



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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May 31, 2020

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

The Spirit is given to make God's future real in the present.

N.T. Wright

PEALING OF THE BELLS

OPENING SENTENCES

The Spirit of God renews the earth.

Bless the name of the Lord!

Psalm 104:30,35

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PENTECOST PROCESSIONAL AND CHORAL INTROIT

The wind represents the presence and movement of the Holy Spirit.

*As the Spirit moves and we hear the story of Pentecost,
the elements of worship will be placed in the worship space.*

Acts 2:1-4

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Harold W. Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when we humbly, in thy name,

Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch your garment's hem.

Recorded
June 9, 2019

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father, break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of Thee,
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.

PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Reverend Ayscue

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon the gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ.

Acts 2:1-21

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

MUSICAL RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Barbara McManus

ANTHEM

Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord

Indra Hughes

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Come, bow before Him now, with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;

He burns with holy fire, with splendor He is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light!

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;

He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.

No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him.

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

SCRIPTURE READING

[Acts 2:1-12](#)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Reverend Drumheller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept

ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all

believers in one body of Christ, 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! Amen.*

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This anthem is based upon a hymn that rose quickly to the top of a list of favorite hymns in the United Kingdom since its composition in 1986.

Glory to God hymnal
page 288

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

The Brief Statement of Faith is a confession that was written to be used in worship. Today we use the section of the confession which describes the work of the Holy Spirit.

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King the triumphs of God's grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinners ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
The mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above the church in earth and heaven.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Come, Holy Spirit

Stanley R. Scheer

Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Hymn 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks!

Alleluia No.1

(Refrain)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. (Refrain)

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. (Refrain)

Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on 'Old Hundredth'

Robert Lau

Recorded
June 9, 2019

Thank you to Ann Snuggs and Billie Jean Snuggs for creating the artwork used in the sanctuary this morning. Thank you to Skeet Ayscue and Duncan Bryson for helping to create this morning's video. Thank you to Ann Crutchfield, Claire George Drumheller, Sallie Drumheller, Peter Henkenjohann, Barbara McManus, Marlene Sanges, Sam Shepherd, and Anna Wainwright for participating in worship.

This week's worship video will become available at 11:00 a.m. To access the worship video, go to the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the worship banner or search for the church on *YouTube* and click on the appropriate video.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, Matt and Elizabeth will lead Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. through Zoom. To access the meeting, go to the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the *Morning Prayer* banner. You can also find the link through the Facebook event.



First Presbyterian Church Storytime for Children

Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. for PreK-Kindergarten via YouTube livestream video

Matt or Elizabeth will livestream a video reading a children's book.

To access the video, go to the First Presbyterian Church website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the Storytime banner.

Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. for 1st-3rd Graders via Zoom

Matt or Elizabeth will host a Zoom call with the 1st through 3rd graders to read a chapter book with them.

This will be about 20 minutes of reading time.

Email Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) for the Zoom code and password.

Mom's Group via Zoom

If you are a mom who could use some support from peers in the church, there is a group gathering on Zoom. Led by Melissa Eudy and Sandy Saunders, this group meets on Wednesday nights at 9:00 p.m. Please contact Melissa Eudy (the5eudys@gmail.com or 704-439-6747) for the Zoom details.

Bible Study and Conversation on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. via Zoom with Matt & Catherine Moeller

The material for this online discussion will be selected devotionals that our congregational members have written over the last few months. Each Monday, you will receive an email with the selected devotional for the week. Discussion will focus on the significance and application of the scripture. Topics will include how this challenging time impacts our faith, our spiritual gifts, our compassion, and our charity. This should be a great opportunity for Bible study and connecting with a cross-section of our church family. If you need help with Zoom, contact the church office (704-982-2722). Please email Elizabeth at eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org or Catherine Moeller at mattandcatherine@hotmail.com by Sunday, May 10 to say you are interested or need more information. Please join us!

