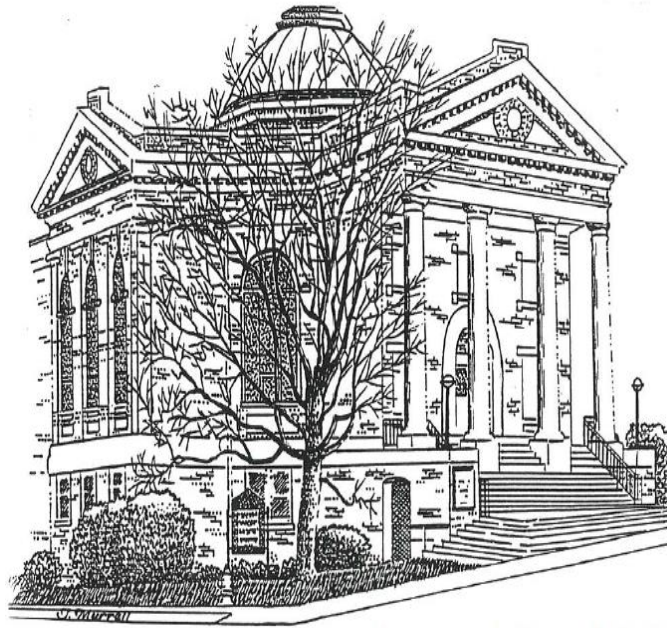


# *First Presbyterian Church* *Albemarle, North Carolina*



*April 28, 2024*  
*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign the Friendship Register*

PRELUDE

Variations on "Our Father"

Felix Mendelssohn

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Ella Cumming, acolyte

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 22

Steve Cumming, liturgist

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord.  
May your hearts live forever!

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, in Christ, you have shown us the way, revealed to us your truth, and offered us everlasting life. Keep our eyes upon him, that we may see your path more clearly, know your truth more fully, and receive your life more abundantly; through Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in eternal glory. Amen.

\*HYMN 658

“God Is So Good”

GOD IS SO GOOD

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence, we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

*Silent Confession and Reflection*

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

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

*Those coming forward for Faith Sharing should make their way to the front during the response.*

\*Response 394

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”  
(stanza 4)

REGENT SQUARE

*Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:  
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.*

THE WORD

HISTORY SHARING WITH YOUTH

Kristie Bryson

ANTHEM

“Alleluia Christ Is Risen”

Gordon Young

*Alleluia, Christ is risen, Alleluia.  
Jesus, our Lord, is risen today. Alleluia.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us this day. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

[Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4](#)

pew Bible, page 154 and 292

SERMON

“The Calls of Philip”

Rev. Carol Edwards

\*HYMN 754

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

BARONITA

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Offertory

“Andante”

Mendelssohn

\*Response 606

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDRETH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness. Make our lives to be an acceptable offering in unison with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.

SENDING

\*HYMN 300

“We Are One In The Spirit”

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Peter Lutkin

\*POSTLUDE

“Allegro Molto”

Mendelssohn

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

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**Thank you to** the Frank Poolos, Michael Rowland, Chancel Choir, and Steve Cumming for their leadership in worship today.

**We welcome** Rev. Carol Edwards to the pulpit today.

**The acolyte today is** Ella Cumming.

**The flowers today are given** to the Glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of Alexis Poolos, Jackie Poolos Hart, and Nicole Poolos Wallace from Mom and Dad.

**Ushers for April:** Lee Snuggs (captain), Josh Davis (JD), Ken Knight, Jack Morton, Leo McLeod, Liz Bryson, Ella Cumming, Nathaniel Eudy.

**Outside Ushers for April 28:** Steve Cumming, Chris Whitley

**Elder Greeters:** Elizabeth Bryson, Bill Jolly

**Streaming Coordinator:** Evan Sanges      **Film:** James Cotton      **Nursery:** Bailey Mitchell

**There will be History Sharing** today with Kristie Bryson.

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**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Karlyn Cox, Claude Harwood, Penny Welling (friend of the congregation), Tim Rodgers, Doris Forte-Spring Arbor, Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Jane Scheer, Jason Miller (friend of the congregation), Laura Frazier, Rita Morgan, Marlene Sanges, Vicky Huneycutt (sister of Angie Earnhardt), Amy Jung (friend of congregation), Shannon Newport, (health concerns), Patsy McLaurin (mother of Lee McLaurin), Thomas Wilson (nephew of Elizabeth Wilson), Dr. Mike Dearstyne (brother of Holly Norwood), Pat Davis (cousin of John Earnhardt), Glenda Moser (mother of Anissa Chapman), Elizabeth Cox (niece of Elizabeth Wilson), Mary Green, the family of Hugh Wainwright upon the loss of his father, Thomas Edison Wainwright. See newsletter for complete list.

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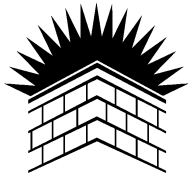
**During our brief time without a Pastor...** If you have a prayer concern or any need for the pastor, please contact Kyle Lambert at the church office (704-982-2722) or (704-783-6288). She will direct you/your information to the correct person at that time. This will run from April 19 through May 18.

