



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.

ANTHEM

Dove's Song

S.R. Scheer

Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight,
Like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the Vine,
To the church in faith assembled, to our midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
With the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Acts 2:1-21

Readers:

Robin Howell, English

Peter Henkenjohann, German

Adam Jolly, Spanish

*HYMN 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

Lancashire

The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger may be brought forward at this time.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard the earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit, renew our hearts and free us from sin that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation.

***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

Mike McLeod

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the children's greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Introduction

Graduation Litany

Leader: Today we recognize and celebrate these graduates who are members of our community.

People: We give thanks to you for who you are and what you have achieved.

Leader: One part of your life's journey is complete. You are preparing to begin a new phase which will take you to places yet unimagined. As you prepare to go out from this place, we hope you will remember the ones you leave behind; those who have loved and supported you since your birth.

People: We offer to you our blessing of love. We thank you for the laughter and fellowship you have shared with us and for what you have taught us.

Leader: Because you were created in the image of God, you have been blessed with free will, and you have opportunity to make your own choices and decisions.

People: We pray your decisions will be guided by your faith; that you will always rest in God's love; that you will remember that God hears, God cares, and God is always with you.

All: We promise to support you with our love, counsel and prayers, and to continue to walk with you on your journey of faith.

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

*Hymn 22

God of the Sparrow

Roeder

SERMON

The Spirit Comes Near

Mrs. Ayscue

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

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

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Andrew Carter

*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

ANTHEM

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold W. Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together, Thou are in the midst of them:
Alleluya, Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father, break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya, Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
Alleluya, Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*The congregation is invited to come forward to receive the elements.
Gluten-free elements are available.*

Thanksgiving

*HYMN 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Spirit

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

*POSTLUDE

Come Holy Spirit

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 Natalie Taylor. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

There is no Children's Church today. School-aged children are encouraged to remain in worship and partake of the Lord's Supper.

Ushers: Taylor Jolly, captain; Leah Beamon, Cameron Biddle, Lee Boone, Heather Deese, Adam Jolly, Dona Lisk, Jack Morton, Penny Morton, Ellen Snyder **Elder Greeters:** Bob Johnston; Lee McLaurin **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Samantha Wangler **Preschool Partners:** Heather Deese; Anna Henkenjohann **Nana & Papa Team:** Mary Kesselman; Debby Johnston **No Children's Church**

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on Sunday, June 4.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, June 4. Please prepare your heart to feast at the table of Jesus Christ.

PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 4! The liturgical color for the day is RED! Plan to wear red as we celebrate the coming of the Spirit into the church.

We will receive the Pentecost Offering on Sunday, June. This offering supports programs for at-risk children and youth, locally and nationally. A portion of this offering will be used to provide summer camp scholarships at our YMCA.

We are delighted to welcome Cathy and Mike King into membership at First Presbyterian Church. They come to us by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Plan to greet them at the front of the sanctuary following worship.

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

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

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.

Safety Team

Beginning this summer, we will have members of the church join a safety team. This team will be responsible for walking around the inside and outside of the building during worship to keep an eye on the parking lot and the interior of the building. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact Matt Drumheller (mrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722).

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Holland Currie	Carolina Christian School
Samantha (Sam) Holshouser	North Stanly High School
Ben McLeod	Gray Stone Day School
Anna Wainwright	Albemarle High School

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Emily Andrew	B.S. in Communications from Wingate University
Bailey Holshouser	B.S. in Mathematical Sciences with a minor in Computer Information Systems from Pfeiffer University
Ginny Marshall	B.S. in Psychology from Appalachian State University in December 2016
Alexis Poolos	B.A. in Graphic Design and B.A. in Music Instrumental Studies from High Point University
Jacqueline Poolos	B.A. and B.S. in Business Administration with a minor in Marketing from High Point University
Nicole Poolos	B.S. in Visual Merchandising Design from High Point University
Mackenzie Smet	B.A. in Linguistics from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Hannah Smith	B.A. in Communications Studies from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte in December 2016
Kendall Taylor	B.S. in Exercise Physiology from East Carolina University

**Summer Vespers & Homemade Ice Cream 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 25
at the home of Robin & John Howell (20959 Old Aquadale Road, Albemarle)**

We'll gather for summer vespers and ice cream (let us know what kind you're bringing).

We will sing, pray, and read scripture together.



**!!! 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. Your help is needed!



COMMUNITY TABLE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 17

The Mission Committee is serving lunch at the Community Table on June 17. Folks are needed to provide food and to work at the lunch on Saturday. You can sign-up on the bulletin board in the pit stop. Questions? Contact Linda Anderson (704-982-3723 or laanderson70@yahoo.com).



Montaña de Luz

Montaña de Luz, Honduras Fundraiser Lunch on Sunday, June 18 following worship

On the Menu:

Honduras Tortilla Soup, Fresh Salsa, Fresh Fruit, Chips, Churros

On July 19, First Presbyterian Church will send its 12th mission team to Honduras.

Support this year's congregational participants:
Anna Wainwright, Alexis Poolos, Skeet Ayscue
by sharing lunch following worship on June 18.

!!! Donations Welcome !!!

Gardening for SCCM...Coming Soon in the Pit Stop

The summer gardening season is upon us. Again this year, we ask that our members with gardening skills share the abundance of their produce. This will make fresh produce available to other members for a donation. Donations and excess produce will aid SCCM programs.



FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS

On Father's Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of fathers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, JUNE 11.** Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Father's Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Father's Day, June 18.**

FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of: _____
Given by: _____
In honor of: _____
Given by: _____

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 4

Pentecost/Pentecost Offering/

Graduate Recognition/Ten-Cents-A-Meal/

Offering for Hunger/Reception of New Members

- 9:00 am *Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am *Child Protection Policy Training (Old Session Room)
- 9:20 am *Called Session Meeting
- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Mission Committee (Old Session Room)
- 11:00 am *Music & Arts Camp Volunteers' Meeting (Session Room)

Monday, June 5

7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Joyce Lambert
(750 Pee Dee Ave., Albemarle)

Wednesday, June 7

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, June 8

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, June 9

Church Office Closed

Sunday, June 11 *Reception of New Members/Deadline for Father's Day Flowers Form*

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:00 am *Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am *Worship
- 2:00 pm-5:00 pm Music & Arts Camp
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee
- 7:00 pm *Session

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JUNE

- 04-Ben Newport
Witt Snuggs
- 05-Sam Griffin
Caroline Lisk
Anne Montgomery
Morgan Hall Schultz
- 07-Andy Cotton
- 10-John Earnhardt
Jessica Palmer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JUNE

- 04-Connie & Adrienne Robinson
- 06-Dennis & Anita Gower

SCCM CHALLENGE JUNE:

Boxed Pasta Meals (Hamburger Helper),
Instant Potatoes, Stuffing Mix

Throughout the summer,
worship will begin at 10:00 a.m.

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

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).