



**The Weekly Bulletin**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONGS

Hymn 336

*We Gather Together*

stanzas 1 and 3

Hymn 465

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

all stanzas

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1, 2

Leader: We gather together to worship, knowing God is already here among us.

**People: We gather knowing that nothing separates us from the presence of God.**

Leader: Wherever we are, wherever we go, God is near.

**People: We gather with confidence and hope, knowing God is eager to meet us here and to bless us with everlasting love.**

**All: Let us worship God together.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Great God, long before we knew you, you knew us and had chosen us to be part of your family. And so we come before you with praise and thanksgiving today. We pray you will receive our worship and, by the power of your Holy Spirit, give to us a sense of your presence and your peace. Amen.**

\*HYMN 267

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Madrid

*The Faith on the Fifth offering may be brought forward and placed in the birdhouses during the singing of the hymn.*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

**Merciful God, we give you thanks, for you have created us to live together in love and freedom with you, with one another, and with the world. You have made us in your image and endowed us with gifts of reason, imagination, and will. Our relations with others are distorted and confused. Though we live with neighbors, we have ceased to live for them. Though we live with you, we have ceased to live for you. Although we recognize our distinctive human gifts, we have not used those gifts well. Our hearts have been set on self – not others, and certainly not on you, O God. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Believe the good news.

**People: 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**

Mr. Drumheller

*Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the children's greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.*

**SOLO**

*Amazing Grace*  
Craig Taylor, Bass

Edwin O. Excell

**A WORD FROM HABAKKUK**

Jim Hesley

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Spirit of God, we do not know how to pray as we ought. Meet us in words written and in words spoken that we may know your presence and hear your call to us. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

[Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-5; 3:17-19](#)

Pew Bible, pages 821-823

**SERMON**

*Waiting (in Faith)*

Mrs. Ayscue

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, *Come, Lord Jesus!* With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 39**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Faithfulness

**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.**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory

*Pastorale*

Richard Purvis

\*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 837

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Showalter

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Rigaudon*

André Campra

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

**Thanks to** Jim Hesley for his portrayal of the prophet Habakkuk and to Craig Taylor for sharing his musical talent.

**The flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday of Jackson Palmer.

**The prophet for August 6 is Malachi.** Take some time to read this last book (only 4 chapters) of the Old Testament in preparation for worship next week.

**Ushers:** Brett Richards, captain; Judy Kilgore, Jim Marshall, Mike McLeod, Grace Richards, Billie Jean Snuggs, Lee Snuggs **Outside Ushers:** Wes Eudy & Ronnie Michael **Elder Greeters:** Al Andrew; Debbie Wainwright **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Cora Harrison **Preschool Partners:** Jack & Penny Morton **Nana & Papa Team:** Bede & Russell Karr

**There is no Children's Church** in July and August. School-aged children are encouraged to remain in worship.

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Don Joines, Mildred Andrew, Elizabeth Knight (daughter of Ken Knight; thyroid cancer), Cathryn Harwood, Nic Presson (alcohol rehab; brother of Dona Lisk), Marlene Sanges (undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer), Rowena Warren, Eddie Wilson (brother of Elizabeth Wilson). **See newsletter for complete list.**

**We will receive the Faith on the Fifth offering on July 30** for Stanly Community Christian Ministry. It will be designated to provide utility assistance for clients who are struggling to pay unusually high summer bills. Please place your offering in the birdhouses during the singing of the first hymn.

**We are in need of a couple of part-time childcare providers.** If you can recommend someone (reliable, kind, good with children, 18 years of age or older) who may be interested in working a few hours per week (Sundays and other times), please contact Kyle (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

**If there are hymns you would like to sing during the summer as part of the *Gathering Songs*,** please note them on the register of friendship or email them to Pam Knighten (pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org). We will include as many as possible.

**Final Sunday (July 30) for Circle the Sanctuary to Benefit SCCM...** Food items most needed are: Rice, Oatmeal/Grits, No Sugar Added Fruit Products, Jelly (especially no sugar added), Low Sodium Canned Vegetables/Soups, Nuts.

**The 10 cents a meal offering for hunger will be received on Sunday, August 6.** This offering provides funds to 60 agencies/programs throughout the Presbytery of Charlotte (including our own SCCM) which provide nutritional food for children and adults. Your generosity eases the burden of families who are hungry. Please give generously.

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOSTS THE ANNUAL  
CENTRAL SCHOOL FACULTY & STAFF LUNCHEON  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16 AT 11:30 A.M.**

On August 16, First Presbyterian Church will host a back-to-school luncheon for faculty and staff of Central Elementary School. We are planning a menu for 90-100 people. If you can help with preparation/serving/clean-up, sign-up on the Mission bulletin board.

