



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.

Mother Teresa

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

PRELUDE

Prelude

Ralph Vaughn Williams

CHORAL INTROIT

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

Basil Harwood

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Seek good and not evil; seek the Lord and live!

May the Lord our God be with us.

Seek good and not evil, that justice may prevail.

May the Lord our God show us grace.

Amos 5:6, 14-15

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

You alone are holy, O God; you alone are good. Help us to let go of worldly goods and leave lesser things behind so that we may be ready to enter your holy realm on that day when the first are last and the last are first; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Mark 10:17-31

*HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

God of justice and mercy, we confess that we put ourselves first and trust in things that will not last. We desire the evil and scorn the good; we gather up power and wealth and push aside the needy in our way. O Lord, be gracious to us in spite of our great sin. Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy. Help us to seek the treasure of heavenly life with you; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Mark 10:21, 31

*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.

Glory to God
hymnal
page 582

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The congregation is encouraged to participate in the prayer with the children.

Hebrews 4:12

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Barbara McManus

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reveal to us your Word, O God, living and active in our world by the power of your Holy Spirit. Let your Word pierce our hearts and open our minds, dividing good from evil, truth from falsehood, life from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[*Psalm 124*](#)

Pew Bible, page 540

The leader will read the odd numbered verses; the congregation will respond by reading the even numbered verses.

ANTHEM

How Shall I Sing that Majesty

Kenneth Naylor

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[*Mark 10:17-31*](#)

Pew Bible, page 43

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What Must I Do?

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

hymnal, page 35

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.

*HYMN 724

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Angel's Story

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Throughout the prayer, the congregation is invited to participate using this response.

God of mercy,
be gracious to us.

TITHES AND OFFERING

Invitation

As followers of Jesus, we are called to give ourselves for others, as Jesus has given himself for us.

With gratitude for Christ's grace, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory

Chorale

Johannes Brahms

*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.

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

My Offering cards are in the pews.

As a regular practice, you are invited to take one, reflect on your giving, and place it in the offering plate when it comes to you.

*Prayer of Dedication 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 804 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* Marion

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *God Be in My Head* John Rutter

*POSTLUDE *Jubilate* Roy Douglass

*All that 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 Andy McLeod. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Ushers: Jack Morton, captain; Taylor Barbee, Duncan Bryson, Jim Ivey, Robert Ivey, Greg Lisk, Penny Morton, Jeff Robertson **Outside Ushers:** Brad Boone; John Earnhardt **Elder Greeters:** Lee McLaurin; Lynn White **Nursery:** Cortney Brown **Kids Care Crew:** Laura Beth & Kyle Marks **Children's Church:** Frankie Palmer; Jacob Palmer

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Cam Rogers, Cyndi Thornton (niece of Lynn White; breast cancer), Sally Warburton (friend of Debbie & John Hahn), Marty Goforth (friend of Debbie & John Hahn; treatment for melanoma), Margaret Brooks (friend of Debbie & John Hahn), Katherine Cox (mother of Sherrie Richards; health concerns), Conor Granger (nephew of Laura McLeod; mental health issues), Holly Norwood, Judy Murrell, Sally Grantier. See newsletter for complete list.

A memorial service for Ginny Connell will be held on Sunday, October 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church Chapel. Mrs. Connell died on July 27, 2018.



***The Little Yellow Cup...Caring & Sharing Campaign for SCCM
Now Through October 21***

The SCCM Caring & Sharing Campaign continues through Sunday, October 21. If you haven't gotten a yellow cup, you may find one in the narthex or the pit stop. Fill your cup with coins, bills, and checks. Remember Taylor's challenge: everytime you hear someone say *pumpkin*, add something to your cup so SCCM can continue the good work of providing food and assistance for rent, utility bills, and medication.



**Catalogs Available
for Review & Placing of Individual Orders in the Pit Stop
October 14 & 21 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Review the Fall/Christmas catalog and place your order!**

Also, catalogs will be available for your review in the church office during regular business hours.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Session has called a congregational meeting to be held immediately after worship on Sunday, October 21. The purpose of the meeting is to elect deacons and ruling elders to the Class of 2019 and to elect members of the congregational Nominating Committee. The congregation will hear and act on the report of the Nominating Committee member, Keith Bryson. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Keith Bryson, Chair, Robert Ivey, Taylor Johnston, Nancy Joines, Billy Jolly, Jack Morton, and Frankie Palmer. Once the committee has presented the slate of officers, the floor will be open for additional nominations. As a matter of courtesy, please check with any person whose name you plan to place in nomination prior to doing so.

