



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 SONG

Hymn 697

Take My Life

stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 6

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is near.

People: We call on your name, O God.

Leader: The Lord is near.

People: Hear our cry, O Lord.

Leader: The Lord is near.

People: We praise you and bless your holy name.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love. Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

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

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

*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

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Melissa Eudy

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

ANTHEM

Pie Jesu from 'Requiem'

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Ann Crutchfield and Lily Snyder, Sopranos

Blessed Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant them everlasting rest.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[II Corinthians 4:16-5:10](#)

Pew Bible, page 170

SERMON

Jumping Into God's Grace

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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS

Leader: In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.

People: In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.

Leader: In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

People: In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.

Leader: In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

People: In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.

Leader: When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

People: When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.

Leader: When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.

People: So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

During the prayer, a bell will toll for the saints of First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, who have entered the Church Triumphant since All Saints Day 2016. They are:

David Hancock	November 15, 2016	Sara Holshouser	January 26, 2017
Joan Belsan	November 19, 2016	Elworth Plyler	March 27, 2017
Joyce Burris	January 18, 2017	Virginia Marshall	April 28, 2017
June Johnson	January 18, 2017		

*HYMN 326

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

During the singing of the hymn, the congregation is invited to place a flower in the basket in memory of the saints of their lives.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

The Bryson Family

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

O How Blessed

Johannes Brahms

*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

Mary Kesselman

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Leader:... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the people of faith of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Organ

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow 'er and
 might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader:... Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

Distribution and Sharing of the Elements

Anthem

O Lamb of God

Malcolm Archer

Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let Us Break Bread

The congregation is invited to sing the hymn while communion is being served.

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Let us drink wine together...

Let us praise God together on our knees...

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

Dove of Peace

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

*POSTLUDE

O Welt ich muss dich lassen

Johannes Brahms

*All that are able may stand.

We rejoice that you are worshiping 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 Grant Lisk. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thanks to Ann Crutchfield and Lily Snyder for their participation in worship today.

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on Sunday, November 5.

There will be no Children's Church this Sunday. All elementary aged children are encouraged to remain in worship for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Lord's Table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ. As a sign of our unity in Christ, we will partake of the elements as one body, on cue from the pastor. All bread is gluten-free.

Ushers: Brett Richards, captain; Judy Kilgore, Jim Marshall, Mike McLeod, Grace Richards, Lee Snuggs
Outside Ushers: Lee McManus; Greg Lisk **Elder Greeters:** Steve Cumming; Ellen Snyder **Nursery:** McKenzie Hinson **Toddler Room:** Sara Kate Thomas **Preschool Partners:** Jack & Penny Morton **Nana & Papa Team:** Barbara & Chris Whitley **No Children's Church**

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Polly Moose (Trinity Place Room F10; rehab and therapy), Frankie Palmer, 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, Marlene Sanges. **See newsletter for complete list.**



Live a Generous Life

Live a generous life! Let us thank God for His love and generosity. Please return your pledge cards today if you have not already done so, and plan to join us for lunch following worship. We will enjoy a delicious meal provided by the Fellowship Committee to celebrate your generosity.

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.

Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

(I Peter 4:8-10)

Pfeiffer Day of Mission

On November 12, students from Pfeiffer will join us for worship and an afternoon of mission work in the Albemarle community. Everyone who is going out to work will gather for lunch after worship. Church members will be grouped with college students to do service work for those in need in our community. This will be a great chance to meet some of the students attending college in our county and a great way to help those in need. Please contact Matt Drumheller to sign up (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) by November 5.



CAN YOU HELP?

Central School needs belts for their students...men's belts, women's belts, children's belts. They can be new or gently used. Will you clean out your closets and find those that others may use? There is a collection bin in the pit stop.

OASIS Tea Party & Purse Auction

Saturday, November 11

10:00 a.m.-Noon

First Presbyterian Church

Tickets are \$25.00 per person or

Table of 8 for \$200.00

(Group tables can be decorated for a \$50.00 donation.)

Princess Tables for children/grandchildren.

Princess seats are \$10.00.

To purchase tickets/table, contact Donna Harwood (980-581-1615) or stop by OASIS at Central United Methodist Church.



100% of the proceeds from this event will enable OASIS to provide services to help your aging neighbors maintain independence and dignity while avoiding premature nursing home admittance.



SERRV

Fair Trade Bazaar

Sunday, November 12

This is the place to find...

- ❖ Gifts with meaning – Margret, a cocoa farmer in Ghana says, *Before, I couldn't read and write. Now I can.* She participates in a literacy program funded by the purchase of Divine Chocolates. Savita, of Mumbai says, *I was determined to give my children the education I didn't have.* Her work with MarketPlace cooperative makes that possible.
- ❖ Environmentally sensitive gifts – some organic or shade grown products which are shipped in recyclables.
- ❖ Fair trade gifts – artisan's and farmer's cooperatives have input in setting a fair price for their products.
- ❖ Gifts for under \$10.00 – coffee, tea, chocolates, baking cocoa, nuts, soup mix, jams, mango chutney, spice mixes, olive oil, and other food items.

Will you help support this mission?

We'll be in the pit stop from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 12.

Bring your Christmas shopping list!



**Time for the Homes of Hope fall...
HEARTY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER**

Donations Accepted!

Stanly County's homeless housing program serving more than 800 since 2005.

Enjoy a Hearty Breakfast of:

Scrambled Eggs, Cereal, Bacon, Biscuits, Pancakes, Juice, Fruit, Coffee, Gravy, Grits, & Sausage

6:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. on Friday, November 10

Central United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (172 N. Second Street, Albemarle)

Homes of Hope is a United Way agency.





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

**Pack a box or two (boxes available in the pit stop) and
return them to the church for dedication on November 19.**



If you have not already returned your filled Sharing & Caring cup for SCCM, please do so as soon as possible.

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, November 5

Consecration Sunday

All Saints Day

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Deadline for Veteran's Day Flower Form

Daylight Saving Time Ends

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 10:00 am *Child Protection Policy Training (Media Room)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Congregational Luncheon
- 3:00 pm-7:00 pm Christmas Kitchen Prep at the home of Catherine & Matt Moeller (1301 Prestwick Place, Albemarle)

Monday, November 6

- 7:00 pm Circle meets at the home of Gloria Bryson (811 Smith St., Albemarle)
- 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, November 7

- 10:00 am-11:30 am Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, November 8

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play
- 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 *Officer Training
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 9

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, November 10

- 6:30 am-9:30 am Homes of Hope Fall Hearty Breakfast Fundraiser at Central United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (172 N. 2nd Street, Albemarle)

Saturday, November 11

Veteran's Day

Sunday, November 12

Pfeiffer Day of Mission

SERRV Bazaar in the Pit Stop Before & Following Worship

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch (2nd & 3rd Graders-Media Room)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)
- 4:00 pm-7:00 pm Youth Group Christmas Kitchen Prep (Church)
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee
- 7:00 pm *Session

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER

- 06-Shannon Newport
- 08-Leni Henkenjohann
Nancy Joines
Mary Louise Sawyer
- 09-Ann Duckwall
Ross Holshouser
Sarah Newport
- 11-Rose Saltzman
Bill Stevenson
- 12-Jay Andrew
Blake Taylor



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).

SCCM CHALLENGE NOVEMBER

Canned Fruit
(Lite Syrup or No Sugar Added)

**Fall Art Exhibit at FPC
Mixed Media Madness
Featuring works by
GHA Autism Supports**