



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

The sunlight greets me in morning, reminding me that I begin this day in your presence. The air I breathe instructs me that I live by your constant love. Lord, I acknowledge you are my God! I will seek your face in those I meet and make my aim to please and serve you alone, Jesus, my Lord. Amen.

From
Feasting on the Word
liturgical resources.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONGS

Hymn 804 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* Stanzas 1 and 2
Hymn 837 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* All Stanzas

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Anna Wainwright

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of seeds on earth;

It grows up and becomes the greatest of shrubs, and the birds of the air make nests in its shade.

Give thanks to God, whose promised reign is coming.

Thanks be to God!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God, you are the gardener of all creation. You planted this world with the seeds of your love and grow them with your faithfulness. May our minds listen to you calling, may our hearts be attuned to your will, may our feet follow you in the world, through Jesus, the Word become flesh. Amen.

***HYMN 39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

Unison

Gracious God, we so often miss your kingdom at work among us. Captivated by power and prestige, we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around. Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work. Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes – fostering divisions when you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation; beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs; building walls to keep people out when your branches offer generous nests. Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray.

***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 children's greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, by your mysterious power speak to us your truth and show us your wisdom, that we may know you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING [Psalm 130](#) Pew Bible, page 542

ANTHEM *O Light of Life* Mack Wilberg

O Light of Life, O pure Light Divine,
Thou art in us; our ember is Thine.
Kindle our faith, give hope when we fear;
Deepen our love Thy Fire appear.
Light of our souls, Thou spark at our birth;
Grow bright in us, shine in all the earth.

O Light of Life, O true Light of Peace,
Storms will arise, let Thy light increase.
Pierce through dark clouds, give pause to the proud;
Let Thy shafts fall, lift humble heads bowed.
Answer our pleas, melt hearts in Thy flame.
Make us as one, as one in Thy name.

O Light of Life, O sweet Life of Grace,
Thou bidst us come, we follow apace.
See the bright tree, behold the white fruit,
Feasting we weep, we witness the root.

O Light of Life, O dear Light of Love,
Come, wash us clean, send forth Thy white Dove.
Fill us with Fire, enlighten our eyes;
Help us to love this price of the prize.
Then let us come, enrobe us in white,
Cleaving to Thee, Light unto Thy Light.

GOSPEL READING [Mark 4:26-34](#) Pew Bible, page 36

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Scattering Seeds* Mrs. Ayscue

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

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

* 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.

Though not written by the first apostles, the creed reflects the theology of the first century church. This creed was developed around A.D. 180 and reached its current form in the 8th century.

*HYMN 771

What Is the World Like

Slane

During the hymn, ushers will collect your written prayers to be included in the Prayers of the People.

The hymn will be sung to the familiar tune: Slane.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

God has provided us with all that we need.

It is our privilege to give back to God. Let us return a portion of what God has so freely given to us.

Offertory

O Rest in the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

*Doxology

hymnal, page 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer

*POSTLUDE

The Rejoicing

Charles Callahan

*All who are able may stand.

My Offering cards are in the pews. As a regular practice, you are invited to take one, reflect on your giving, and place it in the offering plate when it comes to you.

Worship continues with fellowship in the Pit Stop. Join others for lemonade and conversation.

FATHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

In memory of:

Given by:

