



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

Be Thou My Vision

Dale Wood

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God.

People: Let all the peoples praise you.

*CHORAL INTROIT

We Praise You, O God

Joseph Barnby

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, you make all things new. In its earliest years, you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences and gave your people the gift of the Holy Spirit. May that same spirit give us open hearts and minds that we will engage in the reconciliation of your people and the healing of all creation. Amen.

*HYMN 641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Engelberg

The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger and Bread for the Word letters may be brought forward at this time.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Believe the good news,

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* hymnal, page 240

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Mr. Drumheller

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

Living God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, fling wide the doors of our hearts this day as we hear your word of life. We pray that you will open our minds to understand and so to move toward serving your world with the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PSALM READING

[*Psalm 67*](#)

Pew Bible, page 500

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

ANTHEM

Shall We Gather at the River
Ann Crutchfield, Soprano

John Carter

Shall we gather at the river where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Deep river, my home is over Jordan,
Deep river, I want to cross over into campground.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[*Acts 16:9-15*](#)

Pew Bible, page 127

SERMON

Visions

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, *Come, Lord Jesus!* Amen.

*HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matt 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

Aria

Andrew Lloyd Webber

*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 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Benediction

Peter Angela

*POSTLUDE

Toccata on 'Old Hundredth'

Robert Lau

*All who 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 Morgan Kinley. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

We will be offering our letters for *Bread for the World* during worship on May 1. This is our opportunity to appeal to our politicians encouraging them to support legislation aimed at ending hunger. Bring your written letters during the singing of the first hymn as we seek to change the world!

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on Sunday, May 1. Please bring your coin box or another way of participating on this day.

Ushers: Wes Eudy, captain; Steve Cumming, Angie Earnhardt, Don Joines, Nancy Joines, Greg Lisk and Ronnie Michael **Elder Greeters:** Sarah Michael; Larry Sitton **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Misty Honbarrier **Preschool Partners:** Penny & Jack Morton **Nana & Papa Team:** Carroll Sitton **Children's Church:** Dona Lisk; Jacob Palmer

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Jennifer Holbrook Enzor (daughter of Pam & Gus Holbrook; serious health issue), Jim Ivey, Yoder Whitley (recovering from surgery), Gay Ellington (former co-worker of Martha White; diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer), Mike Dearstyne (brother of Holly Norwood; medical concerns). **See newsletter for complete list.**

If you would like to contribute intercessions or thanksgivings to the weekly prayers of the people, please email them to Elizabeth at eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org.



SNL Trivia Night & Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m.

SNL will host its 3rd annual trivia night to benefit our summer trips. Tickets are \$15.00 for an individual or you can form a team of 8 people (\$50.00 family maximum). Members of SNL will serve a spaghetti dinner and you will compete with your table or team in a trivia challenge. This is a fundraising event for the entire congregation which will benefit our youth programs. Come test your trivia knowledge and support our youth! Contact Matt Drumheller for more information (704-982-2722 or mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD...BREAD FOR YOU

Offering of Letters on Sunday, May 1

Graduate Information Needed

for Graduate Recognition on Sunday, June 5



During worship on June 5, we will recognize First Presbyterian Church's high school graduates. If you have a family member (or are graduating) graduating from high school, college, or graduate school in the spring of 2016, please contact the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighen@fpcalbemarle.org) by **May 16** with pertinent information.

First Family Gathering on Wednesday, May 4

Evening Prayer at 5:45 p.m. in the Chapel

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym

BUILD YOUR OWN BOWL!

Please join us for our LAST FIRST FAMILY until September! You will choose a starch (white rice, brown rice, or Mexican rice), a protein (chicken, pork, black beans), toppings (avocado, tomato, corn, cilantro, shredded cheese, jalapeno, broccoli, cucumber, carrot, scallions, sour cream), and a sauce (salsa, garlic yogurt, peanut sauce, ginger sauce, broth). We will also have fresh fruit, peanut butter and jelly sandwich station, assorted desserts, tea, coffee, water, and lemonade. Contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) to make reservations.

Volunteers Needed for First Family Gathering

Dessert Crew: Tuesday, May 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Set up crew: Tuesday, May 3 at 11:45 a.m.

