



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

stanzas 1 and 4

Hymn 401

Here In This Place

stanzas 1 and 2

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and see the works of God,

People: God's awesome deeds among us.

Leader: Come and hear, all who revere God,

People: God's still speaking voice in our weary world.

Leader: Come and touch the sacred, extraordinary in the ordinary.

People: God's presence in water, bread, and wine.

*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 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' fest Burg (isometric)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to be an obedient people. We have not done your will, we have broken your law. We have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, we have not heard the cries of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Penny Morton

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Renunciation and Affirmation

*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.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Introduction to the Congregation

Anthem

Children of the Heavenly Father

Dan Forrest

Handbell Ensemble

Adam Jolly, Katherine Jolly, Liz Jolly, and Dona Lisk

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.

PSALM READING

[Psalm 66:8-20](#)

Pew Bible, page 500

ANTHEM

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing

Gordon Young

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise,
That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.
Sing Alleluia, sing alleluia.

All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever,
Sing Jehovah's might power, praise Him forever.
Sing of His Righteousness, praise Him forever.

GOSPEL READING

[John 14:15-21](#)

Pew Bible, page 103

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Spirit of Truth

Mr. Drumheller

*HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RECOGNITION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Heather Deese

Prayer of Thanksgiving

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mary Kesselman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mrs. Ayscue

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Aria

William Lloyd Webber

*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 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

McKee

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Benediction

Peter Angela

*POSTLUDE

Toccata on 'Old Hundredth'

Robert Lau

*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 Angus Currie. 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 loving memory of Steve W. Saunders by Sandy, Stacey, and Jennifer.

Nora Lynn Carpenter, daughter of Katie and Matt Carpenter, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Laura McLeod is assisting as Elder.

Ushers: Steve Cumming, captain; Brad Boone, Michelle Cumming, Jim Ivey, Kyle Marks **Elder Greeters:** Heather Deese, Jim Marshall **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Brianna Little **Preschool Partners:** Jill Niebler; Isabel McLeod **Nana & Papa Team:** Sarah & Ronnie Michael **Children's Church:** Angie Earnhardt; Adrienne Averette; Kelly Lentz; Jacob Palmer

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Marlene Sanges (breast cancer), Richard Campbell (heart surgery; friend of Don Abernathy), Sandy Rogers (recovering from hip replacement), Rowena Warren, Eddie Wilson (brother of Elizabeth Wilson). **See newsletter for complete list.**

End-of-the-Year Brunch for Central Elementary School Staff

Monday, June 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Sign-up sheet is on the Mission Bulletin Board.

An Afternoon with John Denver
Part of New London United Methodist Church *Music and Missions* Series
Sunday, May 21...4:30 PM - 6:00 PM.
Donations Accepted...No Charge to Attend

Rod Almond and friends will present an hour and a half of John's music, recreating a typical concert from before Denver's untimely passing 20 years ago. All proceeds go to Stanly County Homes of Hope, Inc., a non-profit organization working to reduce homelessness in Stanly County. Please join us for 90 minutes of music and memories.

AROUND THE CLOCK CLASSIC
BENEFITING THE JOHN P. MURRAY COMMUNITY CARE CLINIC
AND ALBEMARLE PARKS AND REC
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AT ROCK CREEK PARK
FRIDAY, JUNE 2 (6:00 P.M.)- SATURDAY, JUNE 3 (6:00 P.M.)

Join First Presbyterian friends for a fun 24-hour softball tournament benefiting the John P. Murray Community Care Clinic and Albemarle Parks and Rec! The tournament will take place from 6:00 p.m. Friday, June 2 – 6:00 p.m. Saturday, June 3 at Rock Creek Park.

Questions? Email jane.boone@carolinas.org

Music & Arts Camp Volunteers' Meeting
Sunday, June 4 at 11:00 a.m. in the Session Room

Come hear final details about camp:

Who's coming? What fun things will they do? Where will it all happen?

It's not too late to volunteer. If you have some time the week of June 11-15, come join us as we sing, dance, paint, and move with this adorable group of 100 children! Contact Gina Martin (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) to say you will help.