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS**  
**(COMPLETED 4th - 6th Grades)**  
**June 3-6, 2024 9:00 am-1:00 pm**  
**Cost: \$60.00 per child**

**Camp Limit of 12 children. For more information, to register, or to volunteer contact Jane Snyder at (704-982-2722/704-438-3358 or [jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org)**



The Christian Education Corner

We encourage children to remain in worship!  
There are worship bags available for them in the lobby closest to the pit stop of the church.  
Feel free to pick these up anytime before, during or after worship.

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**Monday Night Bible Study** 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders at the home of Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr.) We meet on Mondays at 8:30 pm.



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PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN THE REGISTER



The Membership Care Committee encourages you to be faithful in signing the Friendship Register in worship on Sundays and to register online if you worship there. It helps us know when you are not here, which is very important.

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**Scholarship Recognition**  
**Sunday, May 5**

Scholarship recipients will be recognized in worship on Sunday, May 5. The Scholarship Committee members are: Catherine Moeller, Chair, Shannon Bullard, Wes Eudy, Kim Marshall, and Lee McLaurin.

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**Youth Sunday & Graduate Sunday**  
**May 5 during worship**

Our youth will lead worship, and our graduates will be recognized on May 5.



Please come, support, and pray for our youth as they lead in worship.

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**"DIVE IN" CAMP**

Come join us as we celebrate God's creation and how we fit in it! We will explore nature, recreation, music, art, cooking, the Bible, prayer, and service to others all in five fun-filled days! In order to plan the best event possible, we need to know whom we are planning for. This is a pre-registration for the event to help us move forward in bringing this awesome opportunity to life. We will collect more information later. Please complete a separate form for each of your children.

**June 10-14 held at FPC 9 am- 1 pm (Friday: 9-11 am)**

**FPC, CUMC, FLC, FBC will be hosting. Ages 4 years-rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders**

There will be a \$30 registration fee per child. We will collect this closer to camp date.

You can scan the QR Code or click on the link below for registration.

This will also be emailed.

<https://forms.gle/G3bStDvqHb2vhRYe9>





**MIDWEEK MEAL**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**

**RSVP BY NOON ON TUESDAY, April 30**

**Menu: Assorted Pasta Dishes, Salad and Assorted Desserts, Tea, Coffee, Water & Lemonade.**

Contact the church office 704-982-2722 or [jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) by noon on Tuesday, April 30 to say you're coming. You may also indicate in the Friendship Register how many will be attending. Please call Jane Snyder at 704-438-3358 or email her at [jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) if you would like to help.

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**TESTING PROCTORS NEEDED AT CENTRAL SCHOOL**

EOG testing is set for May 9, May 10, May 14, 15 & 16 at Central School. **Proctors are desperately needed!** Testing starts at 9:00 am and will last 2 to 3 hours at most. If you can help, contact Kristie Bryson at 864-230-3074, Text or Call. She will need your name, phone number and date to proctor.

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The Youth are selling Tidal Wave car wash tickets for a Fundraiser to help with expenses for Montreat. Tickets are \$10 with a \$30 value and they do not expire for a year! You can purchase tickets from any Middle School or High School Youth or for more information contact, Michelle Cumming at

[michellecumming85@yahoo.com](mailto:michellecumming85@yahoo.com)

Please help support our youth and get a clean car!

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**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, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MAY 5.** 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 12.** 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, April 28**

**\*Childcare provided**

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

9:30 am New Adult Sunday School Class- Old Session Room

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

6:00 pm SNL Practice for Youth Sunday

**Monday, April 29**

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Noon – 1:15 pm Finding Joy

4:00 pm Walkers Group @ Rock Creek Park

8:30 pm Youth Bible Study- home of Debby Johnston

**Wednesday, May 1**

6:45 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

1:30 pm Prayer Shawl meeting in Parlor

5:30 pm Midweek Meal

6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 2**

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

7:00 pm Stanly County Concert Band @ Market Station

**Friday, May 3**

6:00 Meal for Community Inn

**Sunday, May 5**

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/ Youth Sunday*

9:30 am New Adult Sunday School Class- Old Session Room

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

TBD SNL

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**April**

28- Aaron Whisnant

29- Harold Sharpe

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**May**

4- Brad Boone

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**April**

28- Kevin & Adrienne Averette

29- Steve & Elaine Coats

**Elders**

Elizabeth Bryson, Ann Crutchfield,

Steve Cumming, Peggy Finley,

Kate Gibson Bill Jolly,

Mary Kesselman, Heather Kilde,

Jim Marshall, Lee McLaurin,

Ronnie Michael, Catherine Moeller,

Chris Whitley

**Deacons**

Shannon Bullard, Anissa Chapman,

Wes Eudy, Jim Hesley, Liz Jolly,

Myron Lowder, John Palmer,

Frank Poolos, Brett Richards,

Carol Sasser, Billie Jean Snuggs,

Debbie Wainwright

**Church Staff**

Pastor, Rev Joel Lynn

Director of Music, Dr. Frank Poolos

Organist, Michael Rowland

Dir Fellowship/Congregational Care, Jane Snyder

Office Manager, Kyle Lambert

Secretary, Beth Poolos

Facilities Manager, Shawn Graeff

Tithes and offerings may be mailed to:

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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.

The offering as part of our worship is a response to God’s grace. The ushers will pass the plates or you may make your gift by scanning the QR Code here. Thank you for your generosity.