Gilbert Anderson	Linda Anderson
Edward Arnold	Linda Anderson
Johnny Andrew	His Family
Austin Ayscue	Skeet & Elizabeth
John F. McNair, III	Skeet & Elizabeth
Ian Bryson	His Children – Debra, David, Ellen, Donna, Keith, & Sheila
Bill Cotton	James, Ruth & Andy Cotton
Ed Stanhope	James, Ruth & Andy Cotton
Frank Howard Gaither	Bob & Donna Gaither
James Macon King	Donna & Bob Gaither
Charles Harris	Martha Sue
M.P. Harris, Sr.	Martha Sue
J.E. Ratchford	Martha Sue
H.E. Tracey	Martha Sue
Caldwell Holbrook	Pam & Gus Holbrook
D.A. Holbrook	Pam & Gus Holbrook
Luther Morgan	Pam & Gus Holbrook
Brady Thomas	Pam & Gus Holbrook
Jeff Underwood	Pam & Gus Holbrook
Jim Ivey	Jim Ivey & Dale Stoehr
Bill Stiller	Lori Ivey
Paul Cox	Lori Ivey
J. William Barrett	Margaret Ivey
J. Wallace Ivey	Margaret Ivey
Clegg Hall Carpenter	Kyle Lambert
Robert Burdett	Kate, Meg, & Jen Mabry
Leonard Mabry	Kate, Meg, & Jen Mabry
Charlie Adam Lambert	Jack & Penny Morton
Marvin (Son) Morton	Jack & Penny Morton
Roy Dearstyne	Tom & Holly Norwood
“Freck” Norwood	Tom & Holly Norwood
Bob Palmer	Frankie Palmer
Harry T. Murrell	Jane & Bill Pickler
Spencer L. Pickler	Jane & Bill Pickler
Hubert Fountain Goad	Jean Rabe
Graby Thomas Rabe, Sr.	Tom Rabe, Jr.
John P. Robertson, Jr.	Jeff & Kim Robertson
Wallace Dickens	Gayle Russell
Odell Russell	Ned Russell
Joe Russell	Miriam, Tom, & Joe, Jr.
David Nash	Danny, Katie, & Rose Saltzman
Manus Samples	Dan
Dr. Frank Pattishall (father of Jane Snyder)	Jane Snyder
W.H. White	Lynn White
Harry E. Dyer, Jr.	Martha White

FATHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

In honor of:

Given by:

Al Andrew	Emily & Jay
Richard Long	Al, Becky, Emily & Jay
Skeet Ayscue	Rebekah & Spencer
Keith Bryson.....	Elizabeth & Duncan Bryson
Matt Carpenter.....	Hugh, Russ & Nora
Andy Cotton	James Cotton
Wes Eudy	Nathaniel, Cidney, & Julian
Trey Gibson	Carter Elizabeth and Emma-Cate Gibson
Mark Mabry.....	Carter Elizabeth and Emma-Cate Gibson
Tommy Gibson.....	Carter Elizabeth and Emma-Cate Gibson
Dennis Gower.....	Chris Gower
Frank Green	His Family
Dan Samples	Martha Sue
Gus Holbrook	Pam Holbrook
Matt Enzor	Pam & Gus Holbrook
Jim Ivey	William Ivey & Robert Ivey
Kyle Barbee	Jaycee, Maddox, Marshall
Stephan Kinley	Morgan & Merrin Kinley
Terry Morgan	Leslie Kinley & Lisa Carter
Ben Jolly	Adam & Katherine Jolly
Bill Jolly	Ben, Liz, Adam, & Katherine Jolly
Richard Staton	Ben, Liz, Adam, & Katherine Jolly
Jack Morton.....	Taylor & Caroline
Eric Niederer	Natalie & Ellie
Tom "Fred" Norwood	Holly Norwood
Dave Feezor.....	Holly Norwood
John Palmer	Frankie Palmer
Andy Cole.....	Frankie Palmer
Bill Pickler.....	Kris & Jennifer Pickler
Bill Pickler.....	Lee, Melanie, Mary, & Theresa Pickler
Tom Rabe	Lynn Poplin
Ned V. Beachum	Jeff & Kim Robertson
Ned Russell.....	Gayle Russell
Lenny Saltzman	Danny, Katie, & Rose Saltzman
Chris Crane.....	Danny, Katie, & Rose Saltzman
Dan Samples.....	Daniel & Teresa
Bill Hall	Palmer Schultz
Dan Samples.....	Palmer Schultz
Lynn White.....	Brittany

We rejoice that you are worshipping 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 Elizabeth Bryson. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thanks to Anna Wainwright for serving as liturgist today.

Ushers: Jack Morton, captain; Taylor Barbee, Duncan Bryson, Jim Ivey, Robert Ivey, Greg Lisk, Penny Morton, and Jeff Robertson **Outside Ushers:** Mark Andrew; Chris Whitley **Elder Greeters:** Al Andrew; Dona Lisk **Nursery:** Sara Kate Thomas **Preschool Partners:** Dona & Greg Lisk **Nana & Papa Team:** Chris Mabry **Children's Church:** Lynn Poplin

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Frank Osborne (brother of Lillie Hancock), Rodney Morgan. **See newsletter for complete list.**



**FELLOWSHIP
&
LEMONADE ON THE LAWN
EVERY SUNDAY
FOLLOWING WORSHIP
IN THE PIT STOP**



Vespers & Homemade Ice Cream

What is it? An outdoor, informal, child-friendly, worship opportunity

When is it? Sunday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Where is it? At the home of Connie Wallace & Ken Knight
(45118 Byrd Rd., Albemarle)

What else? Bring a chair and contact the church office if you can bring a freezer of ice cream.

