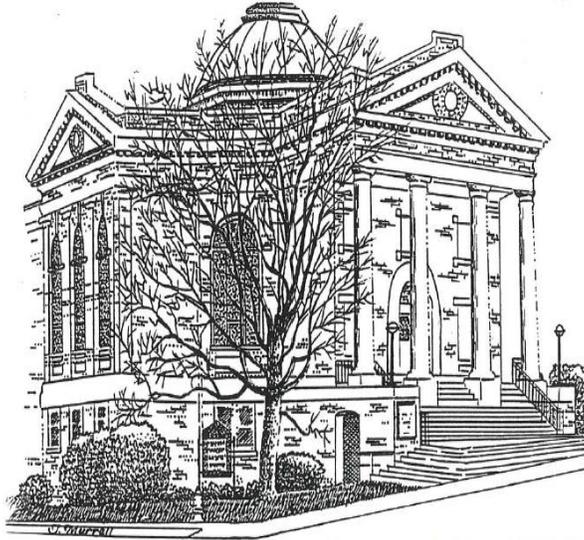


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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 6, 2022

All Saints Day

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR AND WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Pie Jesu" from "Requiem"

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Ann Crutchfield, Soprano

Grant them rest. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant them rest, everlasting rest.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Melanie Hendrix, acolyte

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Hebrews 12

Ellen Snyder, liturgist

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. God calls us to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **In the company of all the saints, we cry: Praise God! Salvation, glory, and power belong to our God!**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, who calls your people into one beloved community, who teaches us the way of peace through life together, who fills us with visions of your eternal reign: as we now celebrate the communion of saints,

pour into our hearts the power of Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 463

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

10 Cents-A-Meal Hunger Offering may be brought forward at this time.

*How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”*

*“When through the deep waters, I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”*

*“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”*

*“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake.”*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we're indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we're silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we're afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

Silent Confession and Reflection

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Those coming forward for Faith Sharing are invited to move to the chancel area during the Response.

*RESPONSE 475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

(stanza 3)

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Wes Eudy

ANTHEM

“How Shall I Sing that Majesty”

Kenneth Naylor

How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire? Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heavenly choir. Thousands of thousands stand around Thy throne, O God most high; ten thousand times ten thousand sound Thy praise; but who am I? Thy brightness unto them appears, whilst I Thy footsteps trace; a sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold Thy face. They sing because Thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me; for where heaven is but once begun there alleluias be. Enlighten with faith's light my heart, inflame it with love's fire; then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir. I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, with all my

fire and light; yet when Thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite. How great a being, Lord, is Thine, which doth all beings keep! Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep. Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere; Thy time is now and evermore, Thy place is everywhere.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pour out your Spirit upon us, O God, with your Word, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we might live in hope; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Luke 6: 20-31](#); [Hebrews 12:1-2](#)

pew Bible, pages 61 & 212

SERMON

“Keeping Company”

*HYMN 731

“Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm”

REPTON

*Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all around seems bleak:
On God's good promise they rely, so while they live and when they die
How forcefully they speak: The strong who once were weak*

*Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, beyond mere mortal sight:
Who seek the city God has planned, the true eternal promised land
And steer on toward that light, a beacon ever bright*

*Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a sparkling precious stone:
They show by what they say and do an inward beauty warm and true,
For God's concerns they own: God's love through them is known*

*Give thanks for saints of ages past and saints alive today:
Though often by this world despised, their hearts by God are richly prized.
Give thanks that we may say we share their pilgrim way*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Mike King, Elder

RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING AND CONSECRATION OF PLEDGE CARDS

Offertory

“O How Blest Are They”

Johannes Brahms

* Response 675

“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”

TALLIS CANON

(stanza 4)

*Praise, God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Litany of Consecration

