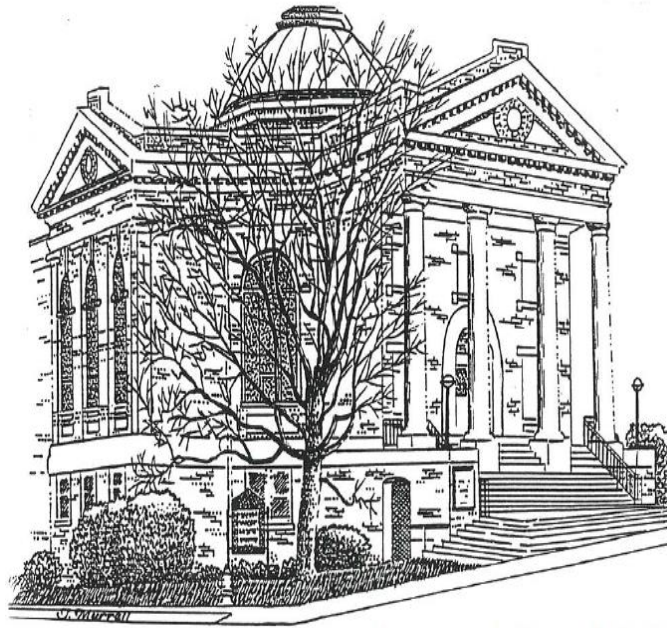


# *First Presbyterian Church* *Albemarle, North Carolina*



*May 5, 2024*  
*6<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

"There Is More Love Somewhere"

Podd

Central Elementary Choir, led by Regan Eudy

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Cidney Eudy, acolyte

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Elizabeth Bryson, liturgist

Let us tell everyone of God's words.

**Truly God is good to those that are faithful.**

We have made the Lord God our refuge.

**In this kingdom, we are more than guests.**

Farther along we'll know all about it.

**Farther along we'll understand why.**

Let us worship God!

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Turn your loving gaze, O God, upon young people. They carry in their hearts a great hope: make them strong and pure, so that they can build their tomorrow with confidence. Let them receive freely the gift of the faith, accept it with gratitude, and develop it with generosity. Amen.

## \*HYMN 157

“I Danced in the Morning”

LORD OF THE DANCE

*The Ten Cents-a-meal offering may be brought forward during hymn.*

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have paved a path for us to follow-yet we often find ourselves lost. It is clear to us that we should follow you; however, we are constantly tempted and tried by worldly matters that cause us to stray. Forgive us, Lord, and guide us back to you. Allow us to be washed over by your unconditional love, so we can overflow with joy as you have called us to do; through Christ we pray. Amen.

*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”

REGENT SQUARE

(stanza 4)

*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

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

FPC Youth

ANTHEM

“Feed My Lambs”

Natalie Sleeth

*Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep; In My name lead them forth gently as a shepherd.  
When they wander, when they stray, their protector be. As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to me.*

*Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep; In My name lead them forth gently as a shepherd.  
Unto all who lose the way Hope and comfort be. As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to Me.*

*Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep; In My name lead them forth gently as a loving shepherd of the Lord*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, we cannot understand the scripture... throughout the year.

Thank you for providing such a wonderful “Church Family” to do all of these activities and many more for us as we grow in our faith. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

[1 Timothy 4:12](#)

pew Bible, page 255

## RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Natalie Taylor  
Desmond Bullard

Jim Hesley

\*HYMN 625

“How Great Thou Art”

HOW GREAT THOU ART

## 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

We pray for your wonderful creation.....your human caretakers.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We pray for this holy gathering.....as it is in heaven.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We pray for all the leaders.....peace and possibility.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who live.....bless and expand their efforts.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

On youth Sunday, we give.....in our community and the world.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We pray for those.....our congregational prayer list.

Lord in your mercy, 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.

### YOUTH ANTHEM

“Beautiful Things”

Michael Gungor

### SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION

Catherine Moeller

### RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Offertory

“Christian Hearts, In Love United”

Robert Powell

\*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 69

“Here I Am Lord”

HERE I AM

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Peter Lutkin

\*POSTLUDE

“Do Not I Love Thee, O Lord”

Robert Powell

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

***Bold print*** indicates places where congregation reads or sings.

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**Thank you to** the Frank Poolos, Michael Rowland, Chancel Choir, our youth, Central Elementary Choir, Regan Eudy, Kristie Bryson and Jim Hesley for their leadership in worship today.

**We welcome** scholarship recipients and families and congratulations to our high school graduates.

**The acolyte today is** Cidney Eudy.

**Ushers for May:** Jim Hesley (captain), Leo McLeod, Laura McLeod, Steve Cumming, Ella Cumming, Jackson Palmer, John Palmer, Lee McLaurin, Myron Lowder.

