



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

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

Dale Wood

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from *The Iona Community Worship Book*

Leader: We are called from the ends of the earth,

People: We are called from the center of our lives.

Leader: Men and women, young and old,

People: Rich and poor, strong and weak.

Leader: We are called into God's love,

All: To yearn for justice and to pray for peace.

*CHORAL INTROIT

As with Gladness Men of Old

15th Century Carol
arr. S.R. Scheer

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Great God, your mercy is an unexpected miracle. Help us to believe and obey, that we may be filled with the wine of new life, promised in the power of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 321

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent

Unison

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

*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

Penny Morton

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 the chapel for Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Glorious God, may your Spirit so burn in us that we hear your word translated into deed and follow Jesus in paths of justice, right relationship, and peace. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 36:5-10

Pew Bible, page 482

The leader will read the odd numbered verses; the congregation will respond by reading the even numbered verses.

ANTHEM

When Perfect Comes

Carson Cooman

Brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, I call upon you:
Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God,
Which is your reasonable worship.

Prophecies will come to an end, tongues will cease, knowledge will come to an end;
But Love never ends.

And when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away.
Do not be conformed to the present age, but transformed by the renewing of the mind,
So that you may discern the will of God:
What is good, what is well-pleasing, what is good and perfect.
Amen.

GOSPEL READING

John 2:1-11

Pew Bible, page 87

SERMON

Abundance

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN 772

Live Into Hope

Truro

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mr. Drumheller

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

If Thou But Trust God to Guide You

Georg Böhm

*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

*CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Ralph V. Williams

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley

*All that are able may stand.

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 Leah Kilde. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Ushers: Phillip Brown, captain; Brad Boone, Lee Boone, Mandy Brown, Wes Eudy, Don Joines, Nancy Joines, and Mary Kesselman **Elder Greeters:** Jim Carter; Ellen Whitley **Nursery:** Cici Ly **Toddler Room:** Misty Honbarrier **Preschool Partners:** Heather Deese; Isabel McLeod **Nana & Papa Team:** Teresa Taylor; Shirley Welch **Children's Church:** Melissa & Wes Eudy

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Connie Watson (sister of Dan Samples; recovering from a stroke), Ray Michue (awaiting a heart transplant), Jeff Underwood, Dexter Efird. **See newsletter for complete list.**

The flower calendar for 2016 is posted on the bulletin board in the pit stop. If you wish to put flowers in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone or to provide beauty to the service, please sign-up on the calendar.

Please help replenish supplies for students at Central Elementary School.

Supplies needed:

#2 pencils

Notebook paper (wide-ruled & college-ruled)

24 count Crayola crayons

Tissues

Hand sanitizer

Our collection will continue until January 24.

There are a limited number of the 2016 Children's Art Calendars still available in the church office for \$8.00. These calendars, with artwork by our own children, are a reminder of their importance in the life of the church.



Sunday Mornings
ENGAGE CAFÉ at 9:30 a.m.
ENGAGE TOPICS begin at 9:45 a.m.

Topic: Old Testament (video series)
Description: Developed by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, these videos explore origins, meanings, and interpretations of familiar stories.
Faciliators: Bill Jolly and Larry Sitton
Location: Session Room

Topic: The Wired Word
Description: Group conversation based on the *Wired Word: Scripture & Contemporary Issues*
Facilitators: Anne Montgomery and Rich Schaefer
Location: Parlor

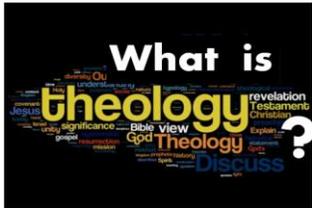
Topic: The Wired Word
Description: Group conversation based on the *Wired Word: Scripture & Contemporary Issues*
Facilitator: Skeet Ayscue
Location: Old Session Room

CELEBRATE FRIENDSHIP
Afternoon Tea & Conversation

Tuesday, January 19 at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor

Join us for delicious food and door prizes as we celebrate friendship. All women are invited & encouraged to bring a friend!

Theology Lite on Thursday, January 21 at 8:00 p.m.
at Off the Square



On **January 21**, young adults are invited to **Theology Lite** at Off the Square. Matt will host a conversation over your choice of drink about a topic of theology. We will gather at 8:00 p.m. Please feel free to invite friends (members or non-members) to join in the conversation!

Grandparent & Grandchild Retreat
Sunday, January 24, 2015 from Noon-2:30 p.m.
Partnering in Christian Education...Children K-5th grade...



Grandparents of any age...
Lunch in pit stop followed by activities in gym.
Call or email church office to sign up!
(704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION & CORPORATION

Session has established the date for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation as Sunday, January 31. The meeting will be held immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive annual reports and to transact other business as may properly come before the meeting. We will also have a congregational meeting for the purpose of reviewing and approving the pastors' terms of call.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 17

Race Relations Sunday

- 9:30 am ENGAGE Café (pit stop)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE!
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 5:30 pm-7:00 pm SNL at First Lutheran Church

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 19

- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study
- 12:00 pm February 2016 Newsletter Deadline
- 2:00 pm Tea & Conversation
- 4:30 pm Lent Planning Committee

Wednesday, January 20

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 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, January 21

- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 8:00 pm Theology Lite at Off the Square

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- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE!
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm-2:30 pm Grandparent & Grandchild Retreat
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***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JANUARY

- 19-Nancy Feather
Ken Frazier
- 20-Larry Sitton
- 23-Susan Garrison
Kim Marshall
Ronnie Michael
- 24-Dennis Gower

*Visit the First Presbyterian Church
Winter Art Exhibit
Featured Artist...Judy Murrell*

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE GRANTS

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).