



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.

PRELUDE *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* arr. Margaret R. Tucker
Youth Club Handbell Ensemble
Gabriel Beamon, Elizabeth Bryson, Nathaniel Eudy, Merrin Kinley,
Natalie Niederer, and Kezia Redfearn

*CALL TO WORSHIP Martha Sue Hall

Leader: The mighty one, God the Lord speaks,

People: And summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Leader: Our God comes and does not keep silence,

People: Before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

Leader: The heavens declare God's righteousness,

People: For God is judge.

Psalm 50:1-6

*CHORAL INTROIT *The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation* Robert Wetzler

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King* Lasst uns erfreuen

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Holy God, when you call us to hope and to act with great boldness, we tremble at your presence and cover our eyes. We are afraid of what we will see, for your greatness unveils our weakness, your justice unveils our brokenness, and your holiness unveils our sins. Giver of grace, forgive our sins that we might see the grace of your Son and not lose heart.

Mark 9:2-9

*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.**

Hymn 582

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Barbara McManus

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

[II Corinthians 4:3-6](#)

Pew Bible, page 169

ANTHEM

We Are the Church

Tom McLain

Sign Us with Ashes

Mary Louise Bringle

O How He Loves You and Me

Kurt Kaiser

Faith Explorers: Gabriel Beamon, Elizabeth Bryson, Ollie Henkenjohann, Thora Kilde, Merrin Kinley, Addison Marks, Bailey Motes, Natalie Niederer, Jackson Palmer, Danny Saltzman, Lily Snyder, and Caroline West

GOSPEL READING

[Mark 9:2-9](#)

Pew Bible, page 41

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Transformed

Mr. Drumheller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed, and blessing the children, healing the sick, and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

*HYMN 819

Be Still, My Soul

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

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Theodore Dubois

*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

A Brief Statement of Faith is organized into three main sections to reflect the Trinity. This excerpt comes from the section about Christ. The statement is designed to be confessed by the whole congregation in the setting of public worship.

*HYMN 816 *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* Wer nur den lieben Gott

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mark 9:9

*CHORAL RESPONSE *May the Road Rise to Meet You* Mark Schweizer

*POSTLUDE *Festive Trumpet Tune* David German

*All who 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 Danny Saltzman. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thanks to Martha Sue Hall for serving as liturgist, and to the Youth Club Handbell Ensemble and Faith Explorers for their musical leadership in worship today.

Ushers: Jack Morton, captain; Duncan Bryson, Jim Ivey, Robert Ivey, Taylor Jolly, Greg Lisk, Penny Morton, and Jeff Robertson **Outside Ushers:** TBD **Elder Greeters:** Lee McLaurin; Lynn White **Nursery:** Cortney Brown **Preschool Partners:** Leah Beamon; Heather Deese **Nana & Papa Team:** Mary & Frank Green **Children’s Church:** Angie Earnhardt, Kelly Lentz, Adrienne Averette

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Doris Forte; Debi Medlin (breast cancer; stepsister of Dona Lisk). **See newsletter for complete list.**

Prayer Partners...During Lent, you have the opportunity to pray for another member of the congregation. If you would like to pray for and be prayed for, fill out a prayer card located at both entrances. You can place the card in one of the baskets at the usher stations or return it on February 18. On February 18, everyone who wants to participate will receive another person’s card. In this way, we will keep one another supported in prayer throughout the season.



Ash Wednesday...February 14

The Lenten journey appropriately begins in worship. This year, there are two options.

Worship at Noon: Music and Meditation...For thirty minutes, the sanctuary will be filled with instrumental music, prayer, and scripture reading. Come for this contemplative time together. Ashes will be available.

Worship at 6:30 p.m. in the Pit Stop...Plan to begin this season of penitence and preparation in worship. We will be reminded of our sin by the imposition of ashes. We will feast at the table of our Lord Jesus Christ to gain strength for the journey. Childcare provided.

Which Ministry Is Right for You?

