



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 4, 2021

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PEALING OF THE BELLS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Merrin Kinley

OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

The Strife Is O'er

Noel Rawsthorne

CALL TO WORSHIP

Early in the morning light,

The women went to Jesus' tomb.

The tomb was empty, the stone rolled away,

For God's love is stronger than death itself.

Let us join our voices with Mary Magdalene:

We have seen the Lord!

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

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 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

O God, you raised Christ from the tomb and shattered the powers of sin and evil. Raise us from the tombs of our sin, O Lord, and bring us to new life in you. You bring us good news of Easter joy. Forgive us when we cannot hear it. You send us out to share your love. Forgive us when we cannot carry it. You cast a vision for peace and justice. Forgive us when we cannot imagine it. Forgive us when we stand in its way. For you are the God of the empty tomb, the one who makes all things new.

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

To the Lamb on the Throne

Dan Forrest

Worthy the Lamb.

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,

And publish abroad His wonderful name;

The name all victorious of Jesus extol

His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!

Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;

The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,

Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

God rules in the height, almighty to save;

Though hid from our sight, His presence we have,

The great congregation His triumph shall sing,

Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Then let us adore and give Him his right,

All glory and power, all wisdom and might;

All honor and blessing with angels above,

And thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

Worthy the Lamb!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

[Mark 16:1-8](#)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Can't Go Back

Reverend Drumheller

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believer in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory Georg Philip Telemann

Christ Has Broken the Bonds of Death

Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Sanctus

Congregation and Choir

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff is for the organ, with the word 'Organ' written below it. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow 'er and'. The second staff continues the lyrics: 'might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The third staff continues: 'Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the Lord. Ho-'. The fourth staff concludes with: 'san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.'.

A Brief Statement of Faith
 lifts up concerns that call most urgently for the church's attention in our time. This confession is designed to be used in public worship.

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Communion elements can be delivered or picked up at the church upon request. Please email mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org by the Thursday before worship.

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Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty...Great is the mystery of faith.

We re-mem-ber His death, we pro - claim His re-sur - rec - tion,
we a-wait His com - ing in glo - ry.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sharing the Meal

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Hymn 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Alleluia No. 1

Linda Anderson, Flute

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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April 28, 2019

HYMN 245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Llanfair

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O Heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!
Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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BENEDICTION RESPONSE

George Frederic Handel

Hallelujah Chorus from 'Messiah'

Hallelujah, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom
of our Lord and of His Christ;
And He shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lord,
And He shall reign for ever and ever, Hallelujah.

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Thank you to James Cotton and Wiley Crutchfield for helping to create this morning's video.

The acolyte today is Merrin Kinley.

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.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Margaret Duncan (sister of Anne Montgomery), Claude Harwood, Hoy Lanning and family, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

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.

Please stop by the church and sign a hymnal for Susan Pandich and for Mary Lane and Craig Minkler, & Emmett. Call the church office before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).

From the Scholarship Committee...

Scholarship applications are available on the church website (www.fpcalbemarle.org).

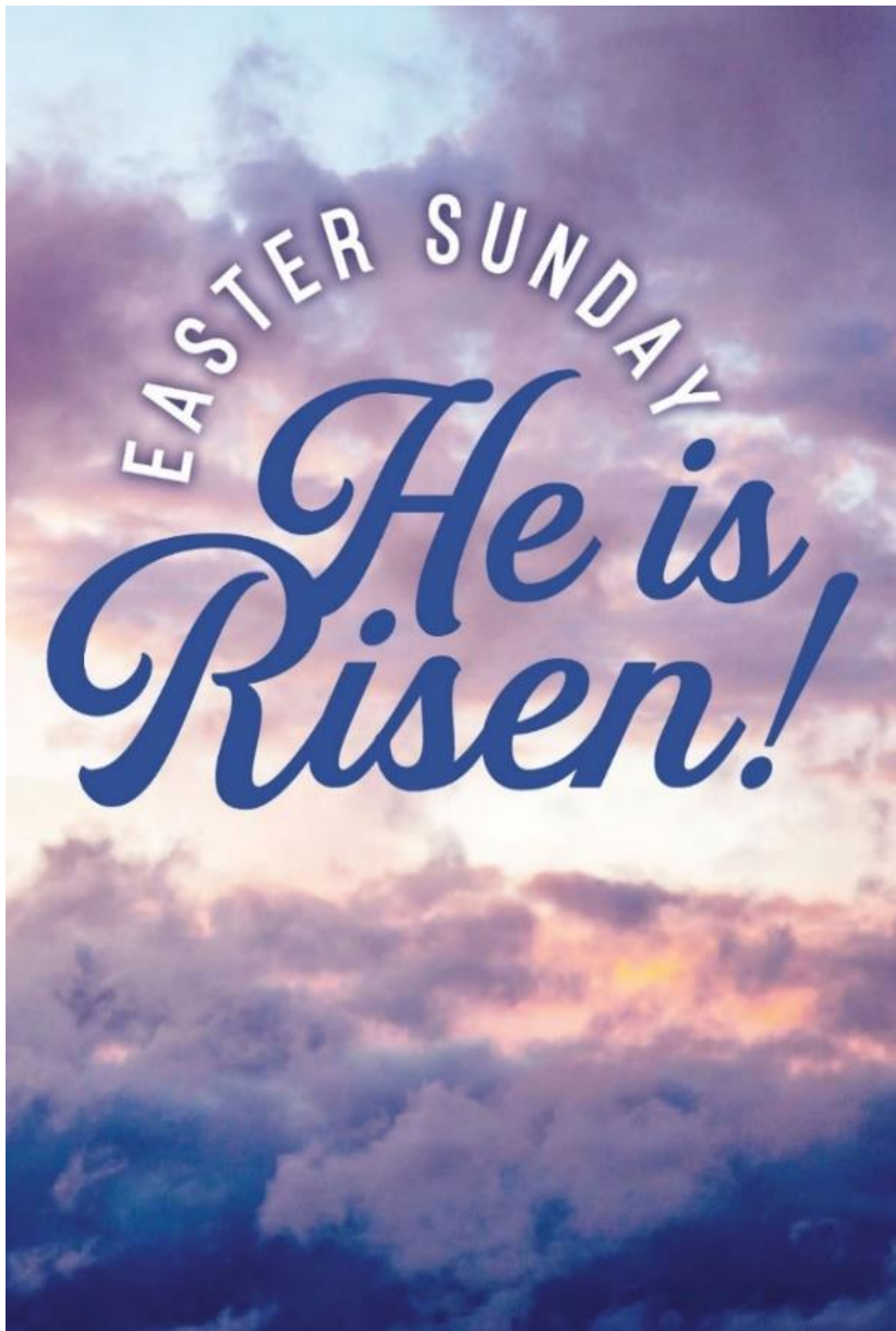
The deadline to return completed applications is Tuesday, April 6. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2021 are: Steve Coats, Chair, Ben Jolly, and Courtney Niederer.