Gracious God, we come before you in prayer on this day we celebrate the saints. **We praise your name and remember your faithfulness in every generation. You are our creator and redeemer, the Lord of life.** Our times are in your hands – past, present, future. **Amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence.** Help us to live each day for you – to give you the honor and glory. **Consecrate our lives so that even our ordinary moments will be holy. May our lives be an offering.** Accept, O God, the tokens of our love and signs of pledge and commitment which we bring this day. By your word of blessing and grace, may they blossom forth as leaves on a tree, as flowers in our hearts, as blessings in your kingdom, as joy in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SENDING

*HYMN 326

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

*During the singing of the hymn, the congregation is invited to place a flower in the basket
in memory of the saints in their lives.*

*For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness dread, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“Benediction”

Peter Anglea

*God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Amen.*

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Victory"

Noel Rawsthorne

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Bold print indicates places where congregation reads or sings.

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Thank you to Stan Scheer, Frank Poolos, Ann Crutchfield, Ellen Snyder, Mike King and Wes Eudy for their leadership in worship today.

The acolyte today is Melanie Hendrix.

Ushers for November: Myron Lowder (captain), Jim Hesley, Al Andrew, Steve Cumming, Ella Cumming, Jack Morton.

Outside Ushers for November 6: Jim Ivey, Tom Norwood.

Elder Greeters Mike King, Chris Whitley.

Sound: Evan Sanges **Film:** James Cotton **Nursery:** Bailey Mitchell

There is no Children’s Church during November. Children are encouraged to remain in worship.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Claude Harwood, Wayne Palmer, Penny Welling (friend of the congregation), Gloria Bryson (Bethany Woods), Ann Byrd (Home), Tim Rodgers, Doris Forte-Spring Arbor, Brayden Enzor (grandson of Gus & Pam Holbrook); (Home), Carole Yost (Home), Don Abernathy, Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Nancy Jolly, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler, Elizabeth Wilson, Polly Moose-recovering from hip surgery, Ann Snuggs, Susan Pandich-breast cancer, Jason Miller (friend of the congregation), Laura Frazier. The family of Mike Laton. See newsletter for complete list.



PRIMEIMERS’ BOXED LUNCHES - Drive-Thru

Thursday, November 17 from 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
From Glory Beans- Menu: Chicken Salad Wrap, Potato Soup, Fruit and Brownies.

Contact Laura McLeod at 704-796-0487 (text or call) or email

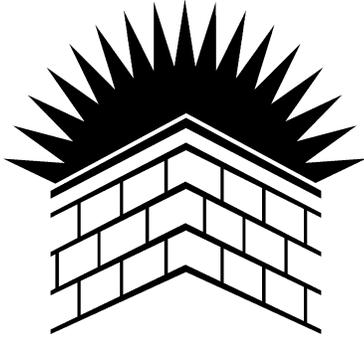
mcleod2@windstream.net \$5 donation. Deadline to RSVP is Monday, Nov. 14 by noon.



DRIVE-THRU MEAL WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

**FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M. RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14
 PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL**

Menu: Black Bean Cakes with Yogurt lime sauce (on the side), homemade salsa, Tortilla chips, Mixed Green Salad, and Blondie Brownies. call Anne Montgomery at 704-796-5841 or email Anne at johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com and let her know, How many plates, and if it is p/u or delivery. Suggested Donation is \$6 per person, Max of \$20 per immediate family.



The Christian Education Corner

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- Join us for SUNDAY SCHOOL !**
- ❖ Children (K-5th graders) meet in the childcare area downstairs (music 9:45-10:05 in choir room)
 - ❖ Youth (6th-12th graders) meet upstairs in the Youth Room
 - ❖ The Wired Word meets in the Parlor
 - ❖ Dr. Jolly’s Discussion Class gathers in the Old Session Room
 - ❖ Those who Love to Read meet in the Gaither Classroom.
 - ❖ Questions & Conversations will meet upstairs in the Conversation Room.

November 6th - Youth Outing
 Stay for lunch at church then we will travel to the Corn Maze.
 Bring \$20 to participate.
 We will return to church at 3:00.



Monday Night Bible Study 9th-12th graders at the home of Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr.) Mondays at 8:30 pm.





