



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

GATHERING SONGS

Hymn 157

I Danced in the Morning

stanzas 1 and 5

Hymn 634

To God Be the Glory

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

People: God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.

Leader: God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

People: In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.

Leader: For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him; and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

People: For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us paralyzed but whose presence is overwhelming: Breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see, we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. To you belong honor and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN 239

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

Gelobt sei Gott

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

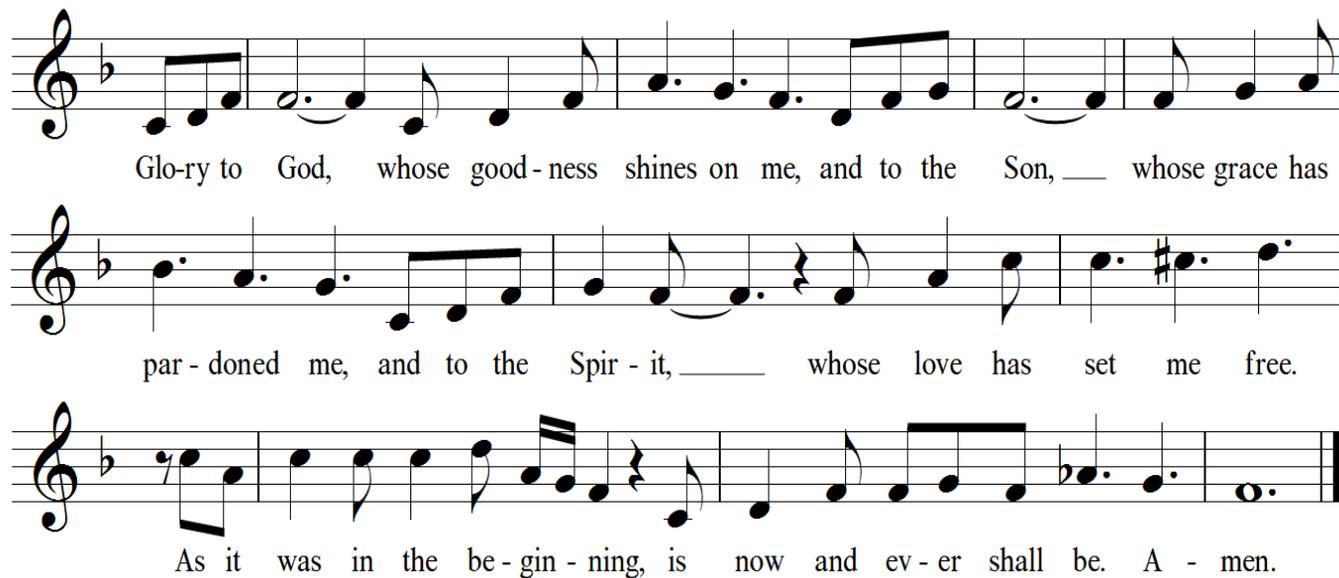
God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy.

*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

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

**Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life.
Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Psalm 16](#)

Pew Bible, page 469

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

ANTHEM

This Joyful Eastertide

Vernon Hoyle

GOSPEL READING

[John 20:19-31](#)

Pew Bible, page 108

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Seeing the Lord

Mrs. Ayscue

*HYMN 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks!

Alleluia No. 1

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Debby Johnston

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Introduction

Reaffirmation of Faith

*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.

Prayer 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.

Welcome

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us
in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Christ Has Broken the Bonds of Death* Georg Philip Telemann
*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 233 *The Day of Resurrection!* Lancashire

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Amen* Peter C. Lutkin

*POSTLUDE *Christ Has Broken the Bonds of Death* Johann Sebastian Bach

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

We are delighted to welcome Kim and Jeff Robertson into membership at First Presbyterian Church. They are both natives of North Carolina and have recently located to Norwood where they are living on the lake. Kim and Jeff come to us by transfer of letter from Covenant Presbyterian Church in Malvern, Pennsylvania.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Eddie Wilson (brother of Elizabeth Wilson), Meghan Niemann (friend of Rose Saltzman; breast cancer), Andy Cotton, Caroline West. **See newsletter for complete list.**

