



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 3, 2021

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDIATION

The world is filled with abundance and freighted with generosity. If bread is broken and shared, there is enough for all. The creation is infused with the Creator's generosity.

Walter Brueggemann

PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together

Wilbur Held

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Carter Gibson

PEALING OF THE CHIMES

OPENING SENTENCES

Make a joyful noise to the Lord,

Come into God's presence with singing.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Ellen Snyder

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

From north and south, from east and west, we come:

God's people called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us.

From down the street to out in the suburbs, from single households to apartment dwellers,

God's people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.

From every class, every race, every status; from little ones with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts.

God's people are called to witness to God's hope, to offer peace to a shattered world.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious God, as we gather in worship on this World Communion Sunday, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit to fall afresh on us. We pray for your Spirit to awaken new hope in us. Grant us the vision to see the coming of your kingdom. Help us to celebrate the glimpses of grace that you have given to each of us. Knit our hearts together in worship and communion so that we know we do not struggle alone in working for your peace and justice. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN 511 *Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven* Llanfair
The Ten-Cents-A- Meal offering for hunger may be brought forward at this time.

Come, behold! the feast of heaven Alleluia! has to mortal flesh been given. Alleluia!
Hear the Word of God declared: Alleluia! *Come! the banquet is prepared.* Alleluia!

All is ready, come attend Alleluia! as the Lord's invited friend; Alleluia!
Come from north, west, south, and east; Alleluia! celebrate the joyful feast. Alleluia!

All who trust in God belong Alleluia! at this banquet with this throng. Alleluia!
Share the mystic holy food; Alleluia! taste and see: the Lord is Good. Alleluia!

As the Lord our God has willed, Alleluia! here the hungry soul is filled; Alleluia!
Here the weary are refreshed. Alleluia! All who share God's feast are blessed. Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace, you have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed and in our envy the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride and in our arrogance the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence and in our discord the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE

Glory to God

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
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

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Faith Sharing with Children, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[*Psalm 34:1-10*](#)

ANTHEM

Bread of the World

Richard Shephard

Bread of the world, in mercy broken, wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be Thy feast to us the token, that by Thy grace our souls are fed.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious Creator, the world is full of an abundance of what we need to live. And, in Jesus Christ, you have given us bread for our deepest hunger. Now silence in us any voice but your own, that we may hear the word you have for us this morning. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Matthew 14:13-21](#)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

In Remembrance of Him

Reverend Cathy George

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

From
*The Belhar
Confession*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty,...Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Gracious God...hear us as we are bold to pray the prayer taught to us by our Lord, saying,

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, from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People
Hymn 517

Here, O Our Lord, We See You
(stanzas 1-3)

Morecambe

Here, O our Lord, we see you face to face. Here would we touch and handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all our weariness upon you lean.

Here would we feed upon the bread of God, here drink with you the royal cup of heaven;
Here would we lay aside each earthly load, and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

This is the hour of banquet and of song; this is the heavenly table for us spread.

Here let us feast and, feasting, still prolong the fellowship of living wine and bread.

Prayer after Communion

Unison

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 694

Great God of Every Blessing

Aurelia

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
In death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
Transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 702

Christ Be Beside Me
(stanza 1)

Bunessan

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

POSTLUDE

The Rejoicing

Charles Callahan

*All that are able may stand.

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Thank you to the Chancel Choir, Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, and Ellen Snyder for their leadership in worship today.

The acolyte today is Carter Gibson.

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger today.

The table of Jesus Christ is open to all who trust in him and those who want to trust him more. The bread and cup will be taken in the pews with pre-packaged elements.

Ushers for October: Melissa Eudy (captain), Campbell Bullard, Desmond Bullard, Scott Bullard, Shannon Bullard, Walker Bullard, Ella Cumming, Steve Cumming, Cidney Eudy, Julian Eudy, Nathaniel Eudy, and Wes Eudy

Outside Ushers for October 3: TBD; **Lee Snuggs Sound:** Evan Sanges; Bob Johnston **Film:** Katherine Jolly