Many of our committee chairs are putting together groups to share in ministry. Please prayerfully consider how you might be involved in the work of one of these committees. Contact the folks below to say, *Here I Am!*

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>Contact (email, phone number)</u>
Childcare	Laura Beth Marks	lbmarks4@gmail.com 704-202-9334
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Stewardship	Rich Schaefer	richard.schaefer@gmail.com 614-579-2475
Worship	Dona Lisk	liskdona@gmail.com 704-591-5934
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**You are invited
to the First Presbyterian Church
Volunteer Reception**

Thursday, February 15 from 10:00 a.m.-Noon in the church parlor

RSVP to Pam Knighten (pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org) or
Kyle Lambert (klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) or call the church office (704-982-2722).

Stanly County Habitat for Humanity BBQ Chicken Fundraiser

1/2 BBQ Chicken, Slaw, Chips, Roll, and Dessert

Thursday, February 22

11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

At Centerview Baptist Church (508 Northeast Connector, Albemarle)

Advance tickets available in the church office.

Ticket Prices: \$9.00 in advance...\$10.00 day of the event

Drive Thru, Take-Out, Delivery, & Dine-In

Delivery Available with orders of 5+ plates

******(Delivery must be scheduled before February 20)******

Catered by Port-A-Pit BBQ

Habitat for Humanity also needs volunteers for the event and to make cakes/desserts.

Sign-up on the Mission Bulletin Board by Sunday, February 11.





Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

February 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym

Come for pancakes hot off the griddle and some pre-Lent fun (including pancake decorating and races for the children)! Keith Bryson is coordinating the cooking so call if you want to help (704-984-0254). All proceeds will benefit the Backpack Program which provides weekend food for needy children at Central Elementary School.

**PARTNERS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Christian Education Mini-Retreat on Sunday, February 18
Noon-2:30 p.m.**

The Christian Education Committee is carefully evaluating all programs and looking at new and old ways to strengthen them. If you would like to share in their work and conversation, plan to join them by contacting the church office (704-982-2722) or Jane Snyder (jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) by Thursday, February 13.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 11

Youth Club Handbell Ensemble Rings in Worship

Faith Explorers Sing in Worship

8:45 am *Diaconate

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm-4:00 pm Faith Explorers' Bake & Take w/Pizza Lunch

5:00 pm-6:30 pm Youth Group Family Night

6:00 pm Worship Committee

Monday, February 12

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

Tuesday, February 13

Shrove Tuesday

12:00 pm March Newsletter Deadline

6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (Gym)

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday/Valentine's Day

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

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

12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship at Noon (Sanctuary)

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)

6:30 pm *Ash Wednesday Worship in the Pit Stop

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 15

10:00 am Volunteer Reception (Parlor)

Sunday, February 18

First Sunday of Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Trusty Travelers Sing in Worship

8:00 am Session

9:45 am *Sunday School

*Traditional Discussion Group with Skeet Ayscue
in the Media Room (Basement)

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm-2:30 pm Christian Education Committee Mini-Retreat

3:00 pm Hiking Group meets at Morrow Mountain State Park

3:00 pm Reading Group with Courtney Niederer &

Kim Marshall in the Church Parlor

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

*childcare provided

SCCM CHALLENGE

FEBRUARY

Canned Vegetables

Green Beans, Corn, Carrots, Peas,

Beans, Canned Tomatoes,

Mixed Vegetables (Vegall)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FEBRUARY

11-Davis Fort

Katherine Jolly

12-Karen Hinkle

14-Hunter Matthews

15-Emily Deese

Richard Griffin

Pete Smith

16-Miller Morgan

17-Amy Whitley

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

FEBRUARY

12-Ernie & Jane Borders

Community Participation Needed

You are requested to complete the 2018 Community Health Assessment survey. This is the survey the Stanly County Health Department and Carolinas HealthCare System Stanly conduct to determine what our major priorities are for the next three years by analyzing community responses and State data. The information in this report is, also, used to get grants for agencies and non-profits. The survey can be done through February 28. For more information, contact Debbie Bennett at dbennett@stanlycountync.gov or 704-982-9171.

The link is:

<https://goo.gl/forms/u0c06jntFJeY1Sc32>

or visit the Stanly County Health

Department website at

health.stanlycountync.gov

Backpack Food Program

UPDATED LIST OF DONATIONS NEEDED:

Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish,

Large Cans of Soup, Canned Tuna,
and Saltine Crackers.

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Next Packing Date:

Wednesday, February 28 at 10:30 a.m.