



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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January 31, 2021

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

MORNING MEDITATION

*With you, O God, to guide me, I journey on my way. I know you are beside me all through the night and day. Within your hand you hold me; what do I have to fear? Your loving arms enfold me, your grace is always near.*

Based on  
a prayer of Columba  
(c. 521-597)

PRELUDE

*Adagio from Sonata I*

Felix Mendelssohn

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PEALING OF THE BELLS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Hugh Carpenter

OPENING SENTENCES

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Psalm 118:24

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!

**I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.**

Full of honor and majesty is God's work,

**And his righteousness endures forever.**

The works of God's hands are faithful and just;

**Holy and awesome is his name.**

Sam Shepherd, liturgist

Psalm 111

PRAYER OF THE DAY 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.**

HYMN 32

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Ellacombe

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,

That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.

The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.

God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,

If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.

And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,

While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,

And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

**Merciful God, from you comes all truth, all healing, all that makes our world good and whole. Forgive us, O Lord, for those times when we have listened to those who do not speak for you. Forgive us for the weakness that has led us to seek the water of life at springs that can never satisfy. Have mercy upon us, and speak to us once again.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Glory to God

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**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

ANTHEM

*Hear My Prayer*

Moses Hogan

O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the mornin' when I rise.  
It's Your servant bound for glory. O dear, Lord, please hear my prayer.

O Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within Your arms.  
It's Your servant bound for glory, O dear, Lord, please hear my prayer.

When my work on earth is done, and You come to take me home,  
Just to know I'm bound for glory, and to hear You say well done.

Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy, mercy, Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

*Mark 1:21-28*

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Revealed: One with Authority*

Reverend Drumheller

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

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
Raise thou me heaven-ward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation

Profession 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.**

Welcome

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

*Offertory*

Theodore Dubois

Prayer of Dedication

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#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Peter C. Lutkin

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.

Amen.

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**Thank you** to Ken Knight and Andy McLeod for helping to create this morning’s video. Thanks to Sam Shepherd for serving as liturgist.

**The acolyte today is** Hugh Carpenter.

**Worship will immediately be followed by a congregational meeting** on Zoom. To locate the Zoom link, please see this week’s worship email.

**The Bullard Family** is joining the congregation this morning. Please reach out and welcome them in any way that you can into our church family!

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Judson, Desmond, Campbell, and Walker**

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**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** The family of Jack Boling (husband of Joan Boling), The family of Jim Forbis (brother of Judy Kilgore), Mary Kratz (diagnosis of breast and ovarian cancer), Bailey Long (serious snowboarding accident), Lindsey (Whitley) Harward (Myeloid Lukemia; admitted to Medical University of South Carolina-Charleston), Dick Liles, Bede Karr, Sandy Saunders, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

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**In an effort to keep the newsletter prayer list updated,** please notify the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org) or Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or hallmsh@hotmail.com) of changes.

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**Please stop by the church and sign a hymnal for Susan Pandich.** Call the church office before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).

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**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
CONGREGATION & CORPORATION  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

Session has set the date for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation as Sunday, January 31. The meeting will be held immediately following worship via Zoom. The purpose of the meeting is to receive annual reports and to transact other business as may properly come before the meeting. We will also review and approve the pastor’s terms of call. To locate the Zoom link, please see this week’s worship email.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Floyd Jackson "Jack" Boling, Jr.  
August 20, 1932 – January 21, 2021

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**The Faith on the Fifth Offering** today will benefit Stanly Community Christian Ministry as it meets the needs of those who struggle to pay their utility bills this winter.  
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**FIRST FAMILY MEAL**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 FROM 5:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.**

**RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

First Family Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, February 3! Unfortunately, we are still unable to gather for First Family in February. If you would like a First Family meal, please RSVP by Monday, February 1 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday, February 3 between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.



**Menu:**

**Hugh Wainwright's Brunswick Stew with Cornbread  
and  
Sweet Potato Cake, Pound Cake, or Brownies**

**PLEASE BRING SOUPER BOWL CANNED SOUP DONATIONS  
TO DROP-OFF AS YOU DRIVE-THRU  
TO PICK-UP YOUR FIRST FAMILY MEAL.**

**Suggested Donation: \$5 per person....Maximum of \$15 per family.  
Please come with correct change or a check written to First Presbyterian Church.**

**All we need you to do is:  
call Anne Montgomery at 704-796-5841 or email Anne at johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com  
and let her know how many plates and desserts you need,  
and  
if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).**

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**Updated Address for Lindsey (Whitley) Harward**  
  
MUSC  
Lindsey S. Harward  
ART 7 – Hope Unit, Room 7016  
25 Courtenay Drive  
Charleston, SC 29425



**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING  
DRIVE-THRU DONATIONS**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 AT FIRST FAMILY &  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

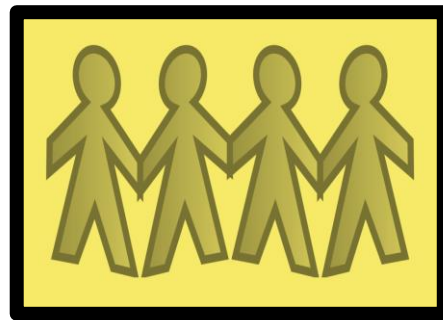
On Wednesday, February 3 at the First Family Drive-Thru and Sunday, February 7 following worship, please join with us in the Souper Bowl of Caring! Our congregation will be supporting those facing food insecurity this winter by donating canned soups to SCCM. Donations of soup and other canned items may be dropped off at the church.

