



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Places of deep need call to the church; they form a mission field that invites the concern and the active, strategic engagement of communities of faith.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

PRELUDE *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Max Drischner

***CHORAL INTROIT** *O Be Joyful in the Lord* Donald Moore

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

How plainly they show what God has done.

Each day announces it to the following day.

Each night repeats it to the next.

No speech or words are used, no sound is heard.

Yet their message goes out to all the world and is heard to the end of the earth. Let us stand in awe at the glory of God.

Psalm 19:1-4

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of compassion, you have shown us in Christ that your love is never-ending. Enable us to love you with all our hearts and to love one another as Christ loved us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN 305** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* Darwall's 148th

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

Unison

God of restoration, when we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us. Heal us and restore us to a right relationship with you and one another; through Jesus Christ in whom we trust.

Nehemiah 8:9

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

The congregation is encouraged to participate in the prayer with the children.

The opening text is by Albert Schweitzer from his 1906 book, *The Quest of the Historical Jesus*. The text and hymn tune (beginning with *O Morning Star...*) was written and composed by Philipp Nicolai in 1597-99.

Sermons are posted on the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org). You can usually find the previous Sunday's sermon by Wednesday.

A Declaration of Faith...
A contemporary statement of faith approved by the PCUS in 1997.

*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 Debby Johnston & Friends
Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Faith Sharing with Children, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.

ANTHEM Jane M. Marshall
He Comes to Us

He comes to us as one unknown, Without a name, as of old, by the lakeside
He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us, He speaks the
same word: *Follow thou me!* and sets us to the tasks
which He has to fulfill for our time.

He commands, and to those who obey Him, Whether they be wise or simple,
He will reveal Himself In the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they
shall pass through in His fellowship. And, as an ineffable mystery, they shall
learn in their own experience who He is.

O Morning Star, how fair and bright thou beamest forth in truth and light.
O Sovereign meek and lowly. Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son, my Lord and
master, Thou hast won my heart to serve Thee. Thou are holy, fair and
glorious, all victorious, Rich in blessing, rule and might o'er all possessing.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Great God of the universe, as we see your wisdom and glory in nature,
may we hear your Word for us today. By the power of the Holy Spirit,
we ask to be drawn closer to you through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING Pew Bible, page 57
[Luke 4:14-21](#)
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Reverend Ayscue
Just the Basics

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death. He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us, and demands of us, lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet. Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now, he is Lord. Amen.

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.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory *Offertory* William Lloyd Webber

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 772 *Live into Hope* Truro

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Fourfold Amen* John Stainer

*POSTLUDE *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Dietrich Buxtehude

*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 Katherine Jolly. 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 by Kyle Lambert and in honor of Frankie Palmer and Rich Schaefer for their love and dedication to First Presbyterian and its members by coming in every Monday to do the count.

Ushers: Jill Niebler, captain; Steve Cumming, Heather Deese, Nancy Joines, Katherine Jolly, Ken Knight, Andy McLeod, and Shelley Shedd **Outside Ushers:** Steve Coats; John Howell **Elder Greeters:** Taylor Johnston; Joyce Lambert **Nursery:** Cortney Brown **Kids Care Crew:** Debby Johnston; Carol Sasser **Children’s Church:** Heather Kilde; David Kilde

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Harold McKeithan (hospice care), The family of Tim Lowder, John Taylor (international mission worker), Brinn Andrew (daughter of Kellie and Jason Andrew; diagnosis and treatment for neuroblastoma), Maddie McRae (daughter of Renee & Keith McRae; diagnosis & treatment for a brain tumor), Debra Barnard (daughter of Gloria Bryson; neuroendocrine carcinoma), Judy Toney (sister of Jim Hesley; chemotherapy for breast cancer), Mike Burke. **See newsletter for complete list.**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION & CORPORATION
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27
FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

Session has established the date for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation as Sunday, January 27. The meeting will be held immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive annual reports, to transact other business as may properly come before the meeting, and to act on the proposed co-pastor model and its impact upon the pastors' terms of call.



Grandparent & Child Retreat

Sunday, January 27

Noon-2:30 p.m.

Partnering in Christian Education....

Children K-5th grade...

Grandparents of any age...

Call the church office now to sign up! (704-982-2722)!



