for complete list.**

**LEMONADE ON THE LAWN
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
FOLLOWING 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOSTS THE ANNUAL
CENTRAL SCHOOL FACULTY & STAFF LUNCHEON
MONDAY, AUGUST 17 AT 11:30 A.M.**

On August 17, First Presbyterian Church will host a back-to-school luncheon for faculty and staff at Central Elementary School. We are planning a menu for 90-100 people. Contact Ruth Cotton (704-983-2481 or hugawolf@hotmail.com), Carolyn Sharpe (704-982-2814 or carolynsharpe@live.com), or Sandy Saunders (704-982-3845 or swsaunders63@gmail.com) let them know you would like to provide a salad (of any type) or dessert.

Youth in grades 5-8 are invited to participate in worship as an acolyte. An important training and information session for all acolytes (current and new) will take place on Sunday, August 23 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Acolytes should meet at the front of the sanctuary. Questions? Contact Elizabeth (704-982-2722 or eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org).

**Thank you, First Presbyterian Church Family, for your generous support of my Eagle project!
Lee Boone**

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 DURING WORSHIP**

As the school year begins, students of all ages (preschool-adults) are invited to bring their backpacks to worship. Together, we will ask God’s blessing upon this year’s learning, and you will receive a reminder of that blessing to keep with you during the year.

Check out the Art Exhibit: Featured Artist, Joyce Lambert!

Gardening for SCCM
Remember to check out the table in the pit stop for home-grown vegetables.
Donations for them go to SCCM.

WORSHIP WORKSHOP

- For? Children in grades 3-5 & their parents
- When? Sunday, August 30 following worship
- Why? To equip children to participate fully in worship
- What else? We'll have lunch and explore worship together.

Contact the church office (klambert@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) by August 26 to let us know who to expect. Childcare available upon request.

The kitchen renovation is underway and on schedule. Much of the electrical work and plumbing has been done; framing is underway and new appliances are on order. Parlor work has begun with replacement of windows. It is not too late to make a pledge or contribution to the *Our Living Legacy* campaign. Each gift moves us closer to being able to complete work in the gym.

Silent Partners Anyone?
Did you know First Presbyterian Church has 17 students who are away in college? We need you to serve as a *Silent Partner* and maintain contact with a student. Will you help? Contact Kim Andrew (kjabrk@yahoo.com) for more information.

Mission Committee Challenge

As our weather heats up and power bills rise, many folks find it difficult to pay their bills and come to Stanly Community Christian Ministry (SCCM) seeking assistance. Funds at SCCM have been stretched as far as possible. Therefore, the Mission Committee would like to offer our congregation a challenge. When you receive your power bill in August, please consider making a donation equal to 10% of your bill to the Faith on the Fifth offering that **will be received on August 30 or give your donation to the church office prior to that Sunday.** These monies will then be given to SCCM to help meet the expenses for those who struggle.





Central Elementary School Supply List 2015-2016

DONATIONS MAY BE PLACED IN THE DESIGNATED BINS IN THE PIT STOP.

1½ Inch 3 Ring Binder w/pockets	2 Inch 3 Ring Binder
3 Inch 3 Ring Binder	5 Subject Spiral Notebooks
Primary Pencils	3 Ring Dividers with Tabs (pack of 5)
#2 Pencils	Lead Pencils (1.3mm)
Glue Sticks	Staplers
Bottle of Elmer's Glue	Rolls of Scotch Tape
Pink Pearl Erasers	Pencil Top Erasers
Highlighters	Sharpened Pencils
Small Handheld Pencil Sharpener	Small Zipper Pencil Pouch
Small Plastic Pencil Box	Scissors (child-size; youth size)
1 Subject Spiral Notebook Composition Notebook (no spiral bound; wide ruled)	
Pack of Notebook Paper (wide ruled and college)	Index Cards (3 x 5)
Folders with Pockets	Folders with Pockets and Prongs
Pack of Hole Reinforcements	White/Colored Cardstock Paper
Various Colors of Posterboard (for projects)	Sticky Post-it notes (2"x2" or larger)
Dry Erase Markers	24 count Crayola Crayons
Pack of Crayola Markers	Crayola colored pencils
Playdough (playdough brand)	Legal Pads
Headphones (no earbuds)	Packs of Color or White Copy Paper
Folders w/3 hole punch	Gallon Size Ziplock Bags
Sandwich Size Ziplock Bags	Kleenex
Baby Wipes	Hand sanitizer
Lysol/Clorox wipes	Anti-bacterial wipes
Paper towels	Band aids

Craft Supplies: felt squares, paint, yarn, buttons, playdough, tissue paper, glitter, scrapbook paper, etc.

Please help Central School and its 600 students stock up on basic school supplies.

Last year's generous donations were depleted by Christmas.

It's most cost effective to buy now. Many thanks!

Uniform donations are also needed...khaki shorts, pants, and skirts of all sizes!

Uniform shirts for youth are \$7.50 and adults are \$8.50. These are plain polo shirts.

The greatest need is in youth sizes.

Donations are needed by August 17 and may be placed in the pit stop.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 16

10:00 am *Worship

11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn

Monday, August 17

8:30 am SNL Monday Morning Mission

5:30 pm Coordinating Team for the Community Christmas Dinner
(Session Room)

Wednesday, August 19

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Friday, August 21

Church Office Closed – Summer Friday

Sunday, August 23

10:00 am *Worship

11:00 am Acolyte Training

11:00 am Adult Christian Education Taskforce
(Old Session Room)

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

AUGUST

16-Kimbal Chapman

Elaine Coats

18-Sarah Michael

Brett Richards

19-Mark Andrew

Yolanda Johnson

Don Joines

20-Jack Boling

Doris Forte

Frankie Palmer

21-June Johnson

22-Hannah Domenech

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

AUGUST

16-Johnny & Lauren Howell

17-Roger & Gina Martin

18-Norman & Peggy Rogers

Lee & Billie Jean Snuggs

20-Chris & Anissa Chapman

22-Jeff & Jane Hartsell

Summer Fridays

The church office is closed on
Fridays through August.

SCCM NEED FOR AUGUST:

Canned Vegetables