

September 4, 2022

Pennies for Hunger: September 4

**September mission:
Comfort Zone Camps**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Services are live-streamed **each Sunday**. Find out how at www.alamancechurch.org.

SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING for **Sep.** is to Comfort Zone Camp. CZC is a fun, safe, free, three-day camp for children ages 7-17 who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling, friend, or primary caregiver. We hope to sponsor camp experiences for at least two children, at a cost of \$1,200. Consider giving generously, to come alongside our kids in a new way! (See insert.)

CHURCH OFFICES will be CLOSED on Labor Day, **Mon., Sep. 5.**

NC FOLK FESTIVAL is **Sat., Sep. 10**, all over Greensboro's downtown. Experience this nationally-respected event. Donate money to the APC volunteers serving at the festival.

TASTE OF KENYA AT CIC: Community in Christ Presbyterian Church hosts a Kenyan supper fundraiser **Sat., Sep. 10, 5-7p.** Adults \$25, children 12 and younger \$5. Buy tickets online: sistersinternationalwomen.org/taste-of-kenya-tickets. See insert.

BIG MEETING 2022 is **Sun., Sep. 11.** Guest preacher: the Rev. Dr. Byron Wade, General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. The Sunday school year kicks off that morning with a covered-dish breakfast in Brown Fellowship Hall. *Nota bene:* Our congregational meal this year is a **breakfast before worship.**

Stay **after worship** for a group photo on the front steps of the sanctuary. We need your faces.

FIRST OPEN DOOR MEAL of 2022-23 is **Wed., Sep. 14; 5:45-6:45p.** Bring a dish to share. Eat supper in Thin Place. Participate in a short program

in sanctuary after the meal. Bulletin insert has details.

POTTERS HOUSE MEALS: Supper at Greensboro Urban Ministry, on the **third Sat. of odd months.** Next times: **Sept. 17, Nov. 19.** Contact Darren Hadley to serve. (darren.hadley@triad.rr.com).

LOW COUNTRY BOIL fundraiser is **Sat., Sep. 24.** <https://app.easytithethe.com/App/Form/c9ed69dc-72ce-45a6-a377-a6744270ad54> gets you directly to our website page to order and pay for this meal. **MUST PRE-ORDER.** See insert for details.

PASTOR JESS'S BOOK CLUB: Meets on **last Tuesdays at 7p. Sep. 27** book is **Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God** by Kaitlin B. Curtice. Contact Jess Rigel for more info, or to join.

KNIT, PRAY, LOVE ministry meets **Tues., Sep. 27, 7-7:30p** in the Parlor.

BELOVED ANNUAL FUNDRAISER, the Rock-a-Thon, is **Sat., Oct. 1, 11a-12p** in the Pavilion. Assemble your teams now. Theme: *Heroes.*

SENIORS & FRIENDS: Meets on **even months** in the Coble House for a meal and fellowship. Next meal: **Mon., Oct. 10, 11:30a.**

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH MEAL is **Wed., Oct. 19.** Sign up to help: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1267005862041792064/false#/invitation>

STEPSOULS EXERCISE CLASS meets **M-Th, 4:30-6p; Sat. 8:30-10a** in the Community Room under sanctuary. Details: APC website and Phyllis Monroe (phylmonroe@gmail.com).

OPEN MEETING: 12-step recovery program (AA); **7p every Thurs.,** in the Gathering Place. All are welcome to join this group.

Food Pantry

NO MORE egg cartons — for now!

Special collection for September: Cereal, oatmeal

A large RED bin behind Brown Fellowship Hall is for shelf-stable food donations. A tall golden box in the Gathering Room is for shelf-stable food and clean, dry, plastic grocery bags. (We use these to distribute food to our guests.) **Contact the Food Pantry to donate fresh produce or meat.**

VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL: Food Pantry Team **needs** you. **Go here to sign up:** <https://signup.com/go/FLfKFNp>

Team needs: unpackers, shelvers, phone answerers, grocery cart fillers, takers of info from clients in their cars, putters-in-cars of each client's groceries, fetchers of weekly donations from Food Lion.

Presbyterian Women Circles meet:

Martha Brown: Wed., Sep. 21, 1p in the Coble House.

Red Hat: Check with your moderator.

Agapé: Tues., Sep. 13, 11a to go eat lunch; **12:30p** Bible study in Uffman conference room.

L.I.F.T.: Check with your moderator.

Praise Jesus! After almost 2 1/2 years, *Knit, Pray, Love* ministry will gather **IN PERSON!!!** The first gathering since Feb., 2020 is **7-7:30p on Tues., Sep. 27** in the Parlor. As is tradition, bring yourself, your crochet/knitting projects (completed or in progress); and catch up!