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**The Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, February 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the Pit Stop. Please contact Peggy Finley 704-985-1136 or maf447@windstream.net if you have questions.

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**Pfeiffer Friends**

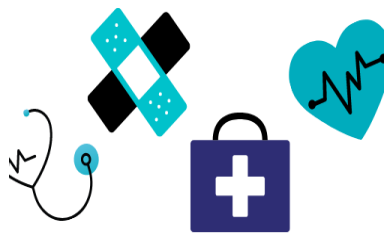
Last fall, the Health Sciences Program of Pfeiffer University opened its doors in downtown Albemarle. As of the January enrollment, there are approximately 90 students from across the United States and the world who are working on a degree in the Physician's Assistant or Occupational Therapy Programs. Many of these students are a long way from home and they have taken a leap of faith to be in this program.

Several downtown church, including First Presbyterian Church, are moving forward with a partnership with these students similar to our Silent Partner program. There are two main differences: the relationship will last about 27 months (the length of each program) and the Pfeiffer student will know who their friend is. We hope that there will be communication at least once a month between the friend and the student.

We will match a member of one of our churches with a Pfeiffer student. The student understands that this relationship is not a "pull into church" but rather a friendly connection with someone in the community. To support these hard-working students, the community member will send notes of encouragement, gift cards, gift boxes, or anything to support them. For your convenience, these items can be dropped off at the Pfeiffer campus in downtown Albemarle or mailed directly to your student.

For more information, please email Martha Sue at hallmsh@hotmail.com or call her at 704-985-5821.

## 2021 Community Health Assessment Survey



Do you have an opinion about health issues and community concerns? Do you want to make a difference? Here is your opportunity to be heard. The Stanly County Health Department and Atrium Health Stanly are jointly conducting the 2021 Community Health Assessment. A public opinion survey is a key component of this assessment. Stanly County residents 15 years old and older

are being asked to complete this survey. The survey can be accessed at the Stanly County Health Department's website <http://health.stanlycountync.gov/> or Stanly County's website <https://www.stanlycountync.gov/> through February 17, 2021. It will only take 15-20 minutes to complete a survey.

Why should you complete a survey?

1. Your input makes a difference as the results from the survey are used by the hospital and health department to help determine their priorities and develop action plans.
2. You help bring funds to Stanly County as this report is used by county municipalities, agencies, organizations and others to obtain grants. Most grantors request a community health assessment when writing grants. This community health assessment report can be used to meet that requirement.

If you would like more information about this community health assessment, please contact Debbie Bennett at 704-986-3016 or [dbennett@stanlycountync.gov](mailto:dbennett@stanlycountync.gov).

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## SCCM FOOD PANTRY NEEDS



**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, January 31**

*Faith on the Fifth Offering for SCCM*

*Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation*

*following worship via Zoom*

- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship followed by the Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation via Zoom
- 5:00 pm Youth Group

**Monday, February 1**

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 2:00 pm Deadline to RSVP for First Family Meal
- 8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton

**Tuesday, February 2**

- 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Confirmation Class via Zoom

**Wednesday, February 3**

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Pit Stop)
- 3:30 pm-4:00 pm Youth Club Trusty Travelers (K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders) via Zoom
- 4:00 pm-4:30 pm Youth Club Faith Explorers (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders) via Zoom
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm First Family Meal Pick-Up & Souper Bowl Canned Soup Donations Drop-Off

**Thursday, February 4**

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

**Sunday, February 7**

*Souper Bowl of Caring Drive-Thru Drop-Off Donations following worship*

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

- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship followed by Souper Bowl of Caring donations drop-off drive-thru
- 5:00 pm Youth Group

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**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](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)).  
 Click on the GIVE button.**

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**All staff members are working at home whenever possible to limit the risk of COVID exposure.** While there is often someone present at the church, the building will be open sporadically. If you need to come by the church, please call first to make sure the building is open. The church's answering machine is being checked periodically; however, in case of an emergency, please contact Matt (540.449.5319) directly.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
**JANUARY**  
 31-Garrett Chapman

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
**FEBRUARY**  
 01-Jean Rabe  
 02-Lee Boone  
 Penny Morton  
 03-Kellyn Poole Luna  
 04-Hugh Carpenter  
 05-Keith Byrd  
 Robin Howell  
 06-Melissa Eudy  
 Bob Johnston

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**  
**FEBRUARY**  
 06-Steve & Laura Blalock