



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.

PRELUDE

Bread of the World

arr. Margaret R. Tucker

Youth Handbell Ensemble

Gabriel Beamon, Elizabeth Bryson, Nathaniel Eudy, Oliver Henkenjohann,

Caroline Lisk, Anya McSwain, Natalie Niederer, Kezia Redfearn

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's word is a lamp to our feet,

People: A guide through the darkness.

Leader: God's word speaks grace, peace, and love into the world.

People: We gather in expectation of the One who came to renew life, to restore a people, to be love incarnate.

*CHORAL INTROIT

O Worship the Lord

Robert McCutchan

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Glad and generous God, we listen to the words that swirl around us on street corners and in coffee shops. We hear the words of friends and strangers. These words often leave us confused. So we have come to you, in search of the Word that will remind us of who we are and who you are. Be with us as we speak, as we seek, as we listen. Amen.

*HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. We have not boldly proclaimed the gospel, and we have not shared the good news of salvation. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Friends, 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

ANTHEM

*We Bow Down
The Lord is Great
Thou Art Worthy
Trusty Travelers*

Twila Paris
John Erickson
Pauline Michael Mills

Cooper Atwater, Ari Beamon, Zi'Yonna Brown, Hugh Carpenter, Russ Carpenter,
Ashley Deese, Emily Deese, Ashton Dickens, Cidney Eudy, Nathaniel Eudy,
Carter Gibson, Melanie Hendrix, Leni Henkenjohann, Jordan Hesley, Maddox Jolly, Caroline Lisk,
Stella Marks, Leo McLeod, Anya McSwain, Ellie Niederer, Sanah Patel, Mason Pickler,
Sophie Poplin, Kemarian Redfearn, Kezia Redfearn, Seth Richards, Thomas Shedd, Corbin Smith,
Claire Stokes, Eston West, Jake Whisnant

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. Children in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.

Presentation of Bibles

Congregation: Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all and its words speak to our community of faith. They tell us who we are and remind us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

Children: We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds. Thank you. We will read and study the Bible together.

Parents: We will encourage and support your efforts to know God's word by reading with you and sharing our understanding of God's word.

Congregation: We celebrate this step in your journey of faith. We pray God will guide you and all of us as we study together and grow in our knowledge of God's word.

All: The Word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

hymnal, page 288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Psalm 23](#)

Pew Bible, page 474

ANTHEM

How Shall I Sing that Majesty?

Kenneth Naylor

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[II Timothy 3:14-17](#)

Pew Bible, page 201

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Word of God

Mr. Drumheller and Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

excerpted from A Declaration of Faith

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God’s word and action in history, together with his people’s response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe. Amen.

*HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Rebekah Ayscue

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

Andante from Sonata III

Felix Mendelssohn

*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 462

I Love to Tell the Story

Hankey

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Road Rise to Meet You

Mark Schweizer

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

David N. Johnson

*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 Merrin Kinley. 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 honor of Dave, Anna, Mason, and Addie Feezor by Tom and Holly Norwood.

Thanks to the Youth Club Handbell Ensemble and Trusty Travelers for their participation in worship.

Ushers: Taylor Jolly, captain; Leah Beamon, Lee Boone, Heather Deese, Adam Jolly, Dona Lisk, Jack Morton, Penny Morton, Ellen Snyder **Outside Ushers:** Steve Coats; Stephan Kinley **Elder Greeters:** Mary Kesselman; Steve Cumming **Nursery:** Kaitlyn Massey **Toddler Room:** Sara Kate Thomas **Preschool Partners:** Angie Earnhardt; Kelly Lentz **Nana & Papa Team:** Gayle & Ned Russell **Children’s Church:** Dona Lisk; Grant Lisk; Grace Richards

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Mary Ella Vick, Polly Moose (Trinity Place; rehab and therapy), Frankie Palmer (home), Calvin Hall (kidney cancer), Mike Lehr (brother-in-law of Connie Wallace; radiation & chemotherapy treatment for lung cancer), Braden Poplin (son of Carla and Dustin Poplin; autism therapy), Myra Land, Molly Amelia Lowder (continuing health concerns), Glynn Fowler (possible nerve damage and failed rotator cuff surgery), Cathy Dunlap (sister of Jill Freshley; recovering from heart attack), Marlene Sanges. **See newsletter for complete list.**

Bibles are being presented today to third graders:

- Cooper Atwater, son of Alison & Chad Atwater
- Piper Campbell, daughter of Stephanie & Josh Campbell
- Ella Cumming, daughter of Michelle & Steve Cumming
- Nathaniel Eudy, son of Melissa & Wes Eudy
- Caroline Lisk, daughter of Dona & Greg Lisk
- Stella Marks, daughter of Laura Beth & Kyle Marks
- Seth Richards, son of Sherrie & Brett Richards
- Thomas Shedd, son of Shelley & Mike Shedd
- Holden Taylor, son of Salem & Thomas Taylor

REFORMATION STUDY

OCTOBER 22 AT 9:45 A.M. IN THE SESSION ROOM

Join Elizabeth for conversation about significant people and places in the Protestant Reformation - What happened? Why did it happen? How did the events of the Reformation affect the Christian Church and the way worship is conducted now?



*The Little Yellow Cup
Bring Your Filled Cup Today!*

All Caring and Sharing funds are used to purchase food and supplies for the Community Tables, Food Pantry, and to provide rent and utility assistance for our neighbors.