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Wayne Drye (brother of Barbara Whitley), Jeff Robertson (surgery for prostate cancer), Mickie Smith (cousin of Pam Holbrook; cancer & COVID19), Mark Rodgers (son of Laura & Tim Rodgers; treatment for Ewing's Sarcoma), Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

It is our tradition to celebrate Pentecost by wearing red on Pentecost Sunday. We'd love to see you and/or your family wearing your red. Before May 27, snap a picture and email it to mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org or text it to (980) 581-9773. We will make a slideshow of everyone wearing their red to include in worship on the 31st!

Pentecost Offering on Sunday, May 31

During this Pentecost season, we join together to build a life of faith and build the household of God with our children, youth, and young adults. A foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, you are helping to provide opportunities for young people to grow and share in their faith in Christ. Our congregation is joining the whole church in building for our future...in building individual lives of faith.

Ways to give:

Mail to:
First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578
Albemarle, NC 28002

Text:
YOUNG
to 56512

Give online at:
pcusa.org/pentecost
to learn more or donate





Faith on the Fifth Offering on Sunday, May 31 for the Crisis Assistance Fund

The Crisis Assistance Fund is a nonprofit organization established over 20 years ago by the churches of Stanly County. Our mission is to provide emergency assistance to those in crisis situations, such as losing a job or an injury or illness. Our mission is to help people stay in their homes when an emergency arises, by assisting with rent or utilities, in order to avoid eviction, foreclosure, or disconnection of services. In 2019, CAF distributed \$28,000 in emergency funds and helped 109 individuals stay in their homes in Stanly County.

Need Help? Any resident of Stanly County can apply for assistance.

Visit Stanly Community Christian Ministry (506 South 1st Street, Albemarle) for an application.

Can You Help? 96% of all donations go directly to help individuals in crisis.

Make a contribution to the fund:

Stanly County Crisis Assistance Fund

P.O. Box 1432

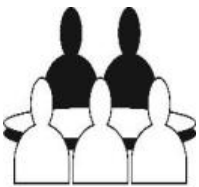
Albemarle, NC 28002

All staff members are working at home whenever possible and the church building is closed most of the time. The church's answering machine is being checked periodically; however, in case of an emergency, please contact Elizabeth (704.985.2945) or Matt (540.449.5319) directly.



Graduate Information Needed for Graduate Recognition on Sunday, June 7

During worship on June 7, we will recognize First Presbyterian Church's high school graduates. If you have a family (or are graduating) member graduating from high school, college, or graduate school in the spring of 2020, please contact the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighnten@fpcalbemarle.org).



The 2020 Nominating Committee welcomes your suggestions of persons to be considered for service as Deacon or Ruling Elder. In thinking of folks who may be qualified to serve, please consider the following:

Worship Attendance, Participation in Church Activities, Service rendered to the Church, Christian living in daily life, and Ability to work cooperatively with others

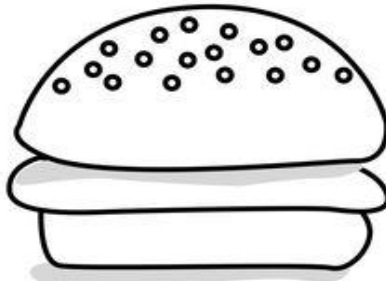
Suggestions for Deacon

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Suggestions for Ruling Elder

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Please return suggestions to the church office or to Ken Knight, Nominating Committee Chair, by June 14 (kbknight17@gmail.com). Members of the Nominating Committee are: Ken Knight, Committee Chair; Bob Johnston, Andy McLeod, Barbara McManus, Sarah Michael, and Gayle Russell.



**First Family Dinner
Wednesday, June 3
Pick-up or Delivery Service**

Menu:

Hamburgers, Potato Chips, Deviled Eggs, and Fruit

Do you want toppings? Lettuce, Tomato, Onions, Pickles

(You will need to have ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, and other toppings on hand at home.)

