



**The Weekly Bulletin**  
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**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

*God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**PEALING OF THE BELLS**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

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

**PRELUDE**

*Prelude on 'Adoro te devote'*

Everett Titcomb

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, all who are thirsty,

**People: Come, all who are weak,**

Leader: Taste the living water,

**People: Dip your hands in the flowing stream.**

Leader: Drink from it, live by it,

**People: For this water will never run dry.**

**\*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 396**

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

Holy Manna

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent

Unison

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ into the world to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves as pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive our sin.**

**\*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

*Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Children's Greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.*

ANTHEM

*God So Loved the World*

John Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son.  
That who so believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but that the world through Him might be saved.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**In the truth of your Word, O Lord, reveal the truths of our lives. Illumine our hearts, refresh our lives, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Luke 4:16-30](#)

Pew Bible, page 57

SERMON

*Growing Community*

Mr. Drumheller

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *The Confession of 1967*

**To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. In each time and place, there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act. The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity, and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God. Amen.**

\*HYMN 372

*O for a World*

Azmon

*If you are participating in Prayer Partners, come to one of three stations during the hymn to take a card. Please make sure you have not received your own card.*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Meditation*

Peter Hurford

\*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

Prayer and Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Thanksgiving

\*HYMN 82

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Hyfrydol

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.**

**Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.**

**Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

\*POSTLUDE

*Toccata in e minor*

Johann Pachelbel

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

**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.

**We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, February 14.** All those who trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share in this meal of our community. Please hold each element as we will share this meal as one body, on cue from the officiant.

**Ushers:** Jim Hesley, captain; Duncan Bryson, Keith Bryson, Banks Garrison, Jim Ivey, Robert Ivey, Sandy Saunders, Harold Sharpe, Joe Snuggs, and Elizabeth Wilson **Elder Greeters:** Al Andrew; Heather Deese **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Misty Honbarrier **Preschool Partners:** Heather & John Kilde **Nana & Papa Team:** Susan & Banks Garrison **No Children's Church**

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

**Small study groups will meet during Lent beginning the week of February 14.** Today you have an opportunity to sign-up for the group of your choice. Stop by the table in the pit stop before and after worship. Members of the Lent Planning Committee will provide more information.

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**Daily Scripture Reading and Prayer for Lent**

Whether alone or with another, you are invited to read the gospel of Luke during Lent. Sermons and small group conversations will be based on texts from Luke.

Suggested scripture readings for this week:

February 14	Luke 2:41-52	February 18	Luke 5:1-26
February 15	Luke 3:1-38	February 19	Luke 5:27-39
February 16	Luke 4:1-30	February 20	Luke 6:1-19
February 17	Luke 4:31-42	February 21	Luke 6:20-49

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**First Presbyterian Church Hosting the Community Lenten Lunch**

**February 24 at First Baptist Church**

Ann Duckwall is coordinator for the Community Lent Lunch on February 24 at First Baptist Church. If you would like to help prepare and serve and/or provide a dessert, contact Ann (704-983-3498) or the church office (704-982-2722).



## Contemplative Lent Worship

Tuesday, February 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Join us for this important worship opportunity designed to help worshipers focus on the reading in Lent, to be silent before God, and to sing the hymns of faith. We will observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

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## Food for Body & Soul

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer in the Chapel

5:45 p.m. Dinner prepared and served by the Old Testament Class; Cost...Donation.

Menu: Baked Potato Bar, Salad, PB & J Station, Dessert, Tea, Coffee, Water

Please sign the Friendship Register if you are planning to attend dinner.

6:15 p.m. Classes

Wednesday evenings will bring the church community together for worship and around the table for dinner. Afterwards, there will be study opportunities for adults. Together we will talk about some of the issues that create barriers and separate people from one another.

**Book Conversation** on The Faith Club by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner...Location: Parlor

This is the story of three women of different faiths (Jewish, Muslim, and Christian) who commit to learning about the faith of others. Books will be available for \$10.00 at the first meeting. Discussion will be led by Carol Sasser and others.

**Contemporary Barriers**...A variety of speakers will help us think together about the following issues.

Location: Sanctuary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
February 17	Luke's Jesus	Matt Drumheller & Elizabeth Ayscue
February 24	Mental Illness	John Giampaolo & Carol Gouge from Cardinal Innovations
March 2	Race	Dr. Rodney Sadler, Associate Professor of Bible at Union Presbyterian Seminary
March 9	Poverty	Skeet Ayscue, Director of Homes of Hope, Inc.
March 16	Gender	TBD

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### COMMUNITY LENT WORSHIP SERVICES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ALBEMARLE

WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 17 & 24,

AND MARCH 2, 9, 16

AT NOON IN THE SANCTUARY

THEME: THE PARABLES OF JESUS

LUNCH FOLLOWING IN THE GYM COST: DONATION



First Baptist Church is hosting the Community Lent Worship Services on Wednesdays, February 17 & 24, and March 2, 9, and 16 at noon in the sanctuary. An offering will be received each week in support of Habitat for Humanity and the Crisis Assistance Fund.

