



The Weekly Bulletin
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

PRELUDE

One, Two, Three

Pamela L. Hughes

We Love

I John 4:19; Ann F. Price

Walk in God's Ways

Pamela L. Hughes

Trusty Travelers: Cooper Atwater, Eriyanna Baldwin, Gabriel Beamon, Zi'yonna Brown, Brody Campbell, Piper Campbell, Hugh Carpenter, Ella Cumming, Emily Deese, Carter Gibson, Melanie Hendrix, Ollie Henkenjohann, Maddox Jolly, Caroline Lisk, Stella Marks, Leo McLeod, Anya McSwain, Ellie Niederer, Natalie Niederer, Sanah Patel, Kemarian Redfearn, Ke'zia Redfearn, Seth Richards, Holden Taylor, Madelyn Taylor, Jake Whisnant

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord is creating and forgiving,

People: Awaken to the love of God.

Leader: Jesus is healing and teaching,

People: Awaken to the presence of Christ.

Leader: The Spirit is breathing and inspiring,

People: Awaken to the movement of the Spirit.

***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 165**

The Glory of These Forty Days

Erhalt uns, Herr

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

***Call to Confession**

Nathan Sanges, Cantor

*Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify,
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.*

*Prayer of Confession

Silence

Unison

Lord, though you have called us to be your followers, we have fallen asleep. Rather than remaining attentive to your presence, we have become complacent. Forgive us when we prefer to dwell in the darkness rather than waking up to your dawning light. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive our sin. Awaken us to your life and your love.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news,

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Response to Forgiveness

hymnal, page 415

(Refrain)

**I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.**

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 are invited to go to Children's Church.

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

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.

GOSPEL READING

[John 4:46-54](#)

Pew Bible, page 90

SERMON

Signs and Wonders

Mr. Drumheller

*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. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley

Dale Wood

*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

Words of Institution

Serving of the Meal

Thanksgiving

*HYMN 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Festal Song

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil
(Choir & Congregation)

Hymn 750

**Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.
Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.**

*POSTLUDE

Ah Holy Jesus

Johannes Brahms

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

Thanks to the Trusty Travelers for their participation in worship today.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Fred McInturff (father of Michelle Cumming; vision loss in one eye), Lindsey Harward, Bruce Roney (uncle of Dona Lisk; breast cancer), Andy Cotton, Blue Honeycutt, Caroline West. **See newsletter for complete list.**

Ushers: Brett Richards, captain; Judy Kilgore, Jim Marshall, Mike McLeod, Grace Richards, Billie Jean Snuggs, Lee Snuggs **Elder Greeters:** Martha Sue Hall; Adam Jolly **Nursery:** Samantha Wangler **Toddler Room:** Brianna Little **Preschool Partners:** Melissa & Wes Eudy **Nana & Papa Team:** Bede & Russell Karr **Children's Church:** Liz Jolly; Katherine Jolly; Jacob Palmer

Bucknell University Students Arrive Today

We will host the Bucknell University students again this year for their spring break trip. They will be staying at the church while they work with Habitat for Humanity. If you can assist with meals, contact Dave Bristol (dave.bristol001@gmail.com) or Myron Lowder (lowderme@live.com). Please give them a warm welcome.

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 March 7 - 74 pledges have been received; Total pledged: \$128,015
Your pledge will move us closer to our goal.

**Spring Art Exhibit featuring works by Students of Central Elementary School
Opening Tuesday, March 14 with a Reception 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Who Am I?: Self-Portraiture

Demonstrating our literal, metaphorical, and emotional selves. First, Third, Fourth, and Fifth graders dig into self-portraiture with many different ways to express their views of themselves. Using words, images, colors, lines, and photographs to reflect and share with the viewer.

**COMMUNITY LENT WORSHIP AT CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 15 AT NOON IN THE SANCTUARY
THEME: BUILDING THE KINGDOM**

LUNCH FOLLOWING IN THE GYM...COST: DONATION

Central United Methodist Church is hosting the Community Lent Worship Services. An offering will be received each week in support of the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build.

Wednesday, March 15

Preacher: Reverend Elizabeth McNair Ayscue, First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle

Wednesday Worship at 5:50 p.m.

Using the familiar elements of word, song, prayer, and response, worship will take on new life as we explore John's gospel in new ways. This coming week, some of our middle school students will bring the text to life.