JUNE BOOK CONVERSATION ON MONDAY, JUNE 25 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH PARLOR

Desperation Road by Michael Farris Smith

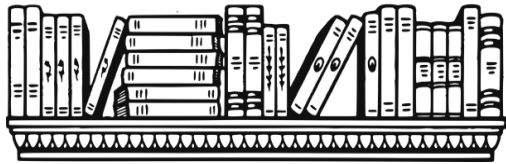
Books are available for purchase for \$12.00 in the church office.

WHAT CAN CHRISTIANS LEARN FROM ATHEISTS AND AGNOSTICS?

Join Matt and Elizabeth for this two part study
Monday, June 18 and Wednesday, June 20
5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Please sign-up now so we'll have a dinner count!

Summer Movie Night
Wednesday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gym
Movie: *The Lion King*

Come watch a movie with a great plot, captivating characters, and memorable music!
*Bring the entire family out to enjoy a movie with friends, popcorn, candy & drinks...
*Bring a chair or blanket and plan to relax and laugh out loud!!!



Will You Check Your Bookshelves? We are looking to borrow 10-12 copies of Jan Karon's book, *Shepherds Abiding*, for the August book conversation. If you have one to loan, please let Kyle know (klambert@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) or drop it by the church.

The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until **July 12**. Applications are available in the church office. If you have questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org). Applications may be submitted by individual church members or committee chairpersons. Once funding requests are received, the Endowment Committee will review the applications and determine which requests will be funded. Personal interviews may be requested if further information is needed regarding a funding request. If you have questions about the application process, please contact the office. Endowment Committee members include: Steve Cumming, Chair; Lee McLaurin, ex-officio, Laura Blalock, Patrick Currie, Bob Gaither, and Mary Kesselman.

CELEBRATE AMERICA

Piedmont Choral Society & Guest Community Singers Presents All Patriotic Music
Service Personnel & Their Families Honored...Special Tribute to our POWs and MIAs
Benefit Concert for Habitat for Humanity

Thursday Only – June 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Forest Hill UMC (265 Union Street North, Concord)

Additional Concerts:

Friday, June 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Pitts Baptist Church (140 Pitts School Rd. NW, Concord)

Sunday, June 24 at 3:00 p.m. at Living Water Church of God (166 North Little Texas Rd., Kannapolis)

Concerts are free and all are welcome.

A free will offering will be accepted.

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Info: 704-699-6053 or kayy2000@gmail.com
Facebook or www.piedmontchoralsociety.org

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 17

Father's Day

- 8:30 am *Session
- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Worship Committee
- 11:00 am Fellowship & Lemonade on the Lawn (Pit Stop)

Monday, June 18

- 8:30 am Youth Group Monday Morning Mission
- 9:00 am-1:00 pm Cooking Camp
- 5:30 pm-8:30 pm Summer Study

Tuesday, June 19

- 9:00 am-1:00 pm Cooking Camp

Wednesday, June 20

- 9:00 am-1:00 pm Cooking Camp

Thursday, June 21

- 9:00 am-1:00 pm Cooking Camp

Sunday, June 24

- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Fellowship & Lemonade on the Lawn (Pit Stop)
- 6:30 pm Vespers at the home of Connie Wallace and Ken Knight
(45118 Byrd Rd., Albemarle)

*childcare provided

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JUNE

- 17-Holland Currie
Lynn Poplin
Kim Robertson
- 18-Mark Mabry
- 19-Jane Boone
Marshall Jolly
Jack Morton
Kassie Taylor
- 20-Judy Kilgore
- 22-Maci Holshouser

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JUNE

- 19-Andy & Ruth Cotton
Claude & Cathryn Harwood
Bob & Carol Sasser
- 23-Ken & Laura Frazier
- 24-Jim & Iris Coggins
Glenn & Becky Miller

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR

JUNE

Rice, Macaroni & Cheese, Pasta,
Stuffing, Instant Potatoes

SAVE THE DATE
CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT
MORROW MOUNTAIN STATE PARK
OCTOBER 12-14
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON