



The Weekly Bulletin
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God, give us a deeper understanding and appreciation of your presence in our lives. Christ, teach us to walk in your footsteps, living and giving for our neighbors. Spirit, fill us with your power and passion to reach out in love. Amen.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

PALM PROCESSIONAL

Hosanna March

Susan D. Parsons

Youth Club Trusty Travelers

***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 197**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe

***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

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.

ANTHEM

Blessed Is He Who Comes

Lloyd Larson

Youth Club Faith Explorers and The Chancel Choir

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Sing *Hosanna to the King of Israel!*

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.

Hosanna! O praise the name of the Lord! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Sing *Hosanna to the King of Israel!*

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 6:27-36](#)

Pew Bible, page 60

SERMON

Your Enemy

Mr. Drumheller

*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

Take, O Take Me as I Am

hymnal, page 698

(The congregation will sing the hymn two times.)

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Larry Sitton

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Georg F. Kaufmann

*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

An appropriate response for the person who receives the bread and cup is *Thanks be to God. During the serving of communion, the congregation is invited to join the choir in singing 'Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing' (hymnal, page 475).*

Thanksgiving

*HYMN 200

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

Christian Love

*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

Processional March

Harold R. Nutt

*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.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, March 20. All those who trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share in this meal. Ushers will direct worshippers forward to receive the bread and cup at the appropriate time. Gluten-free elements are available at the front of the sanctuary.

Thanks to Jacob Palmer, Frankie Palmer, and Billie Jean Snuggs for their artistic contribution to worship.

Ushers: John Howell, captain; Brad Boone, Lee Boone, Bill Hall, Robin Howell, Adam Jolly, Jack Morton, Penny Morton, Ellen Snyder Elder Greeters: Keith Bryson; Ellen Snyder Nursery: Jana Sanderson; Cora Harrison Toddler Room: Misty Honbarrier; Cici Ly Preschool Partners: Jill Niebler; Isabel McLeod Nana & Papa Team: Sarah & Ronnie Michael No Children's Church

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Ted Biggers (friend of Martha Sue Hall & Dan Samples), Dick Kolk (friend of Lynn & Martha White), Connie Watson (sister of Dan Samples; recovering from a stroke), Dexter Efird. See newsletter for complete list.

Daily Scripture Reading and Prayer for Lent

March 13	Luke 17:20-37	March 17	Luke 19:28-48
March 14	Luke 18:1-14	March 18	Luke 20:1-26
March 15	Luke 18:15-42	March 19	Luke 20:27-47
March 16	Luke 19:1-27	March 20	Luke 21:1-19

Contemplative Worship on Tuesday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING BANKS

OGHS banks are available in the pit stop. Please return your filled bank on Easter Sunday (March 27). The Decorating Committee would like to borrow several large potter pitchers and bowls for worship on Maundy Thursday. If you have one (or more) to share, please contact Ann Snuggs (704-986-2560 or joesnuggs@ctc.net).



Jerusalem Market Place

2016

Sunday, March 20 at 9:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church Gym

...experience the shops, touch the animals & sample the cuisine representative of the times.



**EASTER EGG HUNT & COOKOUT
SUNDAY, MARCH 20 at CITY LAKE PARK
4:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.**

Hunt for eggs and enjoy the park!

Each family is asked to bring a bag of chips and/or drink to share.

Easter Eve Camping at Morrow Mountain on March 26...Contact Ken Knight (704-985-6277 or kbknight17@gmail.com) if you are coming. Meet at the group campsite anytime after 5:00 p.m. on Saturday (Bring Your Own Food!). We'll have a great evening of fellowship and trek to the sunrise service together.

!!! SIGN-UP NOW !!!

Congregational Retreat at Camp Caraway

April 8-10

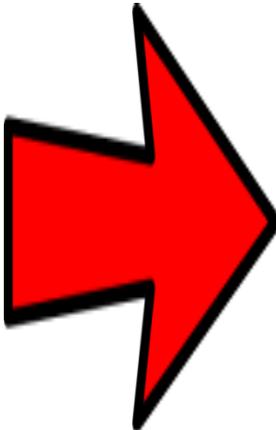
There are two housing options available for the Congregational Retreat:

Bunk Style Housing: \$102.00 per person

Single Occupancy Hotel Style Rooms: \$186.00

Double Occupancy Hotel Style Rooms: \$162.00

(Prices include 4 meals.)



FAMILY PRICING

First child is full price...all others are FREE!

Easter Lilies

Deadline: Sunday, March 20

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of Easter Lilies as an Easter Memorial or Honorarium, please fill out the form below exactly as you wish the memorial or honorarium to read, attach a check in the amount of \$15.00 and place in the offering plate or leave in the church office no later than **Sunday, March 20**. Checks should be payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and designated "Easter Lilies." All memorials/honorariums received by March 20 will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, March 27.