Dessert Options: Brownies, Pound Cake, or Sweet Potato Cake

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

**YOU MUST RSVP TO ANNE MONTGOMERY BY 12:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 1
(Phone: 704-982-7823 or Email: johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com)**

***** Information needed when you RSVP *****

Number of plates

Toppings Selected for Each Meal

Brownies, Pound Cake, or Sweet Potato Cake for each meal

Pick-up (5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.)

or Delivery Service (provide address/special instructions)

For your safety, we will be wearing masks and gloves as we prepare your plates.

Though we will not share the meal at the same table, we will delight in the opportunity to share the same meal at our own tables. A prayer and table ritual will be included for each household. Sharing the meal and the ritual will bind us together as the one body of Christ.



**ONLINE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS IS GOING ONLINE
(COMPLETED 4th – 6th Grades)**

June 22-25, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Cost: NO Charge

Camp Limit of 12 children



We will be **ONLINE** with our cooking camp this year. If your children have a passion for cooking or love to help you prepare meals in the kitchen? Then perhaps a **cooking camp** is the perfect summer camp for them. This camp is offered to **COMPLETED 4th-6th graders on Monday, June 22 – Thursday, June 25**. We will meet on Zoom for a short gathering at 9:00 a.m., then campers will be given instructions for dinner and dessert to prepare at home. We are going to keep everything simple so adult supervision is each parent's decision. Every day you will be preparing dinner for your family! This camp will be packed with culinary excitement and tasty adventures!

**For more information or to register for camp contact Jane Snyder at
704-982-2722/704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org**

Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. - 1 Corinthians 10:31



JOIN US FOR

AN AT-HOME/VIRTUAL VBS

June 15-June 19

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

**In place of Music and Arts Camp this summer,
we are going to lead a VBS-style online *Compassion Camp*.**

Through resources provided by Illustrated Ministry, we will meet each day (Monday, June 15 through Friday, June 19) to spend time together discussing compassion for other, ourselves, and the world. Some of our time will be spent together on Zoom. Some of our time will be made up of videos that you can watch at home as a family. Some of our time will be activities that we will do online together or separately. We will sing together, read Scripture together, pray together, and play together each day. We hope that you will plan to join us for this joyful new experience! Please contact Matt Drumheller (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) if you would like to sign up!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 31

*Pentecost/Pentecost Offering/
Faith on the Fifth Offering – Crisis Assistance Fund*
11:00 am Online Worship

Monday, June 1

Deadline to sign-up for First Family Dinner
10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Tuesday, June 2

1:00 pm Online Story Time (PreK-Kindergarten)
1:15 pm Online Story Time (1st-3rd Graders)
7:30 pm Outdoor High School Bible Study at the home of
Rebekah Ayscue (629 Yadkin Street, Albemarle)

Wednesday, June 3

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
5:00 pm-6:00 pm First Family Dinner
9:00 pm Mom’s Group via Zoom
with Melissa Eudy & Sandy Saunders

Thursday, June 4

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

Sunday, June 7

Graduate Recognition
Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger
Online Youth Group
9:00 am Diaconate Meeting via Zoom
10:00 am Online Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

31-David Holbrook
John Palmer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MAY

31-Aaron & Alison Whisnant

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JUNE

01-Barbara Whitley
02-Iris Coggins
Ben Jolly
Martha Wolf
03-Heather Deese
Mary Kesselman
04-Ben Newport
Witt Snuggs
05-Sam Griffin
Caroline Lisk
Anne Montgomery
Morgan Hall Schultz
07-Andy Cotton

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JUNE

02-Ross & Peggy Finley
Jim & Kim Marshall
04-Connie & Adrienne Robinson
06-Dennis & Anita Gower

**Your on-going support of First Presbyterian Church is essential to the mission and ministry of the church and to the well-being of our ministry partners, locally and globally.
Thank you for your generosity.**

**Tithes and offerings may be mailed to:
First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578
Albemarle, NC 28002**

**Online giving can be done through the church’s website (www.fpcalbemarle.org).
Click on the GIVE button.**

**URGENT NEEDS FOR SCCM...
CHECK THE STANLY COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION
Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Pasta Meals, Canned Meats, Canned Veggies,
Canned Fruit, Boxed Mac n Cheese**