



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 157

I Danced in the Morning

all stanzas

Hymn 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

stanzas 1, 2, 5

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Micah 8

Leader: With what shall we come before the Lord? What shall we bring into the presence of our God, as an expression of our worship and praise?

People: **Shall we bring him all that we own – our finest possessions, our life-savings, our investments and property? Would God be satisfied if we emptied our hands for him?**

Leader: That is not what God requires of us. God has told us what is good. God's expectations for us are these:

People: **To do justice. To love mercy. To walk humbly with God.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you speak to us in a voice unexpected and come to us in ways we do not always recognize. Never leaving us to our own devices or defenses, you are an ever-present, all-powerful God. Call us out in faith again and again, until we learn to walk with you in steadfast love and faithfulness, and in peace. In the name of him who comes to us upon the waters, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired. We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice. Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower upon us the gift of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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

Partita I: Con Affetto
Frank Poolos, Oboe

Georg Philipp Telemann

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of all wisdom, give us your Word and send us your Spirit so that we may know Christ. Amen.

A WORD FROM MICAH

Rich Schaefer

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Micah 3:5-12](#)

Pew Bible, page 814

SERMON

Hear, You Peoples

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. Amen.

*HYMN 384

Soon and Very Soon

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mr. Drumheller

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

Offertory on 'Terra Beata'

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

*HYMN 370

This Is My Father's World

Terra Beata

*BENEDICTION

Toccata

Johann Pachelbel

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

Thanks to Rich Schaefer for his portrayal of the prophet Micah.

The prophet for July 23 is Nahum. Take some time to read this three chapter book in preparation for worship next week.

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:** Emily Andrew **Preschool Partners:** Jill Niebler; Isabel McLeod **Nana & Papa Team:** Teresa Taylor; Shirley Welch

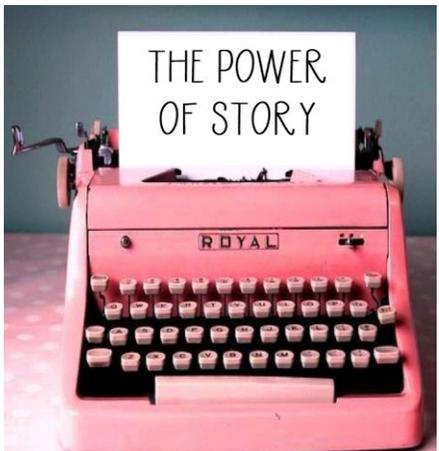
There is no Children's Church in July and August. School-aged children are encouraged to remain in worship.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Mildred Andrew (kidney stone), Margaret Newport (mother of Kent Newport; congestive heart failure), 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.

On July 23, we will devote our attention to the prophecy of Nahum. Plan to read this short book before next Sunday.

The Mission Committee would like to thank the following people who helped purchase, prepare, and/or serve food at the Community Table on Saturday, June 17: Linda Anderson, Mildred Andrew, Cheryl Bristol, Gloria Bryson, Andy Cotton, Ruth Cotton, Ann Duckwall, Melissa Eudy, Peggy Finley, Margaret Ivey, Chris Mabry, Polly Moose, Carolyn Sharpe, Jane Snyder, and Elizabeth Wilson.



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

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 28.**



Donations needed for Montaña de Luz Mission Trip

Please place items in the tubs marked in the Pit Stop.

Shampoo
Conditioner
Gel for hair
Toothpaste
Baby wipes
Deodorant for girls and boys
Lotion for men and woman
Feminine pads
Razors for girls and boys
Body soap, shower gel
Hand sanitizer
Bug repellent
Underwear and socks of all sizes for boys and girls.
Bath towels and hand towels.
Twin size sheets- 10

Donations for the purchase of shoes and pants can also be made. Make check to First Presbyterian Church and designate for MDL.

Please be in prayer for our mission team as they serve in Montana de Luz July 19-16: Skeet Ayscue, Alexis Poolos, and Anna Wainwright.



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

Rice
Oatmeal/Grits
No Sugar Added Fruit Products
Jelly (especially no sugar added)
Low Sodium Canned Vegetables/Soups
Nuts

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 16

Circle the Sanctuary

10:00 am *Worship

Monday, July 17

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

5:30 pm Outside Ushers Meet

Wednesday, July 19

Honduras Mission Trip Participants Depart

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

Friday, July 21

Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 23

Circle the Sanctuary

10:00 am *Worship

11:15 am Outside Ushers Meet

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! JULY

17-Matt Carpenter

Michael Laton

20-Hessie Clark

23-Jackson Palmer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! JULY

21-Kent & Shannon Newport

SCCM CHALLENGE JULY:

Paper Goods

Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels,
Facial Tissue, Cleaning Supplies



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