**Youth Sunday
April 11 during worship**

Our youth will lead worship for us on April 11. Join us in virtual worship to hear our 5 seniors speak about their experiences in church and their faith journeys. Our seniors are: Duncan Bryson, Judson Bullard, Kimbal Chapman, David Kilde, and Morgan Kinley. The youth group will also participate and lead in other parts of worship.



April 4
7:00 a.m.

Gather at the top of Morrow Mountain to celebrate the risen Christ.
Breakfast will not be provided. BYOC (Bring your own coffee.)

11:00 a.m.

We will celebrate Easter online
with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and joyful music.

SCCM FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Please purchase the *smaller* options of mayo, ketchup, flour, sugar, cooking oil, etc. This is helpful when we build boxes for our clients because our boxes are based on weight.

Please take donations to SCCM:
506 South First Street, Albemarle
Monday-Thursday; 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Cereal (Plain & Pre-Sweetened)

Canned Meat (Not Tuna)

Mayo

Mustard

Ketchup

Canned Fruit (Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail)

Toilet Tissue

Bar soaps

Toothbrushes (individually packed)

Cooking Oil

Navy Beans

Black Eyed Peas

Lima Beans

Applesauce

Flour (Plain & Self-Rising)

Sugar

Sweetened Condensed Milk

Evaporated Milk

Salad Dressing

Cake Mix

Jelly

Pancake Syrup

Pancake Mix

Instant Jello & Pudding

Salt & Pepper

COVID-19 UPDATE

At its regular monthly meeting on Sunday, March 21, the Session discussed again the possibility of returning to in-person worship. Taking into consideration the growing number of vaccinated people in Stanly County, the recommendations by the CDC, the recent executive order by the governor, and our ability to adjust, the Session decided to resume in-person worship on **Sunday, April 18**.

Out of a desire to continue to keep all members of our community safe, there are a few guidelines we will need to follow that will allow us to meet in person.

- We will limit the number of worshippers to 50 people each Sunday morning to ensure that we can maintain safe social distance. People may call-in beginning at 12:00 noon the Monday before Sunday to register for worship in the week leading up to Sunday.
- Masks and social distancing (within family groups) will be required for all worshippers for the duration of worship.
- Worshippers will be asked to enter and exit through the North Street door and to avoid gathering in groups before or after worship.
- Seating will be staggered, and ushers will help worshippers locate their seats.

In addition to these guidelines, worship will look different. There will be no hymn singing, we will limit contact points, and worship will not last as long. We will also continue to offer online worship for those who do not feel comfortable returning or who are unable to. The worship service will be livestreamed at 11:00 on Sunday mornings.

As we begin this process, we recognize that we will have much to learn. We ask you to be patient and gracious with this process. We hope to create a safe, inclusive space for all people to worship God, and you can help us do this by following these guidelines.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 4

Easter

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

7:00 am Easter Sunrise Worship at Morrow Mountain State Park

11:00 am Online Worship

Monday, April 5

Easter Monday/Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 6

Deadline for Scholarship Applications

Wednesday, April 7

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)

Thursday, April 8

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

Sunday, April 11

Youth Sunday

9:00 am Diaconate Meeting via Zoom

9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom

10:15 am Children Sunday School via Zoom

11:00 am Online Worship

5:00 pm Youth Group Parables & Pelican's

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.**

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!

APRIL

04- Wes Eudy

05- Steve Blalock

07- Angie Earnhardt

Russell Karr

08- Joyce Lambert

10- Murphy Hall

Holden Taylor

11- Maddie Averette

Marlene Mittendorf