Ushers: Jim Hesley, captain; Duncan Bryson, Keith Bryson, Banks Garrison, Sandy Saunders, Harold Sharpe
Elder Greeters: Patrick Currie, Joyce Lambert **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Cora Harrison
Preschool Partners: Angie Earnhardt; Kelly Lentz **Nana & Papa Team:** Gayle & Ned Russell **Children's Church:** Liz Jolly; Katherine Jolly; Jacob Palmer

It is time to turn in your application for the trip to Montana de Luz on July 19-26. The application fee is \$100. If you have any questions, please contact Skeet (704-984-2883 or aayscuel@live.com).

Bread for the World ...Bread for You

Sunday, April 30

Doing Our Part to End Hunger



Programs that help families alleviate hunger and get out of poverty are threatened with deep funding cuts.

Question: Do you know one of these families? Have you experienced real hunger or job loss? Have you reached out for help from a U.S. safety net program?

Answer: **If you have, please write our three congressional leaders from NC on Letter Writing Sunday April 30 and share that powerful, personal experience. If you have no personal experience, write on behalf of others in gratitude for all you have received.**

Bread Bakers Needed...Bread bakers (and shoppers) are needed for the April 30 bread sale to be held on Letter Writing Sunday. If you bake quick bread, sourdough, or yeast breads, call Ann Duckwall (704-983-3498) to tell her how you can help. Donations from the sale will be given to SCCM.



Faith on the Fifth Offering on Sunday, April 30

Designated for the Crisis Assistance Fund

On Sunday, April 30, Faith on the Fifth donations will be accepted for Crisis Assistance Fund. This group was founded in the early 1990's by the Stanly County Ministerial Network. The mission of the Crisis Assistance Fund (CAF) is to provide assistance to individuals or families in an immediate financial crisis, after all other sources of assistance have been exhausted.

Applicants complete a detailed application and meet with an interviewer to explain their needs and crisis situation. Priorities include families with children in the home and those with chronic or acute medical issues. Help is also available to help families remain in their homes when faced with eviction or foreclosure.

United Way is the primary funder. Donors include individuals and congregations throughout the county. For 2017, the CAF received \$20,000, down by \$2000 from last year. We receive this funding monthly, and it does not cover the monthly request from 3-6 applicants.

Please help us provide the resources so greatly needed by people in crisis in our community by giving generously.

Debby Johnston, Crisis Assistance Fund Board Member

!!! YOUR DONATIONS ARE NEEDED !!!

Backpack Food Program Donation List

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.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 23

Mantreat at Montreat

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 10:30 am Called Session Meeting (Session Room)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Connection

Monday, April 24

- 7:00 pm Book Conversation (Parlor)
- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Wednesday, April 26

Administrative Professionals Day

Last Day of Youth Club

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Youth Club/Youth Cub End-of-the-Year Cookout at YMCA Park
- 7:00 pm *Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 27

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

Friday, April 28

Church Office Closed/Arbor Day

Sunday, April 30

Bread for the World Letter Writing & Bread Sale

Faith on the Fifth Offering for Crisis Assistance Fund

Youth Club Handbell Ensemble Rings in Worship

- 9:00 am-11:00 am Bread for the World Letter Writing & Bread Sale (pit stop)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/Youth Club Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal (sanctuary)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Bread for the World Letter Writing & Bread Sale (pit stop)
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Connection

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

- 23-Emma Gibson
Polly Moose
- 24-Liz Davis
Anita Gower
Alexis Poolos
Jacqueline Poolos
Nicole Poolos
- 25-Emma Grace Lemons
Tommy Murrell
- 26-Ella Averette
John Kilde
- 27-Ethan Richards
- 28-Aaron Whisnant
- 29-Harold Sharpe

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

APRIL

- 24-Robin & Melissa Lemons
- 25-Steve & Kate Melone
- 28-Kevin & Adrienne Averette
- 29-Steve & Elaine Coats

SCCM CHALLENGE APRIL:

Macaroni & Cheese, Rice, Pasta, Stuffing,
Instant Potatoes, Tomato Sauce