**Outside Ushers for May 5:** Lee Snuggs, Ronnie Michael

**Elder Greeters:** Steve Cumming, Peggy Finley

**Streaming Coordinator:** Evan Sanges      **Film:** TBD      **Nursery:** Bailey Mitchell

**There will be Faith Sharing** today with the Youth.

**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. See newsletter for complete list.

**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.

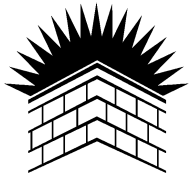
## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

First Presbyterian Church recognizes the following high school graduates:

**Desmond Bullard**, son of Shannon & Scott Bullard, will graduate from Gray Stone Day School. He will attend Lynn University in Boca Raton, FL, studying business and will be playing collegiate soccer.

**Jackson Shedd**, son of Mike & Shelley Shedd, will graduate from South Stanly High School.

**Natalie Taylor**, daughter of Karlyn Cox, will graduate from South Stanly High School. She will be taking a gap year to work and will return to school at Stanly Community college with an interest in nursing or business.



*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 have ended our Monday Nights for this year.  
See you in the Fall !  
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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN THE REGISTER**  
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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 Today Sunday, May 5***

Scholarship recipients and our Graduates will be recognized  
in worship today. The Scholarship Committee members are:  
Catherine Moeller, Chair, Shannon Bullard, Wes Eudy,  
Kim Marshall, and Lee McLaurin.



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### **Reception to follow Worship Today, May 5**

Please join us in the Pit Stop for refreshments following worship today to honor our Youth, Central  
Elementary choir, graduates, scholarship recipients and all of their families.

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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 8

RSVP BY NOON ON TUESDAY, May 7

Menu: Boston Butt, Mashed Potatoes, 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, May 7 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, May 5

**\*Childcare provided**

#### *6<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

TBD SNL

### Monday, May 6

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Noon – 1:15 pm Finding Joy

4:00 pm Walkers Group @ Rock Creek Park

### Wednesday, May 8

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

1:00 pm Circle 5 meeting in Parlor

5:30 pm Midweek Meal

6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 9

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

### Sunday, May 12

#### *7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/ Mother's Day*

8:45 am Diaconate

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

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

TBD SNL

#### **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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#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

##### **May**

8- Lee Snuggs

11- Elizabeth Boyle

Debbie Johnston

12- Skeet Ayscue

#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

##### **May**

2- Bob & Donna Gaither

3- Kyle & Taylor Barbee

12- Rob & Catherine McIntyre

Keith & Martha Wolf

#### **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

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.



# *First Presbyterian Church 2024 Scholarship Recipients*

## **First Presbyterian Church Scholarship recipients are:**

**Jacqueline Elrod...** Graduating from Albemarle High School. She will attend North Carolina Wesleyan University and major in Nursing.

**Savannah Faircloth...** Graduating from Stanly Early College. She will attend Pfeiffer University and major in Health and Exercise Science.

**Kennedy Laney...** Graduating from Stanly Early College. She will attend Pfeiffer University and major in Psychology.

**Keith Murphy...** Graduating from South Stanly High School. He will attend North Carolina State University or North Carolina Central University and major in Criminal Justice.

**Jacob Smith...** Graduating from North Stanly High School. He will attend Wingate University and major in Education.

**Abbie Thomas...** Graduating from West Stanly High School. She will attend Wingate University and major in Psychology and Criminal Justice.

## **Frances and Jake Jacobs Scholarship recipients are:**

**Landon Almond...** Currently studying at Pfeiffer University and majoring in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology.

**Kaelynn Guyette...** Graduating from West Stanly High School. She will attend Wingate University and major in Psychology.

**Morgan Kinley...** Currently studying at Appalachian State University and majoring in Health Care Management.

**Layla Marie Simpson....** Currently studying at Pfeiffer University and majoring in Business.

**Eli Patrick Toole...** Currently studying at Wingate University and majoring in Exercise Science.

## **The Ayscue Scholarship recipient is:**

**Drake Dry...** Graduating from North Stanly High School. He will attend Pfeiffer University and major in either Accounting or Criminal Justice.

## **Maude Boysworth Scholarship recipient is:**

**Smith Huneycutt...** Graduating from West Stanly High School. He will attend UNC Charlotte and major in Mechanical Engineering.

## **Moeller Family Endowment Scholarship recipients are:**

**Edgar Leo Hernandez...** Currently studying at UNC Charlotte and majoring in International Business and Japanese.

**Christian Harris ..** Graduating from Albemarle High School. He will attend UNC Pembroke and major in Engineering.

**Kaiyana Spencer...** Graduating from Albemarle High School. She will attend NC A&T and major in Health Science.

## **Helen Mount Scholarship recipient is:**

**Ethan Richards...** Currently studying at Appalachian State University majoring in Computer Science.

## **Daniel Mann Whitley Scholarship recipient is:**

**Sarah VanHorn...** Currently studying at UNC – Chapel Hill and majoring in History.