Nursery: Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Kristie Bryson

There is no Children’s Church today. Children in grades K-2 are encouraged to remain in worship.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Banks Garrison (Atrium-Stanly; recovering from fall, blood infection, & other maladies), Debbie Gabriel (sister of Gayle Russell; battling COVID), Brad Slusher (half-brother of Martha White; pancreatic cancer & COPD), Robin Howell (chemotherapy for return of lymphoma), Don Abernathy (multiple myeloma), Jean Rabe (recovering from surgery for broken hip; Trinity Place Room F1), Anita Gower, Marshall Rogers, Gloria Bryson, Anna Hartsell (colon cancer; daughter of Janet & Gary Hartsell), Ann Snuggs, Nancy Jolly (Trinity Place), Claude Harwood, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

***The Little Yellow Cup Caring & Sharing Campaign for SCCM
Now Through October 10***



The SCCM Caring & Sharing Campaign continues through Sunday, October 10. If you haven’t gotten a yellow cup, you may find one in the narthex or the pit stop. Fill your cup with coins, bills, and checks. Heather Kilde’s challenge: Every time you hear someone say *fall*, add something to your cup so SCCM can continue the good work of providing food and assistance for rent, utility bills, and medication.

Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interest of others. Philippians 2:4

SCCM Thanksgiving Food Items Needed

**Cranberries, Fruit in Light Syrup, Dried Potatoes,
Gravy, Stuffing, Rice, Pie Filling, Canned Vegetables**

Other Items Needed: Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Hand Soap





**You’re Invited to View the
First Presbyterian Church Fall Art Gallery Exhibit
Featuring the artwork of John Williams, Jack Williams, and Eli Williams
Located in the Basement Office Hallway**



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

!!! Hurray For Breakfast Bunch for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Graders !!!

Who can come? 1st, 2nd, & 3rd graders
What? Gathering as Friends
When? Sunday, October 10 from **9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.**
Where? Media Room
Why? To pray together & build strong community of faith

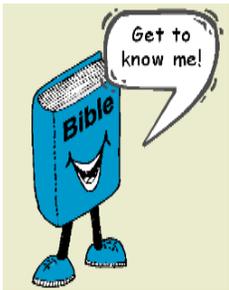


Please let Rebekah Ayscue (rebekah.ayscue@gmail.com) or Katherine Jolly (kat6420@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us. *During this season of COVID, the children cannot share breakfast together, so please make sure that your child eats beforehand.

Get to Know Your Bible: Sunday, October 10 from 9:30 a.m.-10:40 a.m. in the Chapel

Presentation of Bibles for Third Graders on Sunday, October 10 during worship

By third grade, most children are ready to move beyond a Bible storybook to reading the Bible for themselves. As an expression of our baptism vows, the congregation at First Presbyterian Church gives a Bible to each third grader and encourages participation of each child and parent in a *Getting to Know Your Bible* workshop. Gina will spend the morning with parents and third graders to get acquainted with the new Bible.



9:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

The Trusty Travelers (K-3rd Grader) and The Faith Explorers (4th-5th Graders) will rehearse music in the sanctuary with Frank in preparation for singing in worship.

10:15 a.m.-10:40 a.m.

Sunday School in the Educational Building (K-3rd) 4th & 5th grade room upstairs (4th -5th)

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Worship in the sanctuary & the children will sing (Trusty Travelers & Faith Explorers). The third graders receive their Bibles during worship.

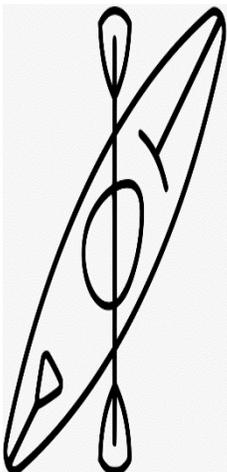
Faith Explorers Kayak Outing Sunday, October 10 following worship

Our 4th & 5th graders are invited to join in the outdoor water fun on City Lake for an afternoon of kayaking. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced kayaker, you will enjoy this recreational activity with friends.

Bring a bag lunch, and we will eat at the park. Transportation to City Lake Park provided, along with kayaks, lifejackets, and paddles. Bring water, sunscreen, towel, and water shoes if you have them.

RSVP to Kate Gibson (katherine.e.gibson@gmail.com or 336-301-4564) or Thomas Taylor (thomastaylor7@gmail.com or 704-467-3777) by Sunday, October 3 to let them know your Faith Explorer will attend. This call for this response early is to ensure that there are enough kayaks for all participants.