Child Protection Policy Training
Sunday, June 4 at 9:00 a.m. in the Old Session Room

Child Protection Policy Training will be offered on Sunday, June 4 at 9:00 a.m. in the Old Session Room. If you are interested in volunteering with the children and/or youth at First Presbyterian Church over the summer at camps or in the fall, contact Gina Martin (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722).

Al-Anon Family Groups
Al-Anon Family Groups, sixty years of hope for
the families and friends of problem drinkers.
Meetings: Annunciation Catholic Church
Family Life Center
416 N. Second St.
Albemarle, NC
Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00 p.m.
www.alanon.org

First Presbyterian Church 2017 Scholarship Recipients

First Presbyterian Church Scholarship recipients are:

Charnai Ewing. She is a senior at Albemarle High School and plans to attend North Carolina Agricultural and State University majoring in Pre-Law.

Jacob Lancaster. He attends High Point University majoring in Religion.

Noah Lancaster. He attends UNC-Chapel Hill majoring in Chemistry.

Madison McSwain. She is a senior at North Stanly High School and plans to attend Brevard College majoring in Psychology.

Abigail Pate. She is a senior at West Stanly High School and plans to attend Lenoir-Rhyne University majoring in Health Science.

Karie Shields. She is a senior at West Stanly High School and plans to attend Pfeiffer University majoring in Exercise Science.

Jacob Whitley. He is a senior at West Stanly High School and plans to attend Catawba College majoring in Nursing.

Francys and Jake Jacobs Scholarship recipients are:

Cidney Bowers. She is a senior at South Stanly High School and plans to attend East Carolina University majoring in Nursing.

Tate Cord. He is a senior at North Stanly High School and plans to attend North Carolina State University majoring in Statistics.

Kimrey Lowder. She is a senior at Stanly Early College and plans to attend Appalachian State University or UNC-Chapel Hill majoring in Middle Grades English, Science, & Art Education.

Lefler McManus. She is a senior at West Stanly High School and plans to attend UNC-Greensboro majoring in Religious Studies.

Caroline Snyder. She attends UNC-Charlotte and is majoring in Elementary Education.

Jack Snyder. He attends Appalachian State University and is majoring in Marketing.

Quinton Wainwright. He attends Stanly Community College majoring in Commercial Art with an emphasis on Graphic Arts.

Maude Boysworth recipient is:

Anna Wainwright. She is a senior at Albemarle High School and plans to attend UNC-Chapel Hill.

Helen L. Mount Scholarship recipient is:

Joey Little. He attends Appalachian State University majoring in Business.

Daniel Mann Whitley recipient is:

Riley Graeff. She is a senior at Albemarle High School and plans to attend Appalachian State University majoring in Art & Graphic Design.

A big thank you to the Scholarship Committee for 2017: Heather Deese, Chair, Al Andrew, Anne Montgomery, Elizabeth Wilson, and Lee McLaurin, ex-officio.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 21

The Sacrament of Baptism

Recognition of Scholarship Recipients

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

4:30 pm-6:00 pm *An Afternoon with John Denver* Homes of Hope
Fundrasier at New London UMC

5:30 pm Youth Connection Cookout at the home of
Matt & Claire Drumheller

Monday, May 22

7:00 pm May Book Study in the church 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, May 23

12:00 pm Summer 2017 Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, May 24

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

7:00 pm *Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 25

9:30 am *Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, May 26

Church Office Closed

Sunday, May 28

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

21-Kristen Laton

Quinton Wainwright

22-Richard Lambert

23-Laura Mittendorf

26-Chris McLaurin

27-Gerald Poplin

28-Rebekah Ayscue

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MAY

21-Brett & Sherrie Richards

22-Rodney & Rita Morgan

24-Josh & Stephanie Campbell

SCCM CHALLENGE MAY:

Canned Vegetables

Corn, Green Beans, Peas, Carrots, Beans

We Need You...

To Volunteer at Music & Arts Camp

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Musical & artistic ability NOT required

**Proctors
Needed!**

TESTING PROCTORS NEEDED AT CENTRAL SCHOOL

EOG testing is set for May 31-June 7 at Central School. **Proctors are desperately needed!** There will be training prior to and the day of testing. If you can help, contact Julie McSwain at julie.mcswain@stanlycountyschools.org or 704-961-3200.