Wednesday, February 17

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Lamont Foster, Pastor of Union Chapel AME Zion

Worship Leader: Dr. Andy Jung, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church

**Thank You for Your Faith on the Fifth Contribution...**The Mission Committee would like to thank our congregation who generously gave \$3,438 to SCCM to provide heating assistance to their clients. Typical assistance given to each household from SCCM is \$50-\$100. This lets SCCM help between 30 to 60 households with winter heating bills.

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**School Supplies for Central School...**The Mission Committee continues to ask for your support in bringing donations of school supplies for Central School. Supplies needed are: #2 Pencils, Wide-Ruled & College-Ruled Notebook Paper, 24-count Crayola Crayons (Crayola brand only), Kleenex, Hand Sanitizer, & Anti-bacterial Wipes. A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

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THE COMMUNITY INN  
EMERGENCY HOUSING



**AN OPPORUNITY TO SERVE**

The Mission Committee is planning to prepare and serve dinner at the Community Inn several times a year. We will need folks to help prepare, as well as serve the meal. If you would be interested in joining us for one of the meals, please sign-up in the pit stop on the Mission bulletin board. Committee members will be in touch with you when dates have been determined.

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*Love Mugs*

Faith Explorers have created the perfect gift for that special person in your life...

On sale in the pit stop for \$8 per mug...Sundays, February 14 & 21  
All proceeds benefit two local organizations helping the homeless in our community:  
Homes of Hope & Stanly Community Christian Ministry (SCCM)  
*...and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God...Micah 6:8*

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**Habitat for Humanity Needs Your Help...**If you are interested in helping in some way with the Habitat for Humanity BBQ Fundraiser, sign-up sheets are on the Mission bulletin board in the pit stop.

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**CAN YOU HELP?**

The Faith Explorers (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders) will provide dinner on Wednesday, February 24, for Food for Body & Soul. They are seeking desserts. Let Kyle (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) know if you can provide one.

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**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

**BARBEQUE CHICKEN FUNDRAISER**

**½ BBQ Chicken, Slaw, Chips, Roll, and Dessert... Catered by Port-A-Pit BBQ**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25...11 AM- 7 PM**

**CENTERVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**

**(508 NORTHEAST CONNECTOR)**

**Drive Thru, Take-Out, Delivery, & Dine-In**

**(Delivery Available with Orders of 5+ plates)**

**Tickets are \$9.00 by February 24...\$10.00 Day of Event**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE!**

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, February 14

*First Sunday of Lent*

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

*Valentine's Day*

*Faith Explorers' Love Mugs* for sale in the pit stop

8:45 am \*Diaconate

9:15 am Fellowship Committee Meeting

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

5:30 pm-7:00 pm SNL

6:00 pm Worship Committee

7:00 pm \*Session

### Monday, February 15

7:30 pm *Sanges Small Group* at the home of Marlene & Nathan Sanges (409 Cherrywood Lane, Albemarle)

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

### Tuesday, February 16

10:00 am Covenant Bible Study

12:00 pm March 2016 Newsletter Deadline

6:00 pm Contemplative Worship (Chapel)

6:45 pm-7:45 pm *Flex, Flow, & Grow Small Group* (Classroom 2-basement)

7:00 pm *Mission Emphasis Johnston Small Group* at the home of Debby & Bob Johnston  
(1212 Heritage Drive, Albemarle)

7:00 pm *Mittendorf/Schaefer Small Group* at the home of Susan Pandich  
(1727 Southpoint Lane, New London)

7:30 pm *Drumheller Small Group* (Church Parlor)

### Wednesday, February 17

6:00 am *Ayscue Small Group* (Church Parlor)

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

12:00 pm Community Lent Service at First Baptist Church

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/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)

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

5:45 pm Lent Dinner

6:15 pm-7:15 pm \*Lent Classes

7:15 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

### Thursday, February 18

9:30 am \*Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:15 pm *Lisk Small Group* (Church Parlor)

### Friday, February 19

10:30 am-Noon *Meditative Watercolor Small Group* (Old Session Room)

### Sunday, February 21

*Second Sunday of Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Youth Club Handbell Ensemble rings in worship*

*Faith Explorers sing in worship/Faith Explorers' Love Mugs* for sale in the pit stop

9:45 am \*Sunday School/Faith Explorers rehearse in the sanctuary/Youth Club Handbell Ensemble rehearse in the sanctuary

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers' Pizza Lunch & Afternoon of Art (pit stop)

5:30 pm-7:00 pm SNL

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### FEBRUARY

14- Hunter Matthews

15- Emily Deese

Richard Griffin

Pete Smith

16- Miller Morgan

17- Amy Whitley

20- Ashley Deese

Peter Henkenjohann

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

\*childcare provided