



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.

GATHERING SONGS

Hymn 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

all stanzas

Hymn 8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

stanzas 1 and 4

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Drumheller

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

People: May our worship reflect God's glory.

Leader: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

People: May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

Leader: Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation, project the love of God.

People: We commune with Christians around the world, with Christians throughout time.

Leader: With Christians across geography and across time,

People: Let us worship God together.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still and know that you are God. O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life, breathe in us your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us in the midst of the storm. O still, small voice, speak to us in this hour that we might become makers of your peace in our homes, in our communities, in our world. Amen.

*HYMN 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

National Hymn

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

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Forgive us God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ in the world.

***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

Mr. Drumheller

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

SOLO

The Lord Is My Shepherd
Ann Crutchfield, Soprano

Samuel Liddle

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, reveal yourself to us in your Word. Holy Spirit, move in our midst and open our hearts. Jesus Christ, teach us to live and love as your disciples. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Obadiah (verses 15-17, 21)

Pew Bible, page 809

A WORD FROM OBAIDAH

Jim Hesley

SERMON

All the Nations

Mrs. Ayscue

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN 340**

This Is My Song

Finlandia

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Air from 'Water Music'

George F. Handel

*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 175**

Seek Ye First

Lafferty

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Allegro from 'Water Music'

George F. Handel

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

Thanks to Jim Hesley for his role as Obadiah today and to Ann Crutchfield for solo.

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on Sunday, July 2.

Ushers: Brett Richards, captain; Judy Kilgore, Jim Marshall, Mike McLeod, Grace Richards, Billie Jean Snuggs, Lee Snuggs **Elder Greeters:** Al Andrew; Debbie Wainwright **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Samantha Wangler **Preschool Partners:** Penny & Jack Morton **Nana & Papa Team:** Susan & Banks Garrison

There is no Children's Church in July and August. School-aged children are encouraged to remain in worship.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Elizabeth Knight (daughter of Ken Knight; thyroid cancer), Cathryn Harwood, Nic Presson (alcohol rehab; brother of Dona Lisk), Marlene Sanges (undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer), Rowena Warren, Eddie Wilson (brother of Elizabeth Wilson). **See newsletter for complete list.**

If there are hymns you would like to sing during the summer as part of the *Gathering Songs*, please note them on the register of friendship or email them to Pam Knighten (pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org). We will include as many as possible.

Next week's prophetic book is Jonah. Though the story is familiar, careful reading of it prior to July 9 will enhance understanding.

We will circle the sanctuary for the SCCM food pantry again this year. You may bring the following non-perishable food items to designated areas in the sanctuary on July 16, 23, & 30.



Most Needed Items:

Rice

Oatmeal/Grits

No Sugar Added Fruit Products

Jelly (especially no sugar added)

Low Sodium Canned Vegetables/Soups

Nuts

**First Presbyterian Church Women's Retreat 2017
September 22-24**

Join women from First Presbyterian Church and their friends for this week-end of study, worship, fellowship, and relaxation.



We will gather in Montreat at the William Black Lodge.

Cost for the week-end is:

\$241.00 (single room occupancy)

\$183.00 (double room occupancy)

Contact Elizabeth (eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) for scholarship assistance. Deposits of \$75.00 must be received by August 31.

The 2017 Nominating Committee

welcomes your suggestions of persons to be considered for service as Deacon or Ruling Elder.

In thinking of folks who may be qualified to serve, please consider the following:

- Worship attendance
- Participation in church activities
- Service rendered to the church
- Christian living in daily life
- Ability to work cooperatively with others

Suggestions for Deacon

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Suggestions for Ruling Elder

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Please return suggestions to the church office or to Al Andrew, Nominating Committee Chair, by July 9. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Al Andrew, Nancy Joines, Bill Jolly, Jack Morton, Frankie Palmer, Witt Snuggs, and David Whitley.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 2

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

10:00 am *Worship

Tuesday, July 4

Independence Day

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5

No Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, July 6

8:30 am-1:00 pm Youth Connection Thursday Morning Mission

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, July 7

Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 9

10:00 am *Worship

11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY

03-Addison Marks

04-Don Abernathy

05-Rodney Morgan

07-Barbara Lindley

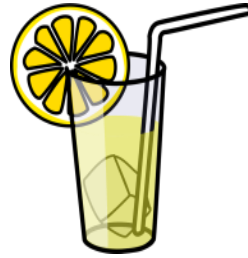
Stella Marks

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

JULY SCCM CHALLENGE:

Paper Goods

Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels,
Facial Tissue, Cleaning Supplies



**Lemonade on the Lawn
Sunday, July 9
following worship**

The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until **July 13**. Applications are available in the church office. If you have questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) or Patrick Currie, Committee Chair.



Gardening for SCCM

Bring extra garden produce to the Pit Stop on Sunday mornings. Those who need it can make a donation. All donations and extra produce will be donated to SCCM.



**First Presbyterian Church
Summer Art Gallery Exhibit is
Theme: Creativity...No Age Limit**