



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

As circumcision was the sign and symbol of inclusion in God's grace and covenant with Israel, so Baptism is the sign and symbol of inclusion in God's grace and covenant with the Church. As an identifying mark, Baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, being sealed by God's Spirit, adoption into the covenant family of the Church, and resurrection and illumination in Christ.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.

GATHERING SONG

Hymn 485 *We Know That Christ Is Raised* all stanzas

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing, and bless God's name;

Tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

Proclaim God's glory to the nations,

God's marvelous deeds to all peoples.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN 482** *Baptized in Water* Bunessan

The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger and Bread for the World letters may be brought forward at this time.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

Unison

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

From *The Book of Order of the PCUSA*
(W-2.3004).

John 3:5 and
Ephesians 1:13

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**

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

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the children's greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.

**RECOGNITION OF TEACHERS AND LEADERS
IN THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Sarah Michael
Leah Beamon

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation and Questions

*Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptisms

Introduction to the Congregation

Anthem

A Welcome Song

Thomas Pavlechko

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Romans 6:1-4](#)

Pew Bible, page 146

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing

Gordon Young

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise,

That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.

Sing Alleluia, sing alleluia.

All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever,
Sing Jehovah's mighty power, praise Him forever.
Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever.

SERMON

Newness of Life

Mrs. Ayscue

Sermons are posted to the church's website (www.fpcalbeamarle.org). You can usually find the previous Sunday's sermon by Wednesday.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

With gratitude for the Word of Life, let us offer our lives and gifts to God.

Offertory

Aria

William Lloyd Webber

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

hymnal, page 606

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 and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Benediction

Peter Angela

*POSTLUDE

Toccata on 'Old Hundreth'

Robert Lau

*All who are able may stand.

We rejoice that you are worshiping with us today. If you are a member of this church, please seek out those who are visiting and welcome them to this family of faith. If you are visiting and would like to know more about the church and membership here, please speak with one of the ministers following worship.

The acolyte today is Jackson Palmer. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptisms of Brinson Page Long and Joshua Douglas Long.

Brinson Page Long, daughter of Emma (McManus) and Josh Long, and **Joshua Douglas Long**, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Lee McManus is the elder representing Session in the baptisms.

We will be offering our letters for *Bread for the World* during worship on May 6. This is our opportunity to appeal to our politicians encouraging them to support legislation aimed at ending hunger. Bring your written letters during the singing of the first hymn as we seek to change the world!

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on Sunday, May 6. Please bring your coin box or another way of participating on this day.

An Ebenezer
(I Samuel 7:12)
is Hebrew for a
stone of help
often set up to
give thanks to
God.

Ushers: Jill Niebler, captain; Steve Cumming, Heather Deese, Nancy Joines, Katherine Jolly, Ken Knight, Andy McLeod, and Shelley Shedd **Outside Ushers:** John Howell; Kyle Marks **Elder Greeters:** Steve Cumming; Sandy Saunders **Nursery:** TBD **Preschool Partners:** Penny & Jack Morton **Nana & Papa Team:** Barbara & Chris Whitley **Children's Church:** Heather Kilde; David Kilde

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Eddie Wilson (health problems; brother of Elizabeth Wilson), Kathy Miles Gordon (tumor on pancreas; friend of Ruth Goodwin), John Montgomery, Pam Myers, Tommy Murrell, Ben Kierstead (nephew of Leslie Carter; recovering from surgery). **See newsletter for complete list.**

**Teachers and Leaders of the Christian Education Program Recognition
Sunday, May 6 during worship**

Today, with the deepest gratitude, we humbly thank our Sunday School teachers and substitutes for children's and adult's classes, Children's Church volunteers, Youth Club volunteers, Nanas and Papas, Preschool Partners, those who have led and helped with our middle and high school youth group, Faith Explorer teachers and field trip coordinators and chaperones, nursery volunteers, children's music leaders, Pray & Play leaders, and members of the Christian Education Committee.