Worship is family-friendly and interactive. Come in a suit, jeans, or gym gear for 20 mid-week minutes focused on the power of God and the importance of our faith community.

Wednesday Dinner Out

No gym?...No problem.

Table hosts will be available at these local restaurants on March 15 to welcome you. Come after worship or meet at 6:20 p.m. You need only show up for these Dutch treat dinners with friends. Locations and table hosts will be announced on Wednesday.

It's a New Sunday School Class!

When? Starting Immediately

Where? In the Gathering Room on the Second Floor

What? Any adult is welcome to attend. You'll find newcomers to the church
And many young adults and those who are young adults at heart will be there.

What happens? Conversation about the Scriptures and encouragement for living the faith.

Sometimes, there's also food!

Leadership comes from the class – especially Greg Lisk & Wes Eudy.

For more information, contact Greg Lisk (704-519-5932 or liskgreg@aol.com).

Daily Scripture Reading and Prayer for Lent

The congregation is invited to read the gospel of John during Lent. Sermons and small group conversations will be based on texts from John.

Suggested scripture readings for the coming week are:

March 13 John 5:30-47	March 17 John 6:41-59
March 14 John 6:1-15	March 18 John 6:60-71
March 15 John 6:16-21	March 19 John 7:1-24
March 16 John 6:22-40	March 20 John 7:25-52

Questions to consider each day:

What is God saying to me through these words? How will I respond?

From the Scholarship Committee...Scholarship applications are available on the counter in the church office. **The deadline to return completed applications is Monday, April 10.** If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2017 are: Heather Deese, Chair, Al Andrew, Anne Montgomery, Elizabeth Wilson, and Lee McLaurin, ex-officio.

Coltrane L.I.F.E. Stanly County is the new Adult Day Care Health Center planned for our community. A mini rock-a-thon will be held on April 2 from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Senior Center to raise funds and awareness about this initiative. If you want to participate or sponsor Debbie Bennett, let her know (dbennett@stanlycountync.gov). Every dollar she raises will be matched up to \$1,000.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 12

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

Trusty Travelers will sing in worship

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/Trusty Travelers Rehearsal (sanctuary)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 3:00 pm Hiking Posse Small Group with Connie Wallace & Ken Knight meets at Morrow Mountain State Park
- 4:00 pm Classic Discussion Small Group at Elizabeth's
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Connection
- 7:00 pm *Session

Monday, March 13

- 12:00 pm Classic Discussion Small Group with Matt (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, March 14

- 9:30 am-11:00 am *Taste & See* Cooking Crew Small Group (Kitchen)
- 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Spring Art Exhibit Opening & Reception
- 7:00 pm Confirmation Class

Wednesday, March 15

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 12:00 pm Community Lent Worship at Central UMC
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Club Handbells & Orff Rehearsals
- 5:50 pm *Wednesday Worship
- 6:15 pm *Classic Discussion Small Group with Dona & Greg Lisk (Church Kitchen)
- 7:15 pm *Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 16

- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Foodie Fans Small Group (Kitchen/Pit Stop)

Friday, March 17 *Church Office Closed/Saint Patrick's Day*

Sunday, March 19

Third Sunday of Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Faith Explorers will sing in worship

- 9:30 am Youth Club Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/Faith Explorers' Rehearsal (sanctuary)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Planned Giving Leaving a Legacy Luncheon
- 12:00 pm-2:30 pm Faith Explorers Lunch & St. Patrick's Day Snake Hunt w/pickup at the YMCA Park
- 3:00 pm Hiking Posse Small Group with Connie Wallace & Ken Knight meets at Morrow Mountain State Park
- 4:00 pm Classic Discussion Small Group at Elizabeth's
- 6:00 pm-8:00 pm Trivia Night

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MARCH

- 12-Morgan Kinley
- 14-Leah Kilde
- 15-Kate Melone
- 16-Steve Coats
- 17-Bob Gaither
Frank Green
- 18-Kendall Taylor
- 19-Catherine McIntyre
Chris Whitley

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MARCH

- 13-Bill & Ruth Ann Rogers

SCCM CHALLENGE

FOR MARCH:

Canned Soup & Crackers

MANTREAT AT MONTREAT...Men from our church will be participating in the Mantreat at Montreat over the weekend of April 21-23. The price is \$257.50 per person for a double-occupancy room and \$337.50 per person **for a single-occupancy room.** Please sign up with the church office or by emailing Matt at mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org. **Payment in full should be made to the church by March 15.**

***childcare provided**