



**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.*

GATHERING SONGS

Hymn 240

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Alleluia No. 1

Hymn 80

*You Shall Go Out with Joy*

The Trees of the Field

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

**People: Sing to the glory of God's name, offering all your praise.**

Leader: Say to God, *How awesome are the things you have done.*

**People: All the earth bows down to you, O Lord, and sings your praise.**

Leader: You have brought us to a spacious place...let us worship God together.

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, you have made heaven and earth and all that is good; and in Jesus Christ you show us that the secret of joy is a heart set free from selfish desires. Help us to delight in simple things and to rejoice always in the richness of your bounty; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.**

\*HYMN 451

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Open My Eyes

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

**Unison**

**Gracious and generous God, we join our voices together in prayer, aware of our shortcomings and limitations. Although at times we do our best to be faithful followers of Jesus, there are other times that we don't. Forgive us, O Lord, for those times that we have been self-centered or stingy. Forgive us, O Lord, for those times we have forgotten to trust you and to lean into your strength. Forgive us, O Lord, for those times we have made choices of which you would not approve. In the name of Jesus, we ask your forgiveness and plead for your mercy.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Believe the good news,

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS



Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the Son, — whose grace has  
par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, — whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A-men.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Barbara McManus

*Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the children's sermon, 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

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your love. Come, Holy Spirit, fill our minds with a desire to know God more fully and learn more about who God desires that we be, individually and as a community of faith. Come, Holy Spirit, fill us with your presence as we approach your word together. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING

[Luke 17:11-19](#)

Pew Bible, page 75

ANTHEM

*Beautiful Savior*

Michael Burkhardt

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in the flowers of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

SERMON

*Have Mercy On Us!*

Mrs. Ayscue

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell. The story itself tells us God works his sovereign will among all peoples of the earth. We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe. We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help. We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power. We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God. To worship God is highest joy. To serve God is perfect freedom. Amen.**

\*HYMN 263

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Coronation

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Sarah Michael

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Holland Currie

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

\*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 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

Hall

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer

\*POSTLUDE

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

Thanks to Holland Currie for serving as liturgist today.

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: Patrick Currie; Dona Lisk

Nursery: Samantha Wangler Toddler Room: Misty Honbarrier Preschool Partners: Stephanie & Josh Campbell Nana & Papa Team: Mary & Frank Green Children’s Church: Anna Wainwright; Jacob Palmer

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Elizabeth Howard (cousin of Mary Kesselman; health concerns), Mike Dearstynne (brother of Holly Norwood, Peripheral Neuropathy), Katie & Roy Dearstynne (parents of Holly Norwood), Barbara Sprague (mother of Kassie Taylor), Heather Kilde, Carolyn Sharpe, Cam Rogers, Jim Hesley. See newsletter for complete list.

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CELEBRATE GENEROSITY

How do you show generosity to someone older than you?



**Women's Tea & Conversation**

**Tuesday, October 18**

**2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.**

**Church Parlor**

Come for fellowship and fun together.



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**Candy Needed For Fall Carnival**

SNL needs donations of candy for the Fall Carnival. Please bring your candy donations to the pit stop or contact Matt Drumheller ([mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)). Thank you so much for your support!

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**FALL PRIMETIMERS' LUNCHEON**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT NOON IN THE PIT STOP**

The menu will include barbecue, slaw, pasta salad, fruit salad, rolls, tea and dessert.

Matt Drumheller will speak on his trip to the Middle East.

Please RSVP to Kyle in the church office by Monday, October 10 if you plan to attend (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)).

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**SERRV CATALOG ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN:**

**On Sunday mornings in the Pit Stop: October 9 & 16**

**9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. & following worship**

**During the week, in the church office until October 23.**

**After that, the order will be compiled and placed.**

Catalog orders are shipped with the bazaar food items and will be available at the Bazaar on November 13.

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**Backpack Food Program**

**Donations Needed:** Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper, Canned Tuna, Snack Crackers, Pineapple or Fruit Cocktail Cups. A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

**Next Backpack Food Program Packing Date is:**

**Wednesday, October 26 at 10:00 a.m.**



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**Fall Carnival on Sunday, October 30**

**5:00 p.m.-6:30 pm. in the Church Gym**

On October 30, Youth Ministry will host our annual Fall Carnival for the church. Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of costumed fun (non-scary). Bring your friends. We will have treats and games for all ages! Please join us from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. in the gym.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

Session has called a congregational meeting to be held immediately after worship on Sunday, October 9. The purpose of the meeting is to elect deacons and ruling elders to the Class of 2019 and to elect members of the congregational Nominating Committee. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Tom Norwood, Chair, Bill Jolly, Frankie Palmer, Jim Sawyer, Larry Sitton, Joe Snuggs, and Anna Wainwright. Once the committee has presented the slate of officers, the floor will be open for additional nominations. As a matter of courtesy, please check with any person whose name you plan to place in nomination prior to doing so.