At the end of each gathering, KPL says a blessing over their completed creations, before those travel to people in need.

KPL is so excited, and hopes to see you there! If you have any inquiries, please contact Linda Aydelette,

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During normal business days,
the church office is open
8:30a-2:30p on M-T-Th-F;
8:30a-12:30p on Wednesday

ONLINE GIVING:

www.alamancechurch.org has instructions to sign up with Easy Tithe for online giving.

To give by Text: text the word "give" to **336-396-6133.** Follow the prompts to set up an account and make donations.

It is physically impossible for our regular church phone numbers to accept text messages.

Need to make changes to your account? Contact Dana Adams: 336.697.0488 x 127, dana@alamancechurch.org.

The church offices will be **C - L - O - S - E - D** on **Monday, September 5,** for Labor Day (a national holiday).



We welcome all to the community of Jesus: to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.

Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

September 4, 2022 10 a.m.



Gathering

Welcome and announcements

Lay Reader today is JoAnn Camp.

Centering Music *Be Thou my Vision / I Am Thine, O Lord* - arr. Christi Stills

***Call to Worship** - adapted from *Psalms 139*

One Voice: God has searched our hearts. God knows what is on our minds.

All Voices: God understands our struggles and our fears.

One: We cannot tell God anything that God does not already know.

All: God knows where we have been and where we are going.

One: We cannot hide ourselves in darkness or bury our heads in the sand.

All: God would go to the ends of the earth to find us.

Our God is relentless in love.

One: God has made us, inside and out.

God took one look at us and said,

"How beautiful and wonderful you are."

All: May our hearts be full as we praise our Maker!

***Opening Hymn**

Canticle of the Turning

Song sheet

Confession & Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

You know our minds and hearts, O God. You know our busyness and our constant anxiety and stress. You know how hard we work, and you know how hard we judge ourselves. You know it when we put down others, and when we hurt each other with our words and actions. You see it when we spiral into shame. Forgive us, merciful Lord, and help us to forgive ourselves. Teaches to see in ourselves your likeness, and show us the path for life. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

Passing of the Peace

We invite everyone to share Christ's peace with your neighbors in whatever way you can, both now and after the service. If you are with us on-line, we invite you to send a message or make a call to share peace. If you are with us in person, we invite you to greet those near you.

One: The peace of the Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

***Sung Response** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* Song sheet

The Word

First Scripture Reading *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Fill My Cup* - Isaiah Jones Jr.

Fill my cup, let it overflow.
Fill my cup, let it overflow.
Fill my cup, let it over flow; let it overflow with love.

Lord, let me be your instrument, spreading sunshine in the land.
Let people see your works in me; help me live the best I can.

It's my desire to live for you and to always walk upright;
give me the strength to face each day; stay with me through each dark night.

Children's Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to the Grace Space at the front of the sanctuary.

Second Scripture Reading *Luke 14:25-33*

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Message Rev. Jess Rigel

Thanksgiving & Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer King James Version

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you, even if your words differ from your neighbor's.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully make a donation to contribute to the continued life and work of our congregation. Please consider mailing contributions directly to the church, or using our online giving platform, available at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-giving>.

Offertory *Change My Heart, O God* - arr. Mark Hayes

* Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Song sheet

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, you heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending

* Sending Hymn *The Summons* Song sheet

*Charge and Benediction

Sung Response to the Benediction

Take, O Take Me as I Am — John L. Bell

Take, O take me as I am.
Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart, and live in me.

Closing Music

* One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

After worship, the minister stands at the side door, the closest exit for those with special needs.

Citations for references used during worship are available upon request, from the ministers.

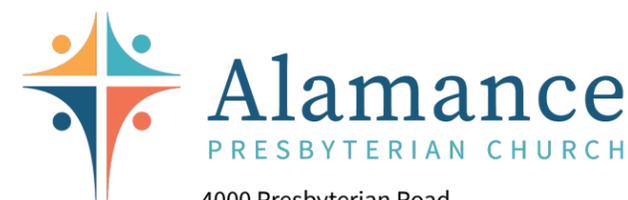
The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible is used during worship, *unless otherwise noted*.

A lectionary is a selection of Bible readings to be used for worship and study.

This congregation uses the Revised Common Lectionary, which follows the liturgical year in a three-year cycle. Its scriptural recommendations complement the current season of the liturgical year.

Lectionary Year C for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, **September 4:**
Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 1; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33.

Lectionary Year C for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, **September 11:**
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; Psalm 51:1-10; Exodus 32:7-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10.



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