Easter Lilies

In honor of: _____

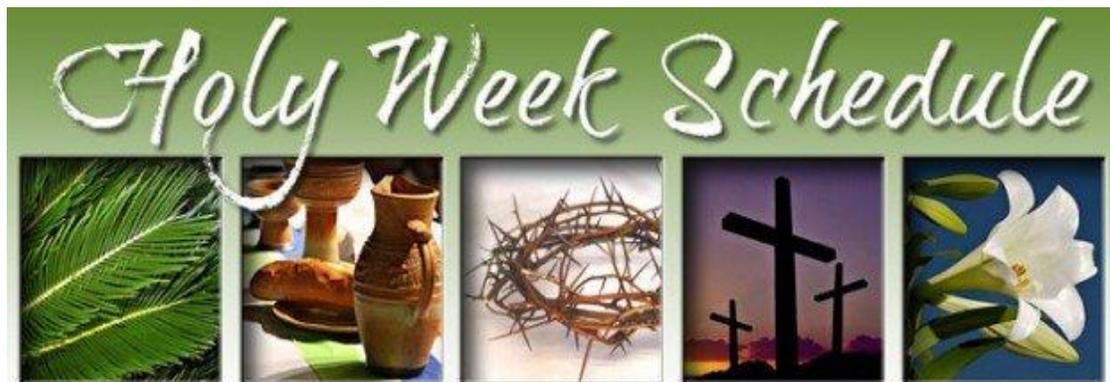
Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

I plan to take my lily after worship on Easter.

I will leave my lily for delivery to a homebound member.



**Palm Sunday
March 20**

- 9:30 a.m.** Enjoy the Jerusalem Marketplace with the entire church family.
- 11:00 a.m.** We will welcome Jesus to Jerusalem with palm branches and shouts of praise.
- 4:00 p.m.** Easter Egg Hunt at City Lake Park

**Perk & Pray
Monday-Friday March 21-25**

Pull through the lower parking lot (on 1st Street) between 7:15 & 8:30 a.m. for a cup of coffee (juice boxes for children), a prayer, and a reminder of your baptism.

**Noon Prayer in the Chapel
Monday-Friday March 21-25**

Fifteen minutes of prayer and scripture will focus our minds and hearts in the holy week.

**Contemplative Worship
Tuesday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel**

**Maundy Thursday
March 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym**

We'll have a covered dish dinner and worship around the tables in the gym. Please bring a couple of your family's favorite dishes to share. Drinks will be provided. After dinner, we will share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and foot and hand washing as Jesus did with his disciples. Plan to share in the evening with your church family. Families welcome with childcare provided for infants and toddlers.

**Good Friday
March 25**

- 10:30 a.m.** Cross Walk (Meet outside the sanctuary on North Street) for all ages. We'll follow the cross through downtown Albemarle and pray for the people of our community.
 - 12:00 p.m.** Noon Prayer in the Chapel
 - 8:00 p.m.** Worship in the Sanctuary
- The choir will lead this solemn service which focuses on the declining loyalty of the disciples and the fading light of the world as Jesus departs from it. We will share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Childcare provided.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 20

Palm Sunday

Deadline to order Easter Lilies

9:15 am Faith Explorers' rehearsal with the Chancel Choir
in the sanctuary

9:30 am *Marketplace (gym)

9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE!

11:00 am *Worship

4:00 pm- 6:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt at City Lake Park

Monday, March 21

7:15 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray

12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel

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

Tuesday, March 22

7:15 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray

12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel

6:00 pm *Contemplative Worship (Chapel)

Wednesday, March 23

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

7:15 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray

12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel

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)

7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 24

Maundy Thursday

7:15 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray

9:30 am *Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel

6:00 pm *Maundy Thursday Worship & Potluck Dinner

Friday, March 25

Good Friday

7:15 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray

10:30 am Cross Walk

12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel

8:00 pm *Good Friday Worship (sanctuary)

Saturday, March 26

10:00 am-Noon Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 27

Easter

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service at Morrow Mountain State Park

9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE!

11:00 am *Worship

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MARCH

20-Bo Andrew

Lee McLaurin

21-Sherrie Richards

Laney Smith

22-Jane Hartsell

24-Sam Holshouser

25-Souvanna Sydalack

26-Philip Welch

27-Lachlann Currie

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MARCH

20-David & Lillie Hancock

24-Nathan & Marlene Sanges

SCCM NEED FOR MARCH:

CANNEDMEAT

(TUNA, CHICKEN, SPAM)



From the Scholarship Committee...
Scholarship applications are available on the counter in the common area outside the church office. **The deadline to return completed applications is Monday, April 11.** If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2016 are: Heather Deese, Chair, Al Andrew, Phillip Brown, Jim Sawyer, and Lee McLaurin, ex-officio.