Nominating Committee

Bob Johnston has been a member of FPC for 39 years. He and his wife, Debby, have raised three sons at FPC and now have five grandchildren that participate in many of the programs when they come to visit. He has served on the Diaconate and Session over the years, along with the Legacy Committee that helped renovate many areas of the church over the last few years, and also chaired the Gym Renovation Project. He currently serves on the CPM (Committee on Preparation for Ministry) committee in the Charlotte Presbytery. Bob looks forward to serving on the 2019 Nominating Committee to find willing candidates to serve our church.

Nancy Joines has been a member of FPC for more than 40 years, and has served on both the Diaconate and Session. She is married to Don, her high-school boyfriend, and they have two grown children and two grandchildren whom they see often even though they are scattered across the U.S. Since retiring from Stanly Community College, Nancy is involved with the Albemarle Downtown Development Corporation, currently serves as the treasurer for the ADDC board, and is a trustee at Stanly Community College. She belongs to two book groups and likes to hike and go to the mountains.

Morgan Kinley is a sophomore at South Stanly High School where she is a significant contributor to the volleyball team. She is the daughter of Leslie (Morgan) & Stephan Kinley and can often be found in the church kitchen (with a big smile!) cleaning up after First Family dinners.

Barbara McManus is a lifelong member of FPC. Living in the Midland area, Barbara works for Stanly County Schools. She and her husband, Lee, have two children – Drew McManus and Emma Long; two grandchildren, Brinson Long and Parker McManus. Barbara considers herself a *jack of all crafting, but a master of none*, listing cardmaking, crocheting, basket weaving, sewing, and jewelry making among her many interests.

SESSION (CLASS OF 2021)

Debbie Bennett has been at FPC 30 years and has served on the Diaconate and Session in the past. Debbie shares her musical *talents* in the choir and makes a *joyful noise* with bells and maracas. Debbie works for Stanly County as a Public Health Educator.

Steve Coats has been at FPC a long time and has served previously on the Diaconate and Session. In addition to his wife Elaine, they have two talented children in Jordi and Austin. Steve in his spare time has been known to refinish a sweet boat and take time out to paddle across the lake accompanying Elaine on one of her marathon swims.

Ben Jolly has been at FPC for his entire life, 49 years, and has served on the Diaconate and Session in the past. Ben also shares his talents in the choir. His family consists of wife Liz, son Adam, and daughter Katherine. In his spare time, you can find Ben reading a good book or getting in a workout.

Jacob Palmer is a junior at Gray Stone Day School. He lives in Locust and has been going to FPC his whole life. He enjoys school and swimming, and is currently swimming for Sailfish Aquatics at the Stanly County YMCA. Jacob works at the YMCA lifeguarding and teaching swim lessons. In his spare time, he enjoys trips to the mountains and the beach, but most importantly, Mexican food.

Jim Sawyer has been at FPC since 1998 and has previously served on the Diaconate and Session. Around the church, Jim helps John Hahn with various projects as an expert ladder holder. Jim also sings in the choir and has served as head of ushering. Jim's family consists of wife Mary Louise and sons, John and Christopher, and grandson, Samuel. In his spare time, he volunteers with Homes of Hope, The Historical Society, and Boy Scouts of America.

DIACONATE (CLASS OF 2021)

Wiley Crutchfield joined FPC 15 months ago although he and his wife Ann attended 6 years or so before joining. You can see Wiley in our choir where he shares his talents on Sunday. Wiley and Ann have 2 grown daughters...Megan and Kayla...as well as a wonderful grandchild. Wiley's hobbies include saving SAAB automobiles, as well as the occasional home flipping.

Melissa Hinson Eudy has been a member of FPC since 2000 when she became the Director of Youth Ministries. Since then, Melissa married Wes Eudy, and they baptized their three children... Nathaniel (10), Cidney (8), and Julian Claire (3)...in this very sanctuary. She teaches Sunday School, works with Youth Club, and performs other duties as assigned. Outside of church, Melissa works with Wes at Donald R. Eudy & Associates, substitutes at Gray Stone Day School, and serves on the JCPC and Friends of the Library boards, and participates with the Uwharrie Players. She looks forward to serving the church in the role of deacon and is honored to answer the call.