### 2019 Nominating Committee

**Nancy Joines, Bill Jolly, Frankie Palmer, Witt Snuggs**

### Deacon (Class of 2019)

**Leah Beamon, Laura Beth Marks, Jack Morton, Brett Richards,  
Rose Saltzman, Shirley Welch**

### Elders (Class of 2019)

**Steve Cumming, Adam Jolly, Joyce Lambert, Jim Marshall,  
Lee McLaurin, Debbie Wainwright, David Whitley**

**Full biographies are located in the October newsletter.**

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### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

This is a good time to pack a shoebox for a Samaritan's Purse child overseas! This box that you lovingly fill with little gifts for either a boy or a girl will bring that child great joy. Use this opportunity to help Samaritan Purse spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Instructions for packing are also available. **Pack a box or two and return them to the church office before October 30.**

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**Have you volunteered with  
Homes of Hope or the Community Inn  
at any time in the past?**

If so, you are invited to a Volunteer Appreciation Banquet on Thursday, November 17 at 6:15 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

Sign-up on the bulletin board in the pit stop by October 24 and enjoy a celebration of all you have helped them accomplish.



**!!! GO TEAM !!!**

**SHOW YOUR TEAM SPIRIT & SUPPORT FORMULA FOR LIFE  
NEW COLORS FROM THE NECKLACE MINISTRY  
CAROLINA PANTHERS & VARIOUS COLLEGE COLORS AVAILABLE  
\$5.00 EACH**

Please visit the pit stop before and after worship to buy your necklace. Your purchase of a necklace supports the funding of infant formula for HIV-negative babies in Mwandi, Zambia. Since the inception of this ministry, more than 10,000 necklaces have been sold.

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**!!! SIGN-UP NOW FOR MANTREAT AT MONTREAT !!!**

Our next men's retreat will take place in the spring of 2017 at Montreat, NC. This is a conference aimed specifically at men. It will be a time for worship, relaxation, and community in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina. The conference will take place April 21-23. Please sign up with a \$100.00 deposit. Details? Contact Matt Drumheller (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).

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**Louisiana Flood Relief Mission Trip**

Rebuilding efforts are in full swing in the parts of Louisiana which were devastated by spring and summer flooding. Our congregation has been invited to join with Central United Methodist Church and others in a trip to participate in rebuilding.

Here are the details:

Dates: October 30-November 4

Destination: Monroe, LA; housing will be in a local church

Mode of Transportation: Vans & Cars

Work to be Done: Specific projects will depend on the skills of participants, but may include framing, painting, installation of drywall and flooring, electrical and/or plumbing

Cost: Dependent on the number of participants; most likely between \$250-\$300 per person which will include food, housing, & transportation

Questions? Contact Thomas Hahn at 704-985-0403.

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**Anna Wainwright invites you to a Traditional Honduran Meal to assist the people of Montaña de Luz  
Sunday, October 23 at 12:15 p.m. in the church gym. Donations accepted.**

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, October 9

#### *Congregational Meeting*

- 8:45 am \*Diaconate
- 9:00 am \*Breakfast Bunch
- 9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalog Orders  
(pit stop)
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 9:45 am \*3<sup>rd</sup> Graders *Get to Know Your Bible*
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm \*Congregational Meeting
- 12:00 pm SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)
- 5:00-7:30 pm Youth Connection
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee
- 7:00 pm \*Session

### Monday, October 10

- 12:00 pm November Newsletter Deadline
- 7:00 pm Community Christmas Dinner Steering Committee  
(Old Session Room)
- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

### Tuesday, October 11

- 10:00 am-11:30 am Adult Bible Study

### Wednesday, October 12

#### *No Youth Club*

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 7:00 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 13

- 9:30 am \*Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm PrimeTimers' Luncheon

### Sunday, October 16

#### *Faith Explorers sing in worship*

#### *Faith Explorers' Retreat at Camp Caraway*

- 9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 9:45 am 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders *Get to Know Your Bible*
- 9:45 am Faith Explorers' rehearsal
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)
- 4:00 pm-6:30 pm Youth Ministry to Get Lost Corn Maze

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### OCTOBER

- 09-Chloe Dombrowski  
Scott Griffin
- 10-Grace Dombrowski  
Scott Griffin
- 12-Ella Cumming
- 13-Isabel McLeod
- 15-Logan Brown  
Nathan Brown

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### OCTOBER

- 11-Philip & Shirley Welch
- 16-Keith & Kristie Bryson

## SCCM NEED FOR OCTOBER:

### Paper & Cleaning Products

(toilet tissue, facial tissue, paper towels, cleaning supplies)

**\*childcare provided**