Parents: Pick up time: 3:00 p.m. at City Lake Park (815 Concord Road, Albemarle)





FIRST FAMILY MEAL
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6 FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.
RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 4
PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL

First Family Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, October 6! Unfortunately, we are still unable to gather for our First Family meal in October. If you would like a First Family meal, please RSVP by Monday, October 4 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday, October 6 between 5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. For your safety, the kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

Menu:

Country Style Steak, Rice, Pinto Beans, Mixed Green Salad, Biscuits,
Sweet Potato Cake, Pound Cake and Brownies

Suggested Donation: \$5 per person....Maximum of \$15 per family.

Please come with correct change or a check written to First Presbyterian Church.

All we need you to do is:

call Anne Montgomery at 704-796-5841 or email Anne at johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com and let her know how many plates you need, if you would like sweet potato cake, pound cake or brownies for each meal and if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).

IMPORTANT COVID INFORMATION- UPDATED

The church COVID Task Force has set the following guidelines during COVID:

- ❖ Masks are required for all individuals, 2 years of age and up, at ALL FPC indoor functions /activities/SS/ Worship, etc.
- ❖ There is NO limit on numbers at this time. Please be thoughtful in your actions.
- ❖ Masks will always be provided at the church for adults and children in case they are needed.
- ❖ After worship, Reverend George will stand outside the door at the sanctuary so “crowding” will not take place.
- ❖ Hand sanitizer is available. Please use it.
- ❖ Bulletins will continue to be available.
- ❖ Singing will continue.
- ❖ Communion will be given with prepackaged elements.
- ❖ Acolyte can wear robe.
- ❖ No Elders Greeters.
- ❖ Ushers will continue their duties.
- ❖ All volunteers and paid employees involved in any children’s program(s) are required to be vaccinated.
- ❖ No activity in the Education Building other than Sunday childcare & Wednesday Youth Club.
- ❖ All toys, chairs, tables and bathrooms, (used that day) are to be wiped clean with a Clorox wipe or sprayed and wiped clean.
- ❖ Individually packaged snacks/drinks will be provided for Youth Club children on Wednesdays.
- ❖ First Family meals will be drive-thru.
- ❖ Church Committees, Community Committees/groups are welcome to use the main building for meetings. However, any child that might accompany a parent to a meeting must stay in the same room with the parent at all times.
- ❖ All surfaces (chairs and tables and bathrooms if used) have to be wiped clean (with spray or wipes) after Any committee meets.
- ❖ NO gym use EXCEPT FOR WEDNESDAY YOUTH CLUB & SNL.

Your patience and flexibility are appreciated as we continue to deal with the pandemic. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the church office (704-982-2722). COVID TASK FORCE: Ellen Snyder, Debbie Bennett, Ben Jolly, Bob Johnston

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 3

World Communion Sunday/Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

6:30 pm-8:00 pm SNL

Monday, October 4

10:00 am Staff Meeting

2:00 pm RSVP Deadline for First Family Meal

8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations at the home of
Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr., Albemarle)

Wednesday, October 6

6:45 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast (off campus)

1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Pit Stop)

3:30 pm-5:30 pm Youth Club (K-5th Graders)

5:00 pm-6:00 pm First Family Drive-Thru Meal

5:30 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club Handbells with Frank Poolos

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, October 7

4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Sunday, October 10

Trusty Travelers (K-3rd Graders) & Faith Explorers (4th-5th Graders)

Sing in Worship/Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders/Return Caring

& Sharing Yellow Cups for Stanly Community Christian Ministry (SCCM)

8:45 am Diaconate Meeting In-Person

9:15 am-9:45 am Breakfast Bunch (1st-3rd Graders – Media Room)

9:30 am-10:15 am The Wired Word Sunday School Class via Zoom

9:30 am-10:40 am Get to Know Your Bible for 3rd Graders & Parents (Chapel)

9:45 am-10:15 am Trusty Travelers & Faith Explorers rehears with Frank (Sanctuary)

9:45 am *Sunday School

10:15 am-10:40 am Sunday School in the Educational Building (K-3rd Graders)

10:15 am-10:40 am Sunday School on the 3rd Floor (4th & 5th Graders)

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers Kayak Outing at City Lake with pick-up at 3:00 p.m. at City Lake Park

6:30 pm-8:00 pm SNL

***childcare provided**

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Thank you for your generosity.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

04-Andy McLeod

05-Christine Andrew

06-Jeff Robertson

08-Robert Land

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

OCTOBER

05-Steve & Mary Kesselman

06-Peter & Anna Henkenjohann

Bruce & Marlene Mittendorf

Matt & Catherine Moeller

08-Luis & Kellyn Luna

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