



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

Percy Whitlock

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: By the power of the Holy Spirit, our steadfast God reaches out to redeem us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*CHORAL INTROIT

Give Praise to the Lord

Laudate Dominum

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Chereponi

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

God of grace, love and communion, you create us for relationship, to live in community 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

Pastor Kilde

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, you have so made us that we cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from your mouth. Give us a hunger for your Word, and in that food satisfy our daily need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

I Corinthians 13:1-13

Pew Bible, page 164

ANTHEM

Christ for the World We Sing

Craig Courtney

Commissioned for the 1994 General Assembly Choir of the Presbyterian church (U.S.A.); Wichita, Kansas

Christ for the World We Sing

Based on Matthew 28: 19-20 and words of Samuel Wolcott, 1869

Craig Courtney (ASCAP)

Choir: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the name of the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey all I commanded you. And lo, I am with you always, even to the very end of the age!

Choir and Congregation



1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we
2. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we
3. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we
4. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we



bring, with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and them that
bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward and the
bring with one ac - cord; with us the work to
bring with joy - ful song; the new - born souls, whose



mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne, sin -
lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed, re -
share, with us re - proach to dare, with
days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways, in -



sick and sor - row worn, whom Christ doth heal.
deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.



Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring.

GOSPEL READING

John 13:2b

Pew Bible, page 101

SERMON

What the World Needs, Always!

Pastor David Kilde

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

hymnal, page 35

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Marshall Rogers

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Lee Boone

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Chorale

Johann Gottfried Walther

*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 295

Go to the World!

Sine Nomine

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

A Clare Benediction

John Rutter

*POSTLUDE

Postlude in D

Healey Willan

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

We welcome Pastor David Kilde to the pulpit this morning. Elizabeth is leading the Women’s Retreat in Montreat, and Matt is directing a youth leadership conference at Massanetta Springs Conference Center in Virginia.

Thanks to Marshall Rogers for serving as liturgist in worship today.

Ushers: John Howell, captain; Al Andrew, Jay Andrew, Brad Boone, Lee Boone, Kalyn Caudle, Bill Hall, Robin Howell, Adam Jolly, Greg Lisk, Ben McLeod, Isabel McLeod, and Joe Snuggs **Elder Greeters:** Peggy Finley; Marshall Rogers **Nursery:** Cici Ly **Toddler Room:** Lauren Cranford **Preschool Partners:** Jill Niebler; Isabel McLeod **Nana & Papa Team:** Sarah & Ronnie Michael **Children’s Church:** Anna Wainwright; Jacob Palmer

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Michael Corl & family (UPS delivery employee), Banks Garrison, Lynn White, Rowena Warren, Rose Saltzman, John McIntyre, Janet Gardner Fleming (stepdaughter of Ruth Ann Rogers), David Sanges (brother of Nathan Sanges); Struggling families. **See newsletter for complete list.**

Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:

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

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Backpacks will be filled on Wednesday, November 18 at 10:00 a.m.

The Thanksgiving Offering for Children's Hope Alliance (formerly Barium Springs Home for Children) will be received on Sunday, November 22. Your support will help meet the needs of children through various programs such as residential care, childcare, clinical services, educational services, and campus ministry.

Community Thanksgiving Worship...Sunday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church (230 S. 2nd Street, Albemarle)...Once again, we will gather with churches throughout the community to give thanks for all God's blessings. Plan to join with the community in worship and to remain following worship for fellowship. Paul Jenkins, Lead Pastor of The Gathering Church, will be preaching.



Names Available on the Angel Tree

During November, the Angel Tree will be in the pit stop with the names of our Angels from Central School. These children and siblings will receive Christmas gifts from our church. Each family or group of friends may select Angels from the tree and purchase gifts for those children. **The gifts are to be returned to the pit stop under the tree no later than Sunday, December 6.**

Alternative Christmas Gifts

On November 22 and 29 and, December 6 and 13, there will be opportunities to purchase alternative gifts in the pit stop before and after worship. This year, Alternative Gift cards are offered for donations directed to:

**The Community Care Clinic, Homes of Hope,
Crisis Assistance Fund, and Montaña de Luz**



The minimum gift is \$10 per card. For each purchase, you will receive one of several holiday-themed acknowledgement cards that were designed by artist Leslie Carter.



**Hanging of the Greenery & Chili Luncheon
Sunday, November 29**

The first Sunday in Advent is November 29. We'll enjoy the day with a chili luncheon prepared and served by Session. Following lunch, we'll decorate the Chrismon tree and participate in a variety of Advent activities for children and families.



**26TH Annual Community Christmas Dinner
Friday, December 25
First Presbyterian Church**

Our food and volunteer sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Pit Stop. If you sign-up for Dressing or Sweet Potato Casserole we will provide the aluminum pan and lid. This year all six churches are purchasing the non-perishable items (canned vegetables; potatoes; gravy; rolls and tea) in bulk. We will be accepting monetary donations toward our church's portion of this total amount. If you would like to make such a donation, please indicate on your check Community Christmas.

Additional volunteers will be needed to assist before Christmas Day. If you would like to help and will not be available on Christmas Day, please let Mary, Sandy or Martha Sue know.

