



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

*God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy; welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Amen.*

**PEALING OF THE BELLS**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

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

**PRELUDE**

*Blessed Jesus We Are Here*

Johann Sebastian Bach

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jane Boone

Joel 2:13

Leader: Return to the Lord your God,

**People: For God is gracious and merciful,**

Leader: Slow to anger,

**People: And abounding in steadfast love.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O Lord, you have searched us and known us. You know when we sit down and when we rise up. You discern our thoughts. You are acquainted with all our ways. You hem us in behind and before. Be present with us wherever we may go so that we may never flee from your presence. We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Amen.**

Psalm 139

**\*HYMN 396**

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

Holy Manna

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

**Unison**

**Merciful God, we confess that we are quick to pass judgment on others. Rather than allow you to judge right from wrong, we believe ourselves capable of the power of condemnation. Forgive us when we look past the plank in our own eye to point out the dust in the eye of another.**

The refrain used during the Prayer of Confession is hymn number 227 in the *Glory to God* hymnal.

*Choir and Congregation Sings:*

*Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.*

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**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

This is a Scottish version of the Gloria Patri which can be found on page 580 of the *Glory to God* hymnal.

**\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**

*Glory Be to the Father*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## 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.*

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation and Questions

\*Profession 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.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Introduction to the Congregation

Anthem

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

Dan Forrest

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, in the words of Christ, reveal to us your truth. Help us hear your Word, that we may learn what it means to be disciples. In your Word, may we discover our hope. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

[John 8:1-11](#)

Pew Bible, page 94

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

*If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments*

Thomas Talli

If Ye Love Me, keep my commandments.

And I will pray the Father,

And He shall give you another comforter,

That He may abide with you forever,

Even the Spirit of Truth.

### SERMON

*Judge Not*

Mr. Drumheller

\*HYMN 756

*O God of Every Nation*

Llangloffan

Although an exact date of the Apostles' Creed is uncertain, its reflection on a broad range of topics gives us insight to the development of the early church.

If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace. This text is set to a stirring Welsh tune.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Holy Manna* 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

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation 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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*HYMN 757 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* Kingsfold

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 543 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* Green Tyler

**Walking behind to hem my journey,  
Going ahead to light my way,  
And from behind, above, and all ways:  
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

\*POSTLUDE *Psalm* Benedetto Marcello

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\*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 Jackson Shedd.** After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

**Thanks to Jane Boone** for serving as liturgist today in worship.

**John Robert McIntyre, Jr.,** son of Catherine and Rob McIntyre, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Al Andrew is assisting as Elder.

**The flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptism of John Robert McIntyre, Jr. by Garry and Missy Spence.

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Diane Marks (diagnosed with breast cancer; mother of Kyle Marks). **See newsletter for complete list.**

The Lord's Table is open to all who trust in Christ or who want to trust in him more. Communion will be served by intinction. When invited by the ushers, proceed to the nearest station. Break off a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and then partake. Gluten-free elements are available upon request.

**Ushers:** Brett Richards, captain; Mark Donham, Jim Hesley, Judy Kilgore, Grace Richards, Danny Saltzman, Rose Saltzman **Outside Ushers:** Stephan Kinley; Wes Eudy **Elder Greeters:** Mary Kesselman; Lynn White **Nursery:** Kaitlyn Massey **Preschool Partners:** Jill Niebler; Isabel McLeod **Nana & Papa Team:** Barbara & Chris Whitley **Children's Church:** Jacob Palmer; Frankie Palmer

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**COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES  
AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ALBEMARLE  
THEME: JESUS' QUESTIONS**



**WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 14 & 21 AT NOON IN THE SANCTUARY  
LUNCH FOLLOWING IN THE GYM...COST: DONATION**

First Presbyterian Church is hosting the Community Lent Worship Services this year. An offering will be received to support The Mary and Martha Center for Women and Community Care.

Wednesday, March 21 Preacher: Rev. Jacob Waldrip, Associate Pastor of First Baptist Church  
Worship Leader: Dr. Andy Jung, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church

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**FOOD FOR BODY & SOUL**

**ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14 AT 6:00 P.M.**

This time together includes Evening Prayer at 5:45 p.m. in the chapel followed by dinner in the gym at 6:00 p.m. We will also have a time to reflect together on our Lenten theme, *Living the Word*, using both words and art. Dinner on March 14 will be sponsored by The B.A.S.H. (Bible and Study Hour) Sunday School Class. The menu is chicken casserole, green beans, salad, and dessert.

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**Please visit the...**

**First Presbyterian Church Spring Art Gallery Exhibit  
The Artwork of Central School Students**



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**Easter Lilies...Deadline: Sunday, March 25**



If you would like to contribute to the purchase of Easter Lilies as an Easter Memorial or Honorarium, please fill out the form below exactly as you wish the memorial or honorarium to read, **attach a check in the amount of \$15.00** and place in the offering plate or leave in the church office no later than **Sunday, March 25**. Checks should be payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and designated "Easter Lilies." All memorials/honorariums received by March 25 will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 1.

**Easter Lilies**

**In honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to take my lily after worship on Easter.

I will leave my lily for delivery to a homebound member.

# Palm Sunday Fair

Sunday, March 25

9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. in the Church Gym

Intergenerational Event for ALL!!!

Continental Breakfast

Educational stations for Children, Youth, & Adults

Join in the celebration of the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem  
and prepare your hearts and minds for Holy Week.

