



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Christian community is not an ideal we have to realize, but rather a reality created by God in Christ in which we may participate.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

OPENING SENTENCES

O Lord, our God,
How majestic is your name in all the earth.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you are my God, I seek you,
My soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
As in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
Beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
My lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, source of all goodness, you gave your Son for the life of the world and sent your Spirit that your love would abide within us. Teach us how to love one another that we may have life, and have it abundantly, with you, in Christ, and through your Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence
Holy God, we know you are always with us, yet we lose our way and fall into fear. We confess that we stumble daily and fail to rely on you to steady our feet. We recognize our need for you to lift us into your presence. Through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit, we pray you will forgive our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us with you, with one another, and with all creation.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

MUSICAL RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Dietrich Bonhoeffer
in
Life Together

Psalm 8:1

Psalm 63:1-4

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES Reverend Drumheller
Introductions
Presentation
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Duet *God of the Sparrow* Carl F. Schalk
Ann Crutchfield and Natalie Niederer

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN Rebekah Ayscue

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 28:16-20* Lee Boone, reader
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Recorded
May 27, 2018

ANTHEM *Thou Art Holy* Craig Courtney
Holy, holy, holy, Thou art holy. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity. Thou art holy!

NEW TESTAMENT READING [*II Corinthians 13: 11-13*](#)

HOMILY *Always Connected* Reverend Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God;

Who is older than eternity and younger than our next breath; who is beyond describing, yet knows us all by name; who inspires faith, yet cannot be contained by religion.

We believe in Jesus Christ, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;

He came in the body to give worth to every human life. He touched the untouchable, loved the unlovable, forgave the unforgiveable, and endured slander, persecution, and death, in order that through suffering love, God's kingdom might come on earth. He rose from the grave as living proof that what is laid down in faith will be raised in glory. He ascended to heaven that he might be present at all times to all people.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

Who leads us into truth and freedom, who gives good gifts to all God's children, who inspires research, enables prayer, and wills that human economics and politics should prioritise justice, care of the earth, and healing of the nations.

We celebrate the potential of the church.

The life in our bodies, the yearning in our souls, the promise of good things in store for those who love the Lord. Amen.

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

This affirmation comes from the Iona Community in Scotland.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Response

God of all goodness,
Hear our 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

Invitation

Offertory

Offertory on ‘Nicaea’

Healey Willan

Prayer of Dedication

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

God the Holy Trinity

David Halls

Recorded
May 27, 2018

Thank you to Rebekah Ayscue, Skeet Ayscue, Lee Boone, James Cotton, Ann Crutchfield, and Natalie Niederer for sharing their gifts in worship today.

This week’s worship video will become available at 10:00 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.

As is our custom, we will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering on the first Sunday of each month. Your generous support of this offering provides food for families in Stanly County and throughout our Presbytery. You may participate in the offering by giving online or mailing a check to the church.

Worship during the months of June, July, and August will take place at 10:00 a.m.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

- Robert Ivey**, son of Lori and Jim Ivey South Stanly High School
- Grayson Jones**, son of Amy and Greg Jones Gray Stone Day School
- Jacob Palmer**, son of Jessica and John Palmer Gray Stone Day School
- Grace Richards**, daughter of Sherrie and Brett Richards Gray Stone Day School

COLLEGE GRADUATES

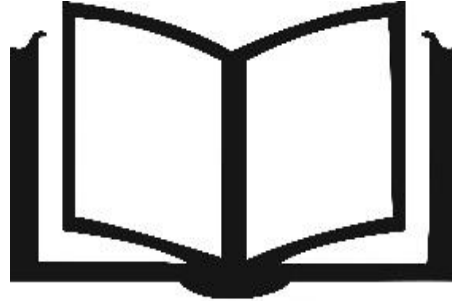
Virginia Rae Currie, daughter of Lisa and Patrick Currie, Bachelor of Science in Political Science with a Pre-Professional Legal Studies Concentration & a minor in Criminal Justice from Appalachian State University.

William Ivey, son of Lori & Jim Ivey, Associate of Applied Science degree in Agribusiness Management & Horticulture Science Management: Ornamental & Landscape Technology with High Honors from North Carolina State University.

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Jay Andrew, son of Becky & Al Andrew, Masters in Accounting degree from The University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill.

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.

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.

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

Each Monday, you will receive an email with the selected devotional for the week. 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 to say you are interested or need more information.

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 proved 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!

**ONLINE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS IS GOING ONLINE
(COMPLETED 4th – 6th Grades)
June 22-25, 2020 at 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



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 7

*Graduate Recognition/Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger
Online Youth Group*

10:00 am Online Worship

Monday, June 8

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Tuesday, June 9

1:00 pm Online Story Time (PreK-Kindergarten)

1:15 pm Online Story Time (1st-3rd Graders)

Wednesday, June 10

Youth Group Online Game Night

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9:00 pm Mom's Group via Zoom
with Melissa Eudy & Sandy Saunders

Thursday, June 11

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

Sunday, June 14

9:00 am Diaconate Meeting via Zoom

10:00 am Online Worship

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
JUNE**

- 07-Andy Cotton
- 10-John Earnhardt
Jessica Palmer
- 11-Jordan Rae Andrew
- 12-Merrin Kinley
Rich Schaefer
- 13-John Howell
Laura Beth Marks

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
JUNE**

- 12-Jack & Joan Boling
- 14-Sam & Kay Griffin
Bill & Barbara Lindley

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

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.