Meat, Fruit, and Veggie crew: Wednesday, May 4 at 11:00 a.m.

Clean-up crew: Wednesday, May 4 at 6:45 p.m.

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

MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS



On Mother's Day, the arrangements in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of mothers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MAY 1**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Mother's Day Arrangements*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Mother's Day, May 8**. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____



Backpack Food Program
Two Packing Dates Left for the School Year!
Wednesday, May 4 and Wednesday, June 1
10:30 a.m. in the pit stop
!!!Donations Needed!!!

- Oatmeal Packets
 - Individual Bags of Goldfish
 - Large Cans of Soup
 - Hamburger Helper
 - Pineapple or Fruit Cocktail Cups
- A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.



Montaña de Luz
 Providing hope for children
 affected by HIV/AIDS in Honduras

Brief Montaña de Luz Mission Trip Meeting
Sunday, May 8
in the Church Parlor following worship

There will be a short meeting in the church parlor following worship on Sunday, May 8 for anyone interested in the Honduras mission trip in July. This will be the 11th trip sponsored by First Presbyterian Church since 2005. Final commitments will not be required at the meeting, but will be needed soon. For more information, contact Skeet Ayscue at (704-982-0777 or aayscuel@live.com).



Please join us for
Homes of Hope's Spring Hearty Breakfast Fundraiser
Friday, May 13...6:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Central United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
(172 N. 2nd Street, Albemarle)
Donations will be accepted!

On the menu: Pancakes, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Cereal, Sausage, Grits, Gravy, Biscuits, Juice, and Fruit

Homes of Hope is a grassroots organization of churches and human service agencies that provides short term transitional housing and services to homeless families. Through support and counseling, families are prepared to move into stable independent housing.

Homes of Hope is a Stanly County United Way agency.



Stanly Community Christian Ministry
1st Annual Feed the Families Bass Tournament

Date: Saturday, May 14

Time: 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Location: Lake Tillery (Norwood Boat Landing)

Entry Fee: \$50 (includes \$10 Big Fish) and a canned/boxed food product or hygiene product



PRIME TIMERS' LUNCHEON ON THURSDAY, MAY 19 AT NOON
CITY LAKE PARK COVERED SHELTER

The PrimeTimers' luncheon will be a picnic at City Lake Park in the covered shelter on the lake itself on May 19 at noon. The menu will be fried chicken and all the fixings. Following lunch, Sandy Rogers will lead a walk around the park for those who would like to participate. Please send your acceptance to Kyle Lambert ([704-982-2722](tel:704-982-2722) or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) by May 12.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 1

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

Ten-Cents-A-Meal

Deadline for Mother's Day Arrangement Form

- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE!
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)
- 6:00 pm SNL Sponsored Trivia Night & Spaghetti Dinner

Monday, May 2

- 7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home Iris Coggins
(811 Sylvania Ave., Albemarle)
- 8:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study at Elizabeth's
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Tuesday, May 3

- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study
- 10:00 am First Family Dessert Crew
- 11:45 am First Family Set-up Crew

Wednesday, May 4

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 11:00 am First Family Meat, Fruit, & Veggie Crew
- 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (parlor)
- 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Ly Cuisine (807 N. 2nd Street)
- 4:00 pm Walk to Rock Creek Park
- 5:45 pm Evening Prayer (chapel)
- 6:00 pm First Family Dinner (gym)
- 6:45 pm First Family Clean-Up Crew
- 7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Thursday, May 5

National Day of Prayer

- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, May 6

Seeker's Class provides meal at Community Inn

Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day

- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE!
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Brief Montana de Luz Mission Trip Meeting (parlor)

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

- 01-David Holbrook
- 03-Carole Yost
- 04-Brad Boone
- 08-Barbara McManus
Lee Snuggs

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MAY

- 02-Bob & Donna Gaither

THE COMMUNITY INN
EMERGENCY HOUSING



Community Inn Meal

Prepared by the
Seeker's Class
Friday, May 6

SCCM NEED FOR MAY:

TOILETRIES

(shampoo, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, personal hygiene items)