



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 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

all stanzas

Hymn 772

Live into Hope

stanzas 1 and 2

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1,2

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.**

*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 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

*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

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

TRIO

Hymn Medley

Beach Spring

Rebekah Ayscue, Spencer Ayscue, and Bradley Eudy

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of God, we do not know how to pray as we ought. Meet us in words written and in words spoken that we may know your presence and hear your call to us. Amen.

A WORD FROM NAHUM

Patrick Currie

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[*Nahum 1:2-8*](#)

Pew Bible, page 818

SERMON

God's Power

Mrs. Ayscue

*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.

*HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Keith Bryson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Holy God,

People: Hear our prayer.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Brother James' Air

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 724

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Angel's Story

*BENEDICTION

Jude's Benediction

Rebekah Ayscue, Spencer Ayscue, and Bradley Eudy

*POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

Thanks to Patrick Currie for his portrayal of the prophet Nahum and to Rebekah Ayscue, Spencer Ayscue, and Bradley Eudy for sharing their musical talent.

The prophet for July 30 is Habakkuk. Take some time to read this short 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:** Cora Harrison **Toddler Room:** Samantha Wangler **Preschool Partners:** Leah Beamon; Rose Saltzman **Nana & Papa Team:** Cathy King; Sarah Michael

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: The family of Margaret Newport (mother of Kent Newport), Mildred Andrew, 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.**

We will receive the Faith on the Fifth offering on July 30 for Stanly Community Christian Ministry. It will be designated to provide utility assistance.

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.



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 23 & 30.

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



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.**

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 23

Circle the Sanctuary

10:00 am *Worship

11:15 am Outside Ushers Meet

Monday, July 24

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

Wednesday, July 26

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

Friday, July 28

Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 30

Circle the Sanctuary

Faith on the Fifth Offering

10:00 am *Worship

***childcare provided**

An Invitation from Christ Episcopal Church...

Christ Episcopal Church's Good Earth Committee invites our friends of First Presbyterian Church to join us for a Film & Food Night on Friday, July 28 at 6:00 p.m. for a light supper and a showing of a documentary on the state of the oceans. Bring a dessert or fruit to share and the Good Earth Committee will provide the rest of the supper. RSVP by Wednesday, July 26 to 704-982-1428.

Nancy & Ron Bryant, Contacts of the Good Earth Committee

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! JULY

23-Jackson Palmer

24-Beth Poolos

Craig Taylor

25-Bruce Mittendorf

26-William Ivey

Adam Jolly

27-Chris Chapman

John Hahn

EllenWhitley

Michelle Osborne

Marlene Sanges

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! JULY

28-Matt & Claire Drumheller

John & Heather Kilde

Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer

SCCM CHALLENGE JULY:

Paper Goods

Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels, Facial Tissue, Cleaning Supplies



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



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.