



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Where God is not obeyed, a decisive break occurs in every individual life and in the life of every community or state. No power can live defiantly in the face of God's sovereignty.

Walter Brueggemann

PEALING OF THE BELLS

OPENING SENTENCES

The choice is before us: life or death.

Let us choose life, so that we may live.

Deuteronomy 30:19

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONGS

Hymn 2	<i>Come, Thou Almighty King</i>	stanzas 1 and 2
Hymn 720	<i>Jesus Calls Us</i>	stanzas 1 and 2

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Happy are those whose footsteps follow the way of the Lord:

The path of justice and mercy.

Happy are those whose hearts delight in the law of the Lord,

Teachings that root us in love and sustain us in hope.

Happy are our souls when we gather to worship the living God.

Let us worship the giver of grace and Lord of life.

Psalms 119

***PRAYER OF THE DAY 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.

***HYMN 41**

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Lyons

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

Unison

Eternal God, our judge and our redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you because of our sins. We have lived for ourselves. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world. In your mercy, forgive our sins.

We unite our voices in confession each week recognizing our constant need for God's grace. In silence, we confess our individual sins. Aloud, we confess our corporate sins. We ask God to forgive and renew us individually and as a church.

Psalms 103

Glory to God hymnal,
page 582

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

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

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news.

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

Penny Morton

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the anthem, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.

ANTHEM

Step by Step

David Strasser

Keep Me Stepping Boldly Forward

Traditional

Youth Club Trusty Travelers and Faith Explorers

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

[Deuteronomy 30:15-20](#)

Pew Bible, page 179

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Choose

Reverend Drumheller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

Kelvingrove

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Introduction

Reaffirmation of Faith

*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.

Prayer

Welcome

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us
in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.**

*Hymn 643

Now Thank We All Our God

stanza 1

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gift of love, and still is ours today.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Intermezzo

Hermann Schroeder

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

hymnal, page 60

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 313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

African American Spiritual

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Road Rise to Meet You

Mark Schweizer

*POSTLUDE

Postlude

Hermann Schroeder

*All who are able may stand.

We are grateful for your presence 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 Cooper Atwater. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thanks to the Youth Club Trusty Travelers and Faith Explorers for sharing their musical talent with us this morning.

We are delighted to welcome new members: Jennifer Hesley, Mary Lane & Craig Minkler, Nancy & Myron Lowder, and Sam Shepherd.

Ushers: Jill Niebler, captain; Steve Cumming, Heather Deese, Melanie Hendrix, Katherine Jolly, and Lee McLaurin **Outside Ushers:** Mark Andrew; Jack Morton **Elder Greeters:** Steve Coats; Ellen Snyder **Nursery:** Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Dona & Greg Lisk **Children’s Church:** Taylor & Kyle Barbee

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Jane Lisk, Gene Freshly (husband of Jill Freshly; recovering from mild stroke), Debbie Gabriel (sister of Gayle Russell; diagnosed with breast cancer), Frank Green, Carolyn Sharpe, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Mark Mabry, Jane Pickler. **See newsletter for complete list.**

Last week’s flowers were given to the glory of God and in memory of Helen Mount.

**INTERGENERATIONAL HANDBELL CHOIR
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE CHOIR ROOM

Folks interested in playing in an intergenerational handbell choir are encouraged to attend an organizational meeting on Sunday, February 23. The meeting will take place at 9:00 a.m. in the choir room. Middle and high school students and adults are welcome.



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AGAINST HUNGER

Post Worship Luncheon
Sunday, February 16 following worship

Menu: Baked Potato & Salad Bar

Everyone is encouraged to bring a potato topping to share.

The youth will host this luncheon to raise funds for the *Rise Against Hunger* packing event.

Meal Packing Event on Sunday, February 23 at 3:00 p.m.

People of all ages can help with the packing. Plan to be part of this afternoon.

The three Presbyterian churches of Stanly County are going to partner with Rise Against Hunger to pack meals for hungry people around the world. Over the course of two hours, we will pack approximately 25,000 meals. Contact Matt Drumheller to sign-up!



Youth Group Lock-In
Friday, February 21

Contact Dorothy Hart for more information
(dhart@fpcalbemarle.org or 828-244-3824).

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 16

Youth Club Trusty Travelers and Faith Explorers sing in worship

Reception of New Members

- 8:30 am Session
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Congregational Lunch Sponsored by Youth
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, February 17

President's Day

Church Office Closed

- 8:00 pm Bible Study with Matt

Tuesday, February 18

- 12:00 pm March Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, February 19

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 20

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Friday, February 21

Youth Group Lock-In

Sunday, February 23

Transfiguration Sunday

- 9:00 am Intergenerational Handbell Organizational Meeting (Choir Room)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 3:00 pm *Rise Against Hunger* Meal Packing Event
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

*childcare provided

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FEBRUARY

- 16-Miller Morgan
- 17-Amy Whitley
- 20-Ashley Deese
Peter Henkenjohann
- 21-Nora Carpenter
- 22-Will Lentz
Ben Lisk

Visit the
Winter Art Gallery Exhibition
featuring Photography
by Andy Cotton

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR FEBRUARY

Canned Vegetables –
Green Beans, Corn, Carrots, Peas, Beans,
Mixed Vegetables (Veg-all), Canned Tomatoes



BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM

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

Next Packing Date: Wednesday, February 26 at 10:30 a.m.