Coordinators for this event are:

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| Martha Sue Hall | (704-985-5821 or hallmsh@hotmail.com) |
| Mary Kesselman | (704-982-6754 or manapier@msn.com) |
| Sandy Saunders | (704-982-3845 or swsaunders63@gmail.com) |

SERRV...Peanuts, coffee, and some food items from SERRV will be available in the pit stop on Sunday, November 22 before and following worship. Our participation helps children attend school when their parents receive a fair price for their crop or craft.



ENGAGE CAFÉ at 9:30 a.m.
ENGAGE Groups begin at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, November 15...ENGAGE! MISSION

Our Honduras and Mwandí mission groups will spend time describing their mission areas and the experiences their particular group had this past summer. Join us at 9:45 a.m. to learn about the work our church is doing overseas and around the world!

Sundays, November 22 & 29...December 6, 13, & 20
ENGAGE! TOPICS

Old Testament

Location: Session Room

Utilizing a video series developed by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, a Jewish scholar who teaches at Vanderbilt University, Bill Jolly and Larry Sitton will lead this class. Levine presents a commentary on the origins, meanings, and interpretations of the stories in the Old Testament, in a thought-provoking and stimulating way. Interesting class discussion will follow.

Experiencing Advent through the Words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Location: Parlor

Matt Drumheller will be leading a daily reflection class based on the book *God in the Manger*. This is a book of daily devotions for the Advent season based on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's reflections and sermons. Take this opportunity to read Bonhoeffer's compelling reflections...the writings of one of the most influential modern theologians, as well as one of our most inspirational models of faith.

A Good Funeral and Other Conversations to be Had as We (or our parents) Age

Location: Old Session Room

Elizabeth and others will lead this class which will tackle such issues as funeral planning, long-term care options, legal documents relating to finances and medical care. Come for conversation and to share your experiences. Guest speakers will include an attorney, a physician, and someone from the Senior Center.

26TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

!!! NEW THIS YEAR...ENTERTAINMENT !!!

This twenty-sixth annual event will be held at First Presbyterian Church this year from 11:00am-2:00pm on Christmas Day. It will be a time for the entire community to come together.

The organizing committee has been hard at work for several months. A request has been made for each of the participating downtown churches involved in the planning consider providing background entertainment; i.e. individual(s), small instrumental, singing group, etc, throughout the entire period. The following time slots are completely arbitrary at this point and if one is willing to participate, he/she will be certainly be accommodated.

First Baptist: 11:00-11:30 AM

Christ Episcopal: 11:30-12:00 noon

Central Methodist: 12:00-12:30 PM

Annunciation Catholic: 12:30-1:00 PM

First Lutheran: 1:30-1:30 PM First Presbyterian: 1:30-2:00 PM

Please let Jim Sawyer, (H) 704-986-6920 (C) 980-621-1929, or email: jameshardinsawyer@gmail.com, know of your interest and availability. Your reply before Sunday, December 6, would be greatly appreciated!!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 15

*Women's Retreat at William Black Lodge
in Montreat, NC*

9:30 am ENGAGE Café (pit stop)

9:45 am *Sunday School
*ENGAGE! MISSION (gym)

11:00 am *Worship

1:30 pm Faith Explorers' depart from the church for trip
to Inner Peaks (will return at 7:15 pm)

Monday, November 16

8:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Tuesday, November 17

10:00 am Covenant Bible Study

12:00 pm December Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, November 18

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Backpack Food Program

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Club

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

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

7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Thursday, November 19

9:30 am *Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

8:00 pm Theology Lite at Off the Square (114 S. 2nd Street)

Friday, November 20

Men's Retreat at Camp Hanes in King, NC

6:30 pm Movie Night...*Inside Out* (Gym)

Saturday, November 21

Men's Retreat at Camp Hanes in King, NC

Sunday, November 22

Thanksgiving Offering for Children's Hope Alliance

Return SCCM Caring & Sharing Cups

Alternative Gifts Available

Men's Retreat at Camp Hanes in King, NC

SERRV Items Available for Purchase in the Pit Stop

9:30 am ENGAGE Café (pit stop)

9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE! TOPICS

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Christian Education Committee (Session Room)

3:00 pm-5:00 pm SNL Rake & Run Event

7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service at First Lutheran Church
(230S. 2nd Street, Albemarle)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER

15-Blue Honeycutt

17-Taylor Johnston

18-Lee McManus

19-Gus Feather

21-Tom Rabe

Debbie Wainwright

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

NOVEMBER

17-Steve & Michelle Cumming

Richard & Joyce Lambert

Bounthanh & Panh Linthavong

22-Ned & Gayle Russell

Fall Movie Night

Friday, November 20

at 6:30 p.m. in the gym

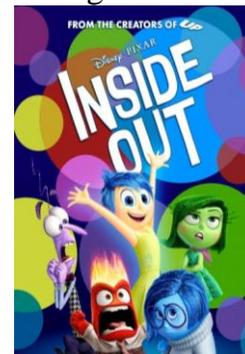
Come warm up from the cool
autumn air & enjoy ...

INSIDE OUT

*Disney Pixar's inventive animated
film!*

Bring the entire family out to a
movie with friends, popcorn, candy
& drinks

Cozy up in your chair or blanket
and plan to relax
and laugh out loud!!!



***childcare provided**