



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 11, 2021

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PEALING OF THE BELLS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Jordan Hesley

OPENING SENTENCES

Elizabeth Bryson

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Elizabeth Bryson

PRELUDE

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
Handbell Ensemble

Cathy Mokolbust

CALL TO WORSHIP

Andy McLeod

We worship in the Easter light,

For the shadow of death is no match for God's love.

Let us join our voices with the disciple Thomas:

My Lord and my God!

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ella Cumming

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.

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

(Refrain)

*Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on. (Refrain)

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And left me there on a cross to die. (Refrain)

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on. (Refrain)

They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merrin Kinley

Silence

In Jesus Christ, God reconciled the world to himself. The reconciling act of God in Christ exposes our wrongdoings as sin in the sight of God. Forgive us, Lord, when we claim mastery of our own lives, when we turn against God and neighbors, and when we become exploiters and despoilers of the world.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Merrin Kinley

Hear the good news. God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself. The risen Christ is the Savior of all. All who are joined to Christ by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as Christ's reconciling community.

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

Katherine Jolly

ANTHEM

This Joyful Eastertide

Vernon Hoyle

This joyful Eastertide, away with care and sorrow!

My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three day prison,

Our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber,

Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three day prison,

Our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen.

Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:

Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three day prison,

Our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elizabeth Bryson

SCRIPTURE READING

James 1:19-27

Natalie Niederer

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Duncan Bryson

Kimbal Chapman

David Kilde

Morgan Kinley

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leah Kilde and Thora Kilde

We believe that God created the world of space and time to be the sphere of his dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. We believe that God has created us for personal relationship in which we may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.

We believe that the reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to us, moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. We believe that the new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

We believe that God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which we are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables us to receive forgiveness as we forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as we make peace among ourselves. We believe that in spite of our sin, the Holy Spirit gives us power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and to proclaim the good news of reconciliation to all.

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April 12, 2015

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December 15, 2019

HYMN 100 *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* Star of the County Down
My soul cries out with joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

(Refrain)

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, And the world is about to turn.*

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.

(Refrain)

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from this throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread; every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.

(Refrain)

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.

(Refrain)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Andy McLeod

Invitation

Offertory

Offertory in E-flat

Theodore Dubois

Prayer of Dedication

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March 30, 2014

HYMN 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *A Gaelic Blessing* John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the flowing air to you,

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, deep peace of the shining stars to you.

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May 20, 2018

Deep peace of the gentle night to you, moon and stars pour light on you,
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you, deep peace of Christ to you.

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Thank you to Bob Johnston and Leah Kilde for helping to create this morning's video.

The acolyte today is Jordan Hesley.

Thanks to the youth for their participation in worship today.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: 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).

MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS



On Mother's Day, the arrangements in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of mothers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail or deliver to the church office with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MAY 2**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Mother's Day Arrangements*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Mother's Day, May 9**. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In-Person Worship Information
In-Person Worship begins Sunday, April 18

How To Register

All worshippers will need to register before coming to worship on Sunday morning to ensure that we are not exceeding the maximum number of safe participants.

- Registration will be limited to 50 people.
- Registration will open on the Monday immediately preceding the Sunday of worship. You may register between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm on Monday and Tuesday.
- To register, worshippers need to call the office number (704-982-2722) and speak with a person. Voicemails will not be considered registrations.
- When registering, please let us know how many people will be in your family group.

What To Expect

When you come to worship in person, please help us to stay safe and healthy by following these guidelines.

- Please put on a mask before you enter the building and keep your mask on (covering your mouth and nose) for the duration of worship.
- Please enter the building through the front door of the sanctuary facing North Street. If you cannot climb the steps you may use the ramp from the parking lot or the elevator.
- To avoid creating gather points where people are exposed to one another, please do not gather outside the door before or after worship for long periods of time.
- After entering the sanctuary, an usher or elder will help you locate an open seat.
- Please maintain at least 6 feet of space between your family group and other family groups that are present.
- At the conclusion of worship, an usher or elder will direct you to leave the sanctuary.

Worship

Worship will look different as we adjust the service to make it as safe as possible. Here's what you can expect.

- In order to reduce contact points there will not be a bulletin, an offering collection, or communion.
- Because we will not be handing out a bulletin, we encourage you to print one out before you come, or access the bulletin with your smartphone.
- The worship service will be shorter to decrease the amount of potential exposure time.
- We will ask people not to sing.



Bread for the World

The level of *extreme hunger* has doubled since the beginning of the pandemic--there are now 270 million people facing *extreme hunger*. To his disciples, Jesus said, *You give them something to eat*. Notice that he gave no specific directions, only a command and a question, *What do you have?*

Could He be speaking to us? What do we have? We have opportunity to advocate with our leaders in Congress through letter writing by email or hand writing. Directions to call or email them are in the April newsletter; hand written letter packets are in the basket inside the parking lot door and on the table outside the church office.

REGISTRATION FORM



**First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle
Sunday, June 13-Thursday, June 17, 2021**

***SPACE IS LIMITED.**

***KINDERGARTEN-6TH GRADE ONLY**

***REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2021**

FOR WHOM?

For you if you have completed Kindergarten all the way through completed 6th grade.

Space is limited due to COVID19:

Kindergarten-1st Grade: Maximum of 10 Children

2nd-3rd Grade: Maximum of 10 Children

4th-6th Grade: Maximum of 20 Children

WHEN WILL WE DO IT?

It all begins on **Sunday, June 13 at 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.** On June 14-17, the hours are **9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

WHAT ELSE?

Registration Fee: \$20.00

Snacks & drinks will be provided.

Everyone should be masked and socially distanced.

The final performance will be filmed for people to watch at home.

Name _____ Age _____ & Grade Completed (as of June 13) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Parent's Name _____

Emergency Contact during hours of Music & Arts Camp _____

Food or other allergies _____

T-Shirt Size: YX-Small (2/4) Y-Small (6/8) Y-Medium (10/12) Y-Large (14/16) Y-XLarge (18/20)
Adult S M L XL

Other things we should know about this child _____

Permission to Use Photograph: I grant to First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, the right to take photographs of my child/children during the 2021 Music & Arts Camp and to use such photographs for any purpose.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature _____ Printed Name _____

of parent or guardian (if under age 18)

**Return form to:
First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578
126 West North Street
Albemarle, NC 28002**

**Questions? Contact the church office at (704) 982-2722 or
email klambert@fpcalbemarle.org**

For Office Use Only
Date Received _____
Staff Initials _____

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

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

Monday, April 12

Begin Reservations for In-Person Worship for Sunday, April 18

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton

Wednesday, April 14

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 1:30 pm Circle #5 meets in the Pit Stop
- 3:30 pm-4:00 pm Youth Club Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders) via Zoom
- 4:00 pm-4:30 pm Youth Club Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders) via Zoom

Thursday, April 15

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

Saturday, April 17

- 7:00 pm Youth Group Outdoor Movie Night in Locust

Sunday, April 18

- 8:30 am Session Meeting 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 Worship

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.**

Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:

- Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies,
- Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup,
- Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper, Snack Crackers,
- Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups

Donations may be dropped off at the church.

Packing Date: Wednesday, April 21 at 10:30 a.m.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
APRIL

- 11- Maddie Averette
Marlene Mittendorf
- 12- Laura Blalock
Jake Davis
Holly Norwood
- 13- Matt Moeller
- 14- Anissa Chapman
- 17- David Kilde
- 18- Elizabeth Wilson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
APRIL

- 13- Gus & Nancy Feather
- 16- Kyle & Laura Beth Marks