



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

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Max Drischner

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name,

People: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

People: The God of glory thunders.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful.

People: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

All: We have come to worship.

*CHORAL INTROIT

As with Gladness, Men of Old

15th Century Carol, arr. S.R. Scheer

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 482

Baptized in Water

Bunessan

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Loving God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always accepting of others. Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see, that we may be found acceptable in your sight through Jesus our Christ.

*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 greeting, 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, Heavenly Dove: Open our ears to the truth of your word, that the testimony of Christ may be strengthened among us and the glad news of deliverance revealed. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[*Isaiah 42:1-9*](#)

Pew Bible, page 630

ANTHEM

We Three Kings

Philip W. J. Stopford

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[*Matthew 3:16-17*](#)

Pew Bible, page 3

SERMON

New Things

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. Amen.

***HYMN 53**

O God, Who Gives Us Life

Noel

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Generosity Moment

Kyle Marks

Offertory

The Old Year Has Now Passed Away

Johann Sebastian Bach

*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 833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

St. Margaret

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

William G. Tomer

*POSTLUDE

If Thou But Trust God to Guide You

Johann Sebastian Bach

*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 Andy McLeod. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of Jacob Palmer and Vance Cole.

Ushers: Wes Eudy, captain; Steve Cumming, Angie Earnhardt, Don Joines, Nancy Joines, Greg Lisk, Ronnie Michael
Elder Greeters: Jim Carter; Ellen Snyder
Nursery: Samantha Wangler
Toddler Room: Misty Honbarrier
Preschool Partners: Melissa & Wes Eudy
Nana & Papa Team: Susan & Banks Garrison
Children's Church: Dona Lisk; Jacob Palmer

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Lindsey Harward, Sally Grantier, Pam Medlin (cousin of Janice Abernathy; multiple health concerns), Mike Dearstyne (brother of Holly Norwood, Peripheral Neuropathy), Roy Dearstyne (father of Holly Norwood). **See newsletter for complete list.**

The prayers of the people today will include thanksgivings and intercessions by members of the congregation. Please write yours on the paper at the ends of the pews and be prepared to hand them to an usher following Faith Sharing with Children.

A memorial service for Joan Belsan will be held in the sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon with a reception following.

Confirmation Interest Meeting...Eighth graders and their parents are invited to meet with Matt Drumheller on January 8th to discuss plans for the 2017 Confirmation Class. We will meet briefly in the parlor following worship.

Visitors who are interested in learning more about mission, membership, and ministry at First Presbyterian Church are invited to stop in the parlor briefly following worship on January 15. We'll set a date then for more in-depth conversation.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 8

The Baptism of the Lord Sunday

- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Confirmation Class Interest Meeting (parlor)
- 12:00 pm Faith Explorers' Pet Afternoon at the Movies (church)
- 5:30 pm-7:00 pm Youth Connection

Monday, January 9

- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Wednesday, January 11

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 4:30 pm Lent Planning Committee
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Club Handbells & Orff Rehearsals
- 7:00 pm *Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 12

- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Little Tokyo (Hwy 52 location)

Sunday, January 15

Deadline for Gaither Endowment Grants

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Prospective Members Meet in the church parlor
- 5:30 pm-7:00 pm Youth Connection

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JANUARY

- 09- Isabel McIntyre
- 10- Rita Morgan
Jacob Palmer
- 11- Drew McManus
- 12- Ruth Ann Rogers
- 13- Jane Borders
- 15- Julian Eudy
Brittany Mallory
Greta Jane Mallory

Faith Explorers' (4th & 5th Graders) Pet Afternoon at the Movies Sunday, January 8 Noon-2:30 p.m.

Share a favorite funny "pet" story over pizza lunch at church in the pit stop before watching this hilarious movie about what pets do all day while their owners are away. Bring \$5 for pizza and a donation of pet food to benefit Stanly County Humane Society!

SCCM NEED FOR JANUARY:

Jelly & Jams

(FYI...No peanut butter is needed at this time.)

First Presbyterian Church presents the Winter Art Exhibit featuring works by the late E. Hendry Morris

(mother & grandmother of the First Oak Studio artisans,

Leslie Carter, Olivia Keirstead, Benjamin Riddle, and J. Harrison Carter, II)

Growing up, Erne' Hendry Morris was inspired by her father and grandfather to appreciate the marvels of nature and God's creation. This exhibit will take a retrospective look at those and other influences, techniques, and changing styles of her work over the decades of her artful journey. Limited edition prints of Morris' work will be available for a donation to the First Presbyterian Church Alternative Gifts program.