



The Weekly Bulletin
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

A Prayer from Zaire

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.

PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together

Wilbur Held

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***CHORAL 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 twice) Choir & Congregation: Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah. (Repeat 3 times)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

***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 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.

***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**

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

Mike McLeod

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, quiet our hearts and our minds so that we might hear your Word, that our world and our very lives may be changed. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 7:37-38

Pew Bible, page 94

SERMON

Water, Bread, and Wine for the World

Mrs. Ayscue and Mr. Drumheller

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

African Affirmation of Faith (from Kenya)

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!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*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

Leader: Come people, come to the table of the Lord. Together we will make a giant loaf and together prepare the jars of wine as at the wedding feast of Cana.

Community: Come, people, come to the table of the Lord.

Leader: May the woman not forget the salt nor the man forget the yeast, and we shall invite many guests; the crippled, the blind the mute, the poor.

Community: Come, people, come to the table of the Lord.

Leader: And now, we shall follow the Lord's instruction. Together we knead the dough with our hands and watch how the loaf rises.

Community: Come, people, come to the table of the Lord.

Leader: Because today we're celebrating our promise of Jesus Christ. Today, we are renewing our promise to the kingdom and no one will be hungry.

Community: Come, people, come to the table of the Lord.

Words of Institution

Lozi Speaker: Andy Cotton

Spanish Speaker: Isabel McLeod

Distribution of the Elements

Anthem

Bread of the World

Richard Shephard

Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let Us Break Bread

Following the anthem, the congregation is invited to sing the hymn while serving of communion continues.

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 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Linstead

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Farewell, Good Friends!

Shalom chaverim

*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.

Thanks to Andy Cotton and Isabel McLeod for their participation in worship.

The acolyte today is Andy McLeod. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on Sunday, October 5.

Today is World Communion Sunday. We celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with Christians around the world. The variety of textures and colors of bread reminds us of the great diversity of people world-wide who feast at this table. The liturgy is taken from the church around the world.

The Lord's Table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ. Communion will be received by intinction. On cue from the officiant, worshippers will move to the front of the sanctuary by the center aisles. Bread will be taken from the basket, dipped into the cup and partaken immediately. Gluten-free bread and a dedicated cup will be in the center front.

There will be no children's church this Sunday. All elementary aged children are encouraged to remain in worship for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Thanks to Emily Deese, Thora Kilde, Brent Lisk, Caroline Lisk, Grant Lisk, Holden Taylor and assistants, Leah Kilde and Jacob Palmer, for creating the banner which hangs from the balcony this morning.

Ushers: Penny Morton, captain; Kim Andrew, Stephanie Campbell, Jim Carter, Jim Ivey, Dustin Jolly, Taylor Jolly, Kim Marshall, Carolyn McLaurin, Jack Morton, David Whitley, and Ellen Whitley **Elder Greeters:** Heather Deese; Jim Ivey **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Misty Honbarrier **Preschool Partners:** Melissa Eudy; Dona Lisk **Nana & Papa Team:** Joan Belsan; Joyce Lambert **Children's Church: No Children's Church**

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Frank Breische (recovering from hip replacement; brother of Gloria Bryson), Janet Gardner Flemin (stepdaughter of Ruth Ann Rogers; diagnosed with colon cancer), Kristy Burris (testing at Johns Hopkins; niece of Janice & Don Abernathy), Linda Lisk (mother of Greg Lisk; broken wrist), Jan Burton (mother of Mandy Brown; breast cancer); David Sanges (brother of Nathan Sanges); A struggling family. **See newsletter for complete list.**

World Communion Sunday...We will celebrate the church of Jesus Christ throughout the world as we come to the table. Global attire is welcome.

Egg Cartons Needed for Group Homes of the Autistic (GHA, Inc.)...Please drop of clean & empty egg cartons in the pit stop. GHA is in desperate need of them. Thank you.

Covenant Bible Study Tuesday Mornings Beginning October 6 at 10:00 a.m....We'll meet for 8 weeks as we focus on the covenants God makes with the people. Contact the church office (klambert@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) to say you're coming.



**Sundays
October 11, 18, & 25
ENGAGE CAFÉ at 9:30 a.m.
Come early for coffee, fellowship, & treats!
ENGAGE Groups begin at 9:45 a.m.**

We are off to a strong start.
Almost 100 adults have committed to engaging their faith in a new way this fall.
It's not too late to find your group!