There will be a Christian Ed meeting Sunday, November 6 after worship during luncheon.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Boxes are in the Pit stop and need to be returned to the sanctuary on November 6.
 The cost this year to cover the shipment for a OCC shoebox is \$10. When you pick your shoebox up from the pit stop, check the inside for a “How to Pack a Shoebox” pamphlet. This pamphlet shows you how to pack a box, has boy and girl labels (to be put on the top of the box) and the envelope for the \$10 check/cash is also included.

Faith Explorer Sunday Outing

Who: Faith Explorers (4th-5th graders)

When: Sunday, November 13 after worship

What: Moana Jr. presented by Talent Company



Remain after worship and we will walk to the show.

RSVP to Kate Gibson (336) 301-4564 or katherine.e.gibson@gmail.com

All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It's a time to claim our kinship with the "glorious company of apostles ... the noble fellowship of prophets ... the white-robed army of martyrs" (Te Deum). It's a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation.

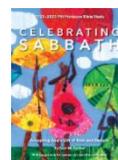
To rejoice with all the faithful of every generation expands our awareness of a great company of witnesses above and around us like a cloud (Hebrews 12:1). It lifts us out of a preoccupation with our own immediate situation and the discouragements of the present. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds (Hebrews 12:1-2). Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time. In this context, it's appropriate for a congregation on All Saints' Day to commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year.

Rev. Augustus (Gus) Feather
 Ken Frazier
 Robin Howell

January 19, 2022
 April 1, 2022
 June 29, 2022



Circle will meet at 1:00 pm in the Pit Stop on Wednesday November 9. We will study Lesson 2 of "*Celebrating Sabbath*". Author Carol Bechtel says 'Sabbath Celebration is something that God has built into the structure of creation.' Scripture for the study is Genesis 1:1-2:3.





We will receive the Ten-Cents-A Meal offering for hunger today, Sunday November 6.

VETERANS DAY FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

On Veterans Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of veterans. **Each name is \$2.00.** Please mail, deliver or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **no later than Sunday, November 6.** Please make your check payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and designate for Veterans Day Arrangements. The names of donors and those being remembered/honored will be listed on Sunday, November 13. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.



VETERANS DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of: _____

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 6

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

All Saint's Day/Consecration Sunday/Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger/Daylight Saving Time Ends/Deadline for Veteran's Day Flower Form

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Christian Ed meeting in Session Room

12:00 pm Lunch in gym

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Following lunch- Youth to Thomas Family
Corn Maze

Monday, November 7

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8:30 pm Bible Study 9th-12th grade –Home of Debby Johnston
1212 Heritage Dr.

Wednesday, November 9

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

1:00 pm Circle Meeting

6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 10

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

Sunday, November 13

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 am Diaconate Meeting

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Faith Explorers Outing- Talent Show- Moana Jr.

6:00 pm SNL

*childcare provided

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Transitional Pastor, Rev Catherine George
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November

06- Shannon Newport
08- Leni Henkenjohann
Nancy Joins
Mary Louise Sawyer
09- Ann Duckwall
Ross Holshouser
11- Rose Saltzman
Bill Stevenson
12- Jay Andrew
13- Lori Ivey

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

November

06- Mike and Shelley Shedd

Elders

Al Andrew, John Earnhardt, Bill Jolly, Mary Kesselman,
Mike King, Ken Knight, Kim Marshall, Andy McLeod,
Catherine Moeller, Sandy Rogers, Ellen Snyder,
Chris Whitley, Ellen Whitley

Deacons

Emily Andrew, Keith Bryson, Shannon Bullard,
Michelle Cumming, Wes Eudy, Martha Sue Hall,
Lillie Hancock, Jim Hesley, Liz Jolly, Myron Lowder,
Laura McLeod, Lee Snuggs

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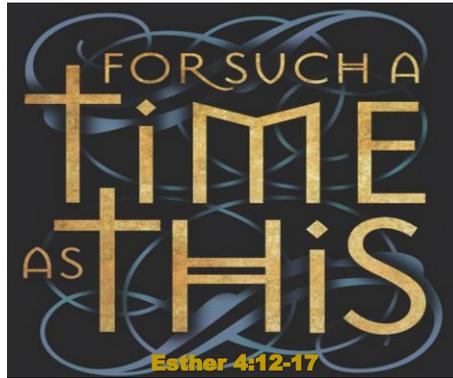
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The offering as part of our worship is a response to God's grace. The plates will be passed by the ushers or you may make your gift by scanning the QR Code here. Thank you for your generosity.