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**Lemonade & Cookies Social in the Pit Stop  
Sunday, August 6  
Following 10:00 a.m. worship**

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**The Stanly County Historical Society and Stanly County History Center to present:**

**FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL...THE TOBY WEBB YEARS**

Friday, August 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Central Elementary School Gym

Emcee for the Evening: Wade Smith, 1955 Team Co-Captain

Seating Limited – Register Early

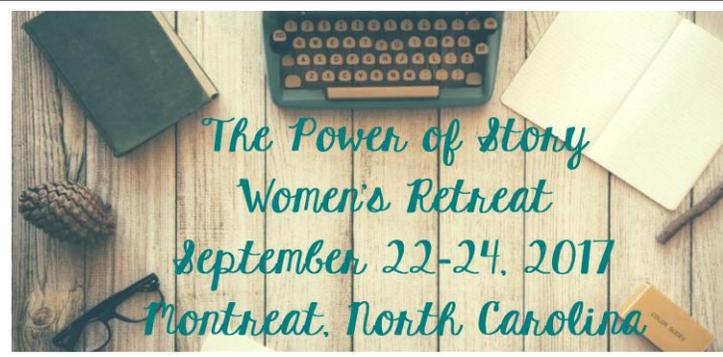
Registration Options:

Call the Stanly County History Center at 704-986-3777.

Visit <http://historicstanly.org> and click on the football program on the right side of the homepage.

Be sure to click SUBMIT to complete your registration.

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Join women from First Presbyterian Church and their friends for this week-end of study, worship, fellowship, and relaxation. We will gather in Montreat at the William Black Lodge. Cost for the week-end is:

\$241.00 (single room occupancy)

\$183.00 (double room occupancy)

Contact Elizabeth ([eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-982-2722) for scholarship assistance. Deposits of \$75.00 must be received by **August 28.**

## **CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST**

The 2017-18 school year is drawing near and school supplies are in the retail stores ready for purchase. Please take the list below and begin shopping for much needed supplies for our partner school, Central Elementary. A designated bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

**Uniform shirts for youth are \$10.00 (these are plain polo shirts).**

**Donations for 1 or more shirts would be greatly appreciated.**

**Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and in the memo put:  
CES uniform donation**

**Your donations are needed in the pit stop by Sunday, August 13.**

**If you shop at OfficeMax/OfficeDepot, Central Elementary School will receive 5% back. At checkout, present ID number 70060235.**

### **Student Supplies**

Pencil Box  
Zipper Pouch Pencil Holder  
#2 Pencils  
Lead Pencils  
Pencil Sharpener  
24 pack Crayola Colored Pencils  
24 pack Crayola Crayons  
Highlighters  
Glue Sticks  
Elmer's Glue  
Wide-Ruled Notebook Paper  
1 Subject Spiral Notebook  
Spiral Notebooks with pockets  
3 Subject Notebook Hard Plastic Cover  
Hard Cover Composition Books  
3-prong folders  
2 pocket folders  
Expo Dry Erase Markers/Erasers  
Pencil Erasers  
Pink Block Erasers  
Scissors  
Post-It Notes  
Small Index Cards  
Headphones  
Earbuds

### **Classroom Supplies Needed Include:**

Kleenex  
Anti-Bacterial Wipes  
Band-Aids  
Hand Sanitizer  
Paper Towels, Ziploc Bags (Sandwich/Gallon)

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, July 30

*Circle the Sanctuary*

*Faith on the Fifth Offering*

10:00 am \*Worship

5:00 pm Women's Retreat Planning Committee

7:00 pm Personnel Committee (Parlor)

### Monday, July 31

8:30 am-1:00 pm Youth Connection Monday Morning Mission

### Wednesday, August 2

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

### Thursday, August 3

10:00 am Staff Meeting

### Friday, August 4

*Church Office Closed*

### Sunday, August 6

*Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger*

*Lemonade & Cookies Social in the Pit Stop*

10:00 am \*Worship

11:00 am Mission Committee (Session Room)

**\*childcare provided**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY! JULY

31-James Cotton

Dick Liles

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY! AUGUST

01-Michelle Cumming

Madelyn Taylor

03-John McIntyre

04-Terrie Holshouser

05-Caroline McLeod

06-Gabriel Beamon

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! AUGUST

02-Roger & Jane Lisk

06-Gus & Pam Holbrook

### SCCM CHALLENGE JULY:

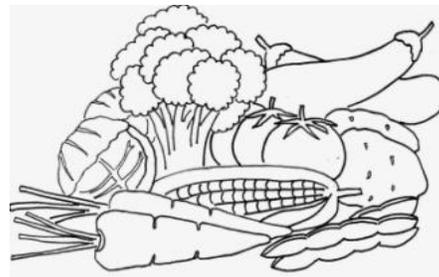
Paper Goods

Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels, Facial Tissue, Cleaning Supplies

### SCCM CHALLENGE AUGUST:

Staple Items

Flour, Sugar, Vegetable Oil, Cooking Spray, Broth



### Gardening for SCCM

Bring extra garden produce to the Pit Stop on Sunday mornings. Those who need it can make a donation. All donations and extra produce will be donated to SCCM.



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Summer Art Gallery Exhibit is**  
**Theme: Creativity...No Age Limit**