**YOUTH COMMUNITY SCAVENGER HUNT FOR SCCM
SUNDAY, MAY 6 4:00 P.M.-6:30 P.M.
MEET AT THE HOME OF CATHERINE & MATT MOELLER
(1301 Prestwick Place, Albemarle)**



Take 2...The Youth Group will meet at the home of Catherine and Matt Moeller to walk around the neighborhood and surrounding community to collect food for SCCM. The group will set out at 4:00 p.m. to collect food, and then return to the Moeller's house for dinner. Bring a backpack or a wagon to carry the food. Please RSVP to Catherine (509-539-9482 or mattandcatherine@hotmail.com) to let them know you will be there.



MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

TODAY is the last day to participate in Mother's Day (May 13) flowers. Please place the form below in the offering plate and make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church. Each name is \$2.00. Your name and the names of those being honored/remembered will be listed in the bulletin next Sunday.

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: _____

**PRIMETIMERS' LUNCHEON ON THURSDAY, MAY 10 AT NOON
CITY LAKE PARK (850 CONCORD RD., ALBEMARLE)**

SPEAKER: KEN KNIGHT TOPIC: WILDLIFE DAMAGE CONTROL

The menu will be fried chicken, potato salad, deviled eggs, green beans, fruit, tea and dessert. In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be held at the church. Please call the office by May 8 to let us know you are coming and/or if you need transportation (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org). Join us for a fun luncheon at the park!



**The National Association of Letter Carriers and
Stanly Community Christian Ministry invite you to
STAMP OUT HUNGER**

Saturday, May 12

Put your non-perishable donation in a bag (designated bags are in the pit stop) by your mailbox. Letter Carriers will deliver to SCCM. Most needed food items are:

- Canned Soup
- Dried or Canned Beans
- Canned Fruit
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Vegetables
- Feminine Hygiene Products

We Need You...

To Volunteer at Music & Arts Camp June 10-14

If you have some time the week of June 10-14, come join us as we sing, dance, teach, paint and move with a group of 100 children! For more information, contact Leah Beamon (lbeamon@fpcalbemarle.org).

Musical & artistic ability NOT required



!!! Central Elementary Needs Your Help !!!

Central School will begin End of Grade (EOG) testing on May 24 and will continue through June 1. Proctors are needed during the testing period. A proctor is required by the state, for each testing group, to assist in monitoring the students while testing. Proctors are needed on testing days from 8:00 a.m. until approximately 11:30 a.m. During the testing session, proctors are allowed to sit. A brief meeting will be held by the testing coordinator on your first day of testing. If you can volunteer for one or more days, contact Julie McSwain at Central School (704-961-3200 or julie.mcswain@stanlycountyschools.org).



**SAVE THE DATE
CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT AT MORROW MOUNTAIN
OCTOBER 12-14
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON**

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 6

Recognition of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering

The Sacrament of Baptism

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

Deadline for Mother's Day Flower Arrangement Forms

9:00 am Breakfast Bunch (for 2nd & 3rd Graders)

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)

4:00 pm-6:30 pm Youth Group at the home of Catherine & Matt Moeller (1301 Prestwick Place, Albemarle)

Monday, May 7

7:00 pm Circle #5 at the home of Iris Coggins (811 Sylvania Ave, Albemarle)

8:00 pm-9:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square

8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Wednesday, May 9

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 10

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm PrimeTimers' Luncheon at City Lake Park (850 Concord Rd., Albemarle)

12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at El Ranchito (716 NC 24/27)

Friday, May 11

Youth Group at Charlotte Knights' Game

Saturday, May 12

Letter Carriers and SCCM Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Sunday, May 13

Mother's Day

Mother's Day/Father's Day Offering for The Presbyterian Homes Foundation

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

08-Barbara McManus

Lee Snuggs

09-Ari Beamon

11-Spencer Ayscue

Elizabeth Boyle

Debby Johnston

12-Skeet Ayscue

Alix Stewart

13-Laura Frazier

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MAY

09-Lee & Barbara McManus

Derek & Meredith Moses

12-Rob & Catherine McIntyre

Keith & Martha Wolf

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR MAY

Canned Soup & Crackers

Backpack Food Program

UPDATED LIST OF DONATIONS NEEDED:

Breakfast Cookies

Individual Bags of Goldfish

Large Cans of Soup

Canned Tuna

Saltine Crackers

A bin in the pit stop
will receive your donation.

Next Packing Date:

Wednesday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m.