November 6, 2022



Consecration Sunday is November 6th

If you forgot to bring your pledge card with you today, please feel free to drop at the Church office or in the mail. Please do so as soon as you get the opportunity. This will allow your stewardship committee to complete financial projections for 2023

“Painting the Picture of Stewardship”

Our Calling to Serve

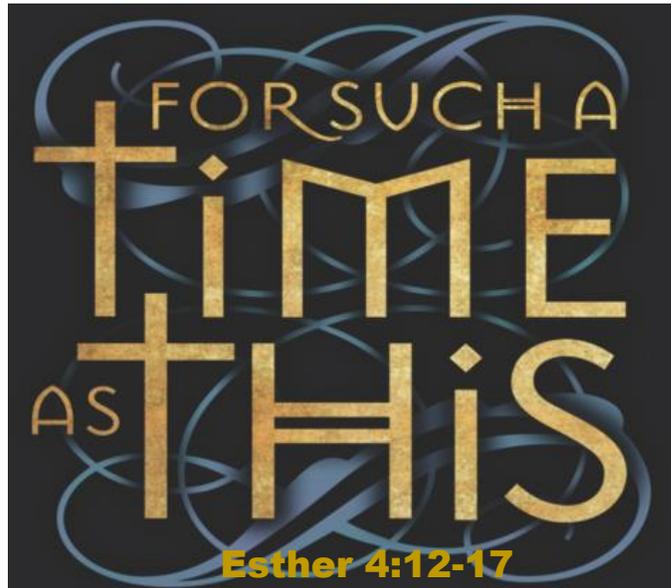
On Sunday, October 30th, Shannon Bullard, Deacon shared some insight into our call to serve others. By serving, we are responding to the same challenge presented to Esther by Mordecai. We refuse to remain silent and stand by when there are so many needs in our community. Like Esther, perhaps our membership and mission at First Presby Albemarle, is a response to “such a time as this.”

Shannon shared with us the following message:

“During the last few Sundays, many of the ways our church serves and seeks to further Christ’s mission on earth have been highlighted. Our church seeks to follow the example of the One who lifted the poor, fed the hungry, fellowshipped with outcasts, spoke truth to oppression, and practiced radical hospitality.

Several years ago, our beloved Dr. Bill Jolly was seeing a patient from West Stanly. The patient asked him where he went to church. After being told, the response was “Oh, Dr. Jolly, you go to that church where all the action is!”

Where all the action is! Yes! We have heard about the saints who have gone before, we see the results of their initiatives, and we take justified pride in the work of our involved, caring church. And, yet, we know that God calls us still to new ministries, new ways of serving, and new ways of telling the story. “The message of our 2023 Stewardship campaign is For Such a time as This; for this indeed is the time to intentionally care, encourage, serve, and lift up! Next week is Dedication Sunday. We will have the opportunity to publicly and collectively re-invest and make new commitments to the mission, programs, services, and initiatives of our church for the coming year. We will pledge to be present for each other and willingly give our time, talents, and financial resources and continue our striving to be effective “Builders of the Kingdom”!



Consecration Sunday

November 6

You will have an opportunity to return your pledge cards during worship today, Consecration Sunday. Following worship, everyone is invited to a luncheon provided by your Fellowship Committee.

We hope you will plan to stay and enjoy fellowship and delicious food.

On the Menu:

Chuck Roast, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,
Yeast Rolls

Please bring a dessert to share.