Women's Workday at Habitat House on Saturday, February 2

We are hoping for a complete team of willing women for this day. Skilled and unskilled workers are welcome! Let Elizabeth Wilson (704-982-3625 or ewilson1927@carolina.rr.com) know you can be there.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Our church will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 3rd. More than 20 years ago, this ministry began with a single youth group that prayed a simple prayer:

Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.



Our youth will collect money and cans of food at the doors of the sanctuary following worship.

Pewsitters on the right side (choir loft side) of the middle section, the right section, or the balcony, are asked to bring chicken noodle soup.

Pewsitters on the left side of the middle section, the left section, or the section near the sound board, you are asked to bring tomato soup.

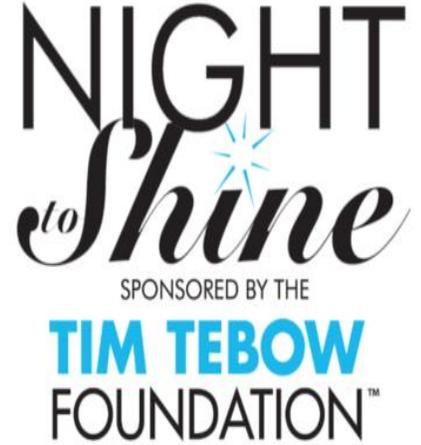
See designated spaces in the Pit Stop for your soup! Let's see which section can collect the most soup for SCCM!



The Fellowship Committee
invites you
to the enjoy a cup of hot cocoa
and some cookies
to be served between Sunday School and worship
each Sunday in February.

Youth Group Participation Needed for Night to Shine

The Tim Tebow Foundation *Night to Shine Joy Prom* is on Friday, February 8 at Carmel Baptist Church in Charlotte. It is a full-scale dance for special needs individuals in our community. They get all dressed up in formal attire, arrive on a red carpet to cheering fans, and get their makeup done, shoes shined, and photos taken. A dessert buffet is served for all guests and is followed by an evening of dancing the night away with their friends. Each year, we seek to provide an enchanting evening for the guests while letting them know they are loved by Jesus and precious to Him. We will leave FPC at 4:15 p.m. on February 8. If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the online form by January 30. Let Dorothy know at dhart@fpcalbemarle.org or 828-244-3824 if you plan to attend!





**FIRST FAMILY GATHERING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
EVENING PRAYER AT 5:45 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL
DINNER AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE GYM**

Menu:

- Mexican Rice Bowls (Mexican Rice, Black Beans, Jalapeño, Avocado, Tomato, Chicken, Ground Beef, Shredded Cheese, Salsa, Sour Cream, Cilantro, Crushed Tortilla Chips)
- Thai Rice Bowls (Brown Rice, Bean Sprouts, Cucumbers, Carrots, Edamame, Chicken, Peanut Sauce, Yogurt Sauce, Crushed Peanuts)
- Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts, Tea, Coffee, Water and Lemonade.

Contact the church office 704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org by noon on Tuesday, February 5 to say you're coming.

Volunteers Needed for next First Family Gathering

Dessert and Sides Crew:	Tuesday, February 5 at 10:00 a.m.
Set up crew:	Wednesday, February 6 at 3:45 p.m.
Clean-up crew:	Wednesday, February 6 at 6:45 p.m.

Please call Jane Snyder at the church 704-982-2722 or on her phone 704-438-3358 if you would like to help☺!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 27

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm *Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation
- 12:00 pm-2:30 pm Grandparent & Grandchild Retreat
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, January 28

- 7:00 pm Book Conversation (Parlor)
- 8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Tuesday, January 29

- 10:00 am Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, January 30

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 3:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 2

Women's Workday at the Habitat for Humanity House

Sunday, February 3

Souper Bowl of Caring/Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee

***childcare provided**

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR JANUARY

Toiletries & Household Items

(Shampoo/Conditioner, Deodorant, Toothpaste,
Laundry Detergent, Bar Soap, Feminine Hygiene Products)

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR FEBRUARY

Canned Soup & Crackers

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JANUARY

- 27-Linda Richards
- 28-Kim Andrew
Gus Holbrook
Dona Lisk
- 30-Linda Anderson
- 31-Garrett Chapman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FEBRUARY

- 01-Jean Rabe
Caroline Smith
- 02-Lee Boone
Penny Morton
- 03-Kellyn Luna

Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:

Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies

Individual Bags of Goldfish

Large Cans of Soup

Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper

Snack Crackers, Pineapple

Fruit Cocktail Cups

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Next Backpacking Date:

Wednesday, January 30 at 10:30 a.m.