



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

Prelude

C.S. Lang

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved, we are God's children now;

People: What we will be has not yet been revealed.

Leader: What we do know is this:

People: When God is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see God as he is.

*CHORAL INTROIT

O Worship the Lord

Robert Wetzler

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of majesty and might, you have blessed us with revelations of your glory. Give us the gift of faith, that we may hear your voice for ourselves and see Jesus Christ revealed to us that we may stand on our own without fear. Amen.

*HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

During the hymn, ushers will collect your written prayers to be included in the Prayers of the People.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*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

Matt 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 to the chapel for Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our light, make us attentive to your Word as to a lamp shining in a dark place, that seeing your truth we may live faithful lives until that great day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Exodus 24:12-18](#)

Pew Bible, page 68

ANTHEM

The Best of Rooms

Hal H. Hopson

Christ, He requires still, wheresoe'er He comes
To feed or lodge, to have the best of rooms:
Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part
Of all the house: the best of all's the heart.

GOSPEL READING

[Matthew 17:1-9](#)

Pew Bible, page 17

SERMON

In the Cloud

Mrs. Ayscue

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

hymnal, page 35

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

***HYMN 666**

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

Puer nobis nascitur

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mr. 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

Choral Cistercien

Jehan Alain

*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 694

Great God of Every Blessing

Aurelia

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Road Rise to Meet You

Mark Schweizer

*POSTLUDE

Toccata in G Major

Theodore Dubois

*All that 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.

The rose in the sanctuary is in honor of the birth of Nora Lynn Carpenter, daughter of Katie and Matt Carpenter, on February 21.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Bruce Roney (uncle of Dona Lisk; breast cancer), Andy Cotton, Blue Honeycutt, Caroline West. **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 during the first hymn.

Ushers: Taylor Jolly, captain; Leah Beamon, Cameron Biddle, Lee Boone, Heather Deese, Adam Jolly, Dona Lisk, Jack Morton, Penny Morton, Ellen Snyder **Elder Greeters:** Steve Cumming; Mary Kesselman **Nursery:** Cora Harrison **Toddler Room:** Misty Honbarrier **Preschool Partners:** Becky Andrew **Nana & Papa Team:** Gayle & Ned Russell **Children’s Church:** Angie Earnhardt; Adrienne Averette; Kelly Lentz; Jacob Palmer

**Lent Small Group Sign-up Sheets are available in the pit stop.
Groups begin the week of March 5.
Please sign-up for a group today!**

First Presbyterian Church will prepare and serve lunch for the Community Lenten Service on March 15. If you would like to help and/or contribute a dessert, contact Ann Duckwall (704-983-3498).

Legacy Campaign Second Phase
As of February 22 - 71 pledges have been received; Total pledged: \$126,415



Christian Education Mini-Retreat

Sunday, February 26 Noon-2:30 pm

You are invited to join the Christian Education Committee for this annual event. Following a delicious lunch together, we will engage in conversation and activities designed to help us build a balanced Christian Education program for ALL...Contact

the church office (704-982-2722) or Gina Martin (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org) by Thursday, February 23 if you are able to attend.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

February 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the Pit Stop

Come for pancakes hot off the griddle and some pre-Lent fun. Keith Bryson is coordinating the cooking. All proceeds will benefit the Backpack Program which provides weekend food for hungry children at Central Elementary School.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CENTRAL SCHOOL BOOKFAIR

**The book fair will take place February 27-March 3
from 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**



Sign-up (even for an hour or two) on the pit stop bulletin board to be part of this event which benefits the Central School library. Contact Ruth Cotton (hugawolf@hotmail.com or 704-983-2481) for more information.

Intentional Prayer

Our Lenten tradition of praying intentionally for one person will continue. Complete a prayer card (purple) with your information prior to worship on March 5. Choose another card with information about the person you will pray for. Make one. Take one.

Sunday, March 5

Luncheon for Visitors & Prospective Members

Visitors & Prospective Members are invited to lunch and conversation about the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Join the Membership Committee following worship. Please contact the church office (klambert@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) to let us know you are coming.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 26

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm-2:30 pm Christian Education Committee Mini-Retreat
- 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Youth Connection SCCM Scavenger Hunt

Monday, February 27

- 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Celebrate Generosity with a Paint Brush
(Classroom 3 on 3rd Floor)
- 7:00 pm February Book Study (Parlor)
- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Tuesday, February 28

- 6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (Pit Stop)
- 7:00 pm Confirmation Class

Wednesday, March 1

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Backpack Food Program
- 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Music & Meditation (Sanctuary)
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Club Handbells & Orff Rehearsals
- 6:30 pm *Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm *Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 2

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

Friday, March 3

Church Office Closed

Asheville Youth Mission

Saturday, March 4

Asheville Youth Mission

Sunday, March 5

First Sunday of Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Ten-Cents-A-Meal/No Children's Church

Asheville Youth Mission

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)
- 12:00 pm Lunch & Conversation for visitors & prospective members
- 3:00 pm Hiking Group at Morrow Mountain State Park with Connie Wallace & Ken Knight
- 4:00 pm Small Group at Elizabeth's house (1611 Bellamy Circle)

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FEBRUARY

28-Carroll Holbrook

29-Claude Harwood

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MARCH

02-Al Andrew

Jordan Davis

Luke Davis

Ellen Snyder

05-Becky Andrew



Backpack Food Program Donation List Items Needed:

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