***Diary of a Wimpy Kid*
Fall Movie Night
Friday, October 27
6:30 p.m. in the Gym**

Come join us for *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul* and enjoy a family that begins an adventurous road trip that will have its ups & downs---but will be one that is never forgotten.

Bring the entire family out to a movie with friends, popcorn, candy & drinks!

Cozy up in your chair or blanket and plan to relax and laugh out loud!!!



Live a Generous Life

Live a generous life! God calls us to be loving, sharing, giving, and caring. Pledge cards have been mailed. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2018 and return your pledge card on or before November 5...Consecration Sunday. You are all invited to a luncheon hosted by the Fellowship Committee following worship on November 5. Please join us for fellowship and celebration of your generosity.

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us...(Romans 12:6)

OCTOBER FAITH ON THE FIFTH OFFERING
Opportunity to donate to SCCM Clothing Closet Renovation
Sunday, October 22 (the 4th Sunday)

This is an opportunity to support the SCCM Clothing Closet Renovations through our October Faith on the Fifth that will be held on Sunday, October 22. With the help of donations, SCCM has been able to do major roof repair, parking lot resurfacing, painting, and purchase of new fixtures. They hope to receive grant funds leaving a balance of \$12,000 needed to complete the floor and installation of fixtures. With renovations nearing completion, the air conditioning unit is now failing. With a quote of \$9,000 for a new unit, they are now looking at approximately \$21,000 to complete the project.

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF
During Sunday School on Sunday, October 29

The children's classes will visit the Youth Sunday School and all adult Sunday School classes with information about UNICEF and their UNICEF boxes. Please be prepared to support UNICEF and the children of First Presbyterian Church as they support the children of the world on Sunday, October 29. **Your gifts make a difference!**



Backpack Food Program Donations Needed: Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Hamburger Helper, Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups. A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Backpack Food Program:
Wednesday, October 25 at 10:30 a.m.



FAMILY SEASONING CLASS

How would you like to leave the church on Wednesdays with your dinner done?

Classes are on October 25 and November 1.

We will prepare dinner from 4:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

and class will be from 4:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

Come to as many as you can. Cost per family meal is \$15.

If you want to just come to the class portion, it is free.

During the dinner prep (4:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.), we are going to make a simple meal for you to take home for dinner. In the class (4:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.), we are going to share some simple ways to make dinner time special.

!!! Pound Cakes Needed !!!

Pound cakes are needed...can you help?

Following our Consecration Sunday worship service on November 5, we will have a luncheon for the congregation. We need **six** more pound cakes which you can make ahead of time and put in the church freezer. Please contact Janet Schaefer (336-461-3422 or janet.schaefer@gmail.com) if you can help bake or help with preparations either Saturday (November 4) or Sunday (November 5).



**REFORMATION SUNDAY
&
KIRKIN OF THE TARTANS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29**

We'll celebrate this seminal moment in the life of the Christian church in a big way.

- ❖ Company is coming from the Presbyterian churches in Locust and Norwood.
- ❖ We'll enjoy the bagpipes.
- ❖ We'll celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- ❖ We'll bless our family tartans and people everywhere.
- ❖ Fellowship with shortbread and cider will follow worship.



**Fall Carnival
Sunday, October 29
5:00 p.m.-6:30 pm.
In the Church Gym**

On October 29, our youth will host the annual Fall Carnival for the children and families of the church. Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of costumed fun. There will be prizes of all shapes and sizes, plenty of candy, and even a costume contest. Please join us from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

VETERANS DAY FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

On Veterans Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of veterans. **Each name is \$2.00.** Please mail, deliver or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **no later than Sunday, November 5.** Please make your check payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and designate for Veterans Day Arrangements. The names of donors and those being remembered/honored will be listed on Sunday, November 12. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.



VETERANS DAY ARRANGEMENTS

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, October 22

Youth Club Handbell Ensemble

Trusty Travelers Sing

Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders

SCCM Caring & Sharing Yellow Cup Campaign

Faith on the Fifth Offering for

SCCM Clothing Closet Renovation

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm-2:00 pm *Get to Know Your Bible with 3rd Graders & Parents

6:00 pm Youth Group Dinner

Monday, October 23

7:00 pm October Book Study

8:00 pm-9:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square

8:30 pm Senior High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Tuesday, October 24

9:30 am Presbytery Meeting at Steele Creek Presbyterian Church
(7407 Steele Creek Rd., Charlotte)

10:00 am-11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, October 25

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play

10:30 am Backpack Food Program (pit stop)

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)

*5:30 pm-8:30 pm New Officers' Training

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 26

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, October 27

6:30 pm Fall Movie Night (Gym)

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul

Sunday, October 29

500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation & Kirkin of the Tartans

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Reformation Reception

5:00 pm-6:30 pm Fall Carnival (Gym)

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

22-Billie Jean Snuggs

24-Martha White

Danny Saltzman

26-Luke Marshall

27-Elizabeth Ayscue

Dave MacMurray

29-Lillie Hancock

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

OCTOBER

24-Keith & Christine Andrew

25-Mark & Chris Mabry

26-Russell & Bede Karr



QUARTER MINISTRY

FOR THE

MARY & MARTHA CENTER

FOR WOMEN

Our Quarter Jar is in the pit stop. Quarters will be donated to the Mary & Martha Center for their clients to use at the laundromat. For more information, contact Kim Marshall (704-983-1378 or bookworm284@live.com).

Fall Art Exhibit at First Presbyterian Church

Mixed Media Madness

Featuring works by GHA Autism Supports

SCCM CHALLENGE

OCTOBER:

Canned Meat

(tuna, chicken, spam, salmon)