If you are interested in participating in an ENGAGE group,
contact Larry Sitton (larrysitton@rtmc.net or 336-461-5158).
There is a place for you!

**Prime Timers Luncheon Thursday, October 15
at Noon at Sagebrush Steakhouse (623 NC 24/27 Bypass East, Albemarle)
Speaker: Pastor David Kilde**

The next Prime Timers luncheon will be a "Dutch-treat" luncheon at Sagebrush on Highway 24/27 in Albemarle on Thursday, October 15th at noon. Our speaker will be Pastor David Kilde who will speak to us about growing up in the Midwest. We will order from the menu. Call the church by October 12th to let us know you are coming (704 982-2722).

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 3:00 P.M. AT YMCA CANNON PARK

Bring your own lawn chair. All animals must be on a leash or in a carrier.

Bags for waste clean-up and water (for pets & people) will be provided.

SNL requests donations of animal supplies (dog food or cat food, kitty litter, or monetary donation)

to assist in the care of dogs and cats at the Stanly County Humane Society

We will gather in the YMCA Park for a blessing of the animals. Bring your pets (of all shapes & kinds!) to receive a blessing. We will also be honoring pets that have passed away in the last year.

Get To Know Your Bible For ALL 3rd Graders

Join us as we open up and explore the Bible!

See what's inside! Locate information! Read the stories!

Sundays, October 11, 18 & 25 at 9:45 a.m. (during regular Sunday School)

Meet in the 3rd – 5th Grade Sunday School Class

On Sunday, October 25 participants will receive their Bible during worship. Parents are invited to join the children and leaders for *lunch and share* at 2nd Street Sundries following worship. Leaders: Elizabeth, Matt, & Gina.

Backpack Food Program Donations Needed: Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Hamburger Helper, Snack Crackers, and Pineapple or Fruit Cocktail Cups. A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation. **Backpacks will be packed on Wednesday, October 21.**

SERV CATALOG ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN:

On Sunday mornings in the Pit Stop: October 4, 11, & 18

9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. & following worship

During the week, in the church office until October 19.

After that, the order will be compiled and placed.

Catalog orders are shipped with the bazaar food items and will be available at the Bazaar on November 8.

First Family Gathering on Wednesday, October 7

Evening Prayer at 5:45 p.m. Meal at 6:00 p.m.

Menu: Soup and Salad Bar, Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts, Tea, Coffee, Water and Lemonade. Contact the church office to make your reservation (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

Volunteers Needed for First Family Gathering

- Salad Crew: Tuesday, October 6 at 10:00 a.m.
- Set up crew: Wednesday, October 7 at 3:45 p.m.
- Decorating crew: Wednesday, October 7 at 4:00 p.m.
- Final Touches crew: Wednesday, October 7 at 5:00 p.m.
- Clean-up crew: Wednesday, October 7 at 6:45 p.m.

Call Jane Snyder at the church 704-982-2722, on her phone 704-438-3358 or email her at jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org if you would like to help.

Theology Lite meets Thursday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m.

at the home of Mandy & Phillip Brown (44392 Dennis Road, Albemarle)

On **October 15**, young adults throughout our community are invited to Theology Lite. We will gather at the house of Phillip and Mandy Brown (44392 Dennis Road) to enjoy dinner and the fall weather, some beverages, and a good conversation. We are going to gather at **6:00 p.m.**, so please plan to bring a dish to share with the group. Non-members of FPC are invited to join in the conversation. Please RSVP to Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Session has called a congregational meeting to be held immediately after worship on Sunday, October 11. The purpose of the meeting is to elect deacons and ruling elders to the Class of 2018 and to elect members of the congregational Nominating Committee. Full biographies of all nominees are in the October newsletter.

First Presbyterian Church Booth at Smith Splash...TRAIL MIX BAR...First Presbyterian Church will be a part of the Smith Splash event on Saturday, October 17. We will host a TRAIL MIX BAR complete with loads of healthy options for afternoon snacking. A sign-up sheet is in the pit stop to volunteer to work a shift that day and/or to donate trail mix ingredients for the trail mix bar. **Trail Mix Ingredients Needed are: Granola, Pumpkin Seeds, Sunflower Seeds, Craisens, Walnuts, Cashews, Pecan Pieces, Peanuts, Goldfish, M & M's, Mini-Marshmallows, Mini-prezels, Animal Crackers, & Cases of 24 Bottled Water.** Contact Gina Martin (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) or Jane Boone (Janeh@carolinashealthcare.org or 704-984-6353) if you can help with this event.