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Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 25

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at City Lake Park

The youth will host an Easter Egg Hunt for congregation families at City Lake Park on Palm Sunday. Come enjoy some time outside, join in fellowship and food, and maybe find some Easter eggs! Families are asked to bring a bag of chips and/or a drink to share. Anyone who would like to donate bags of candy, please drop off your donations at Matt's office by Wednesday, March 21. We do NOT need plastic eggs this year. This is one of our favorite activities every year, so bring the family out for an afternoon of fun!

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Easter Eve Cookout & Camping at Morrow Mountain State Park

Saturday, March 31

The Fellowship Committee extends a welcome to campers and non-campers at the group campsite around suppertime on Easter Eve. Feel free to bring dinner to cook on the coals, or if you wish, you can bring supper from home or take out from your favorite restaurant. Smore's will be provided! Please bring your drinks and chairs along as well! Contact the office if you plan to join us (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org))!



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**From the Senior Care Committee...**The Senior Care Committee is seeking potential drivers to provide transportation for our seniors to allow them the mobility to go to church events, grocery stores, and doctor appointments. We need a pool we can call on to provide these services on an as needed basis. Please contact the church office (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)) to be placed on the Senior Transportation Drivers List. If you have any questions, contact Tom Norwood (704-983-3647 or [fnorwood@vnet.net](mailto:fnorwood@vnet.net)), Senior Care Committee Chair.

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**From the Scholarship Committee...**Scholarship applications are available on the counter in the church office. **The deadline to return completed applications is Monday, April 9.** if you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2018 are: Lee McLaurin, Chair; Al Andrew, and Taylor Johnston.





# HOLY WEEK

## **Palm Sunday (March 25)**

### **9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Fair**

Reflect on Christ's final days using spirituality centers set up around the church.

### **11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship**

Worship will include a palm parade celebrating Christ's triumphal entry.

### **4:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt at City Lake Park**

## **Monday-Friday**

### **7:30 a.m. Perk & Pray**

**-8:30 a.m.** Drive through the parking lot on First Street for a cup of coffee or a juice box and a prayer.

### **12:00 p.m. Noon Prayer**

Spend time each day of Holy Week in intentional worship and prayer.

### **Maundy Thursday (March 29) in the Pit Stop at 6:00 p.m.**

Bring a covered dish or two to share with your church family. We'll have a meal and then briefly worship as we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper around the tables. Worship is child-friendly and a wonderfully tactile experience for children and the people who love them!

## **Good Friday (March 30)**

### **10:30 a.m. Cross Walk (for all ages)**

Meet outside the sanctuary (on North Street). We'll follow the cross through downtown Albemarle and pray for the people of our community.

### **12:00 p.m. Noon Prayer in the Chapel**

### **8:00 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary**

The choir will lead this solemn service which focuses on the declining loyalty of the disciples and the fading light of the world as Jesus departs from it. We will share The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Childcare is provided.

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, March 11

*Fourth Sunday of Lent/The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper*

*The Sacrament of Baptism/Daylight Saving Time Begins*

8:45 am \*Diaconate

9:45 am \*Sunday School

\*Traditional Discussion Group with Skeet Ayscue  
(Media Room-Basement)

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm Worship Committee (Old Session Room)

2:45 pm-6:30 pm Youth Group Kickball Tournament

3:00 pm Hiking Group meets at Morrow Mountain

3:00 pm Reading Group with Courtney Niederer & Kim Marshall  
(Parlor)

### Monday, March 12

7:00 pm Film Group with Nancy & Don Joines  
(Church Theatre-basement/children's building)

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

### Tuesday, March 13

9:30 am Cooking Group with Gayle Russell &  
Jane Snyder (Pit Stop/Kitchen)

11:00 am Walking Group with Mary Louise Sawyer (Gym)

7:30 pm Yoga Group with Rebekah Ayscue & Alexis Poolos  
(Classroom 2-Basement)

### Wednesday, March 14

6:00 am Traditional Discussion Group & Breakfast with  
Steve Cumming

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

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

12:00 pm Community Lenten Service at FPC

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)

5:45 pm Food for Body & Soul Evening Prayer (Chapel)

6:00 pm Food for Body & Soul Dinner (Gym)

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 15

10:00 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Fruit of the Vine Small Group

### Saturday, March 17

*St. Patrick's Day*

### Sunday, March 18

*Fifth Sunday of Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

8:00 am Session

9:45 am \*Sunday School

\*Traditional Discussion Group with Skeet Ayscue  
(Media Room-Basement)

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm-4:00 pm Faith Explorers' Field Trip to Lazy 5 Ranch

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

3:00 pm Reading Group with Courtney Niederer & Kim Marshall  
(Parlor)

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

\*childcare provided

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### MARCH

11-Jim Carter

Nancy Jolly

12-Morgan Kinley

14-Leah Kilde

Courtney Niederer

15-Kate Melone

16-Steve Coats

17-Bob Gaither

Frank Green

Eric Niederer

18-Kendall Taylor

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### MARCH

13-Bill & Ruth Ann Rogers



**Remember to *spring forward*  
one hour in the early morning hours of  
March 11  
(or before you go to bed on March 10).**

## SCCM CHALLENGE FOR MARCH

Boxed Pasta Meals (Hamburger  
Helper), Instant Potatoes, Stuffing Mix

## Backpack Food Program

### UPDATED LIST OF DONATIONS NEEDED:

Breakfast Cookies  
Individual Bags of Goldfish  
Large Cans of Soup  
Canned Tuna  
Saltine Crackers  
A bin in the pit stop  
will receive your donation.

**Next Packing Date:  
Wednesday, March 28  
at 10:30 a.m.**