John Howell has been with FPC 18 +/- years and has served numerous times on the Diaconate and Session. John can be found cooking breakfast for the Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast and is often recruited to kitchen duties for other events as well. He and his wife Robin, have a son, John, who is married to Lauren, and are proud grandparents to Aubrey Jane. John enjoys spending his spare time in the great outdoors.

Courtney Neiderer joined FPC Albemarle in November of 2017 although she had been attending for at least a year before joining. At church you may find her teaching the 3-5th grade Sunday School Class or working with the Faith Explorers. She and her husband, Eric (of 13 years), have two daughters, Ellie a 3rd grader and Natalie a 5th grader, both of whom are at Badin Elementary School. Courtney teaches high school math at Gray Stone Day School, and in her spare time likes to read a good book and go to the beach.

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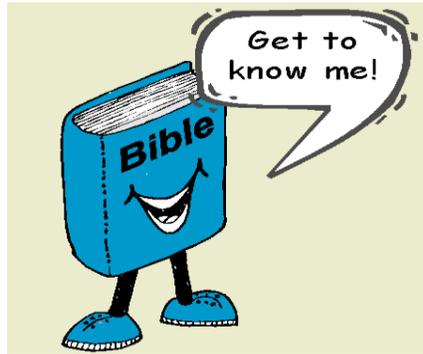
To fulfill the unexpired term of Leah Beamon

Penny Morton has been a member of FPC for 10 years. She is a loyal Sunday School teacher, Music & Arts Camp Volunteer, Cooking Camp Volunteer, and volunteer for the Faith Sharing with Children moment in worship, where the children and congregation enjoy her energy. Penny and husband, Jack, have two daughters...Caroline & Taylor...and four wonderful grandkids. In her spare time, Penny likes to run, read, pull for the Panthers, and hit the gym.



**Youth Group Outing to the
Get Lost Corn Maze
Saturday, October 14
4:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

Contact Dorothy (dorothyhart@fpcalbemarle.org)
for details and if you are interested in participating.



Presentation of Bibles for Third Graders on Sunday, October 21

By third grade, most children are ready to move beyond a Bible storybook to reading the Bible for themselves. As an expression of our baptism vows, the congregation at First Presbyterian Church gives a Bible to each third grader and encourages participation of each child and parent in a *Getting to Know Your Bible* workshop. Bibles will be presented in worship, and parents and third graders will spend the afternoon with Matt and Elizabeth getting acquainted with the new Bible.



Candy Needed For Fall Carnival

The Youth Group needs donations of candy for the Fall Carnival. Please bring your candy donations to the pit stop or contact Dorothy Hart (dorothyhart@fpcalbemarle.org). Thank you so much for your support!



**Shortbread Cookies Needed
Can You Help?**

We look forward to serving Mulled cider and shortbread cookies at Scottish Commuion on October 28! Please notify the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) if you could bake or supply shortbread cookies.



**Fall Carnival
Sunday, October 28**

5:00 p.m.-6:30 pm. in the Church Gym

On October 28, our youth will host the annual Fall Carnival for the children and families of the church. Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of costumed fun. There will be prizes of all shapes and sizes, plenty of candy, and even a costume contest. Please join us from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



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

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Next Packing Date: Wednesday, October 24 at 10:30 a.m.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 14

SCCM Caring & Sharing Yellow Cup Campaign

Congregational Retreat

- 8:30 am Worship at Morrow Mountain (amphitheatre)
- 9:00 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalogs available in the pit stop
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 4:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group (Corn Maze)

Monday, October 15

- 8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt (Off the Square)

Tuesday, October 16

- 12:00 pm November Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, October 17

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 3:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 18

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Sunday, October 21

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders

Trusty Travelers sing in worship

SCCM Caring & Sharing Yellow Cup Campaign

Congregational Meeting

- 8:30 am *Session
- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:00 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalogs available in the pit stop
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm *Congregational Meeting
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

20-Cody Stewart

21-Leo McLoed

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

OCTOBER

16-Keith & Kristie Bryson

19-Art & Sandy Rogers

**SCCM CHALLENGE
FOR OCTOBER**

Peanut Butter & Jelly



**First Presbyterian Church
presents the Fall Art Exhibit**

Face Off 2018

featuring works by

GHA Autism Supports

Creative Arts Program