World Communion Ecumenical Service Sunday, October 4 at 9:30 a.m. at the Courthouse Square

Many of the churches of downtown Albemarle will come together on October 4 for our third annual World Communion service. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper together as a community. The service will take place at 9:30 a.m. in Courthouse Square. Our Sunday School classes will meet for this service and then walk back down to the church after the service is over.

PRESBYTERY MEETING LUNCHEON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

We will be preparing lunch for 200 people attending the Charlotte Presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian Church. Please sign-up in the pit stop if you can supply hardboiled & peeled eggs **and/or** help with preparations on Monday, October 26 or Tuesday, October 27. Questions? Contact Janet Schaefer (336-461-3422 or janet.schaefer@gmail.com)

November 13-15

William Black Lodge in Montreat

Women's Retreat

This week-end getaway is for you if you enjoy any (or all) of the following –

- Chatting and laughing with women of all ages,
- Having someone cook, serve, and clean up from all meals for you,
- Thinking about scripture in new ways with other women,
- Hiking,
- Napping,
- Shopping, and
- Making new friends.

Cost for the retreat is \$178.00 (double occupancy) or \$236.00 (single occupancy) and includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, and program materials. Help with cost is available. Contact Elizabeth (eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722). **Sign-up deadline and a \$75.00 deposit is due now.**

Men's Retreat

We will have our very first Men's Retreat this fall at Camp Hanes from November 20-22. Men of First Presbyterian Church and their friends and relatives are invited to join us for this weekend of fellowship, outdoor activities, and Sabbath. Please register with the church office (704-982-2722). There is a \$30 deposit due now.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 4

World Communion Sunday/Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering

9:30 am Ecumenical World Communion Service at
Courthouse Square Park

9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)

3:30 pm-5:30 pm SNL outing to Get Lost Corn Maze

Monday, October 5

Registration & deposit deadline for Women's Retreat

7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Ann Duckwall
(609 N. 6th Street, Albemarle)

8:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study at Elizabeth's
(1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

Tuesday, October 6

10:00 am Covenant Bible Study

10:00 am First Family Salad Crew

Wednesday, October 7

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Little Tokyo (Hwy. 52)

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Club

3:45 pm First Family Set-Up Crew

4:00 pm First Family Decorating Crew

5:00 pm First Family Final Touches Crew

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)

5:45 pm Evening Prayer

6:00 pm First Family Dinner

6:45 pm First Family Clean-Up Crew

7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Thursday, October 8

9:30 am *Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Sunday, October 11

Trusty Travelers sing in worship/Congregational Meeting following worship

8:45 am *Diaconate

8:45 am Breakfast Bunch

9:30 am Trusty Travelers rehearse (sanctuary)

9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)

9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE/Get to Know Your Bible (3rd Graders)

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm *Congregational Meeting

12:00 pm Mission Committee

12:00 pm SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)

12:00 pm New Officer Training

3:00 pm Blessing of the Animals (YMCA Park)

6:00 pm Worship Committee

7:00 pm *Session

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

04- George Gilbreath

Andy McLeod

Norman Rogers

05- Christine Andrew

06- Kristen Tedder

08- Robert Land

09- J.D. Holbrook

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

OCTOBER

05- Steven & Mary Kesselman

06- Peter & Anna Henkenjohann

Bruce & Marlene Mittendorf

Donations Needed for

Presbytery Meeting

Donations are needed to serve to those attending the October Charlotte Presbytery Meeting at FPC, Albemarle. A basket/box is in the pit stop to accept your donations of:

8 oz. Bottled Water

Lance Crackers

Variety Packs of Individual Serving Chips

Small Fruit Juice Cans/Bottles

First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery

presents the Fall Art Exhibit

Featured Artists...

2014 Women's Retreat Participants

SCCM NEED FOR OCTOBER:

Paper Goods

(toilet tissue, paper towels, facial tissue, cleaning supplies)

*childcare provided