



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

MORNING MEDITATION

**O God, by your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.**

Based on  
*Ephesians 3:18-19*

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

\*CHORAL INTROIT

*Give Praise to the Lord*

C. Hubert H. Parry

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

**Those who take refuge in him are truly happy!**

You who are the Lord's holy ones, honor him,

**Because those who honor him lack nothing.**

Praise the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised!**

*Psalm 34:8-9*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Our Father, you are in heaven, high and lifted up, higher than our highest thoughts. Holy is your name; there is no other beside you! You are God, and you alone! Receive us into your kingdom – your rule that is now coming – the kingdom of Jesus the Christ, whose name we bear. Receive us, for we come to you in his name – we pray in him and with him. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Matthew 6:9-10, 13*

\*HYMN 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

Nicaea

*The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger may be brought forward at this time.*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

**Great God, we confess that we are carried by the tide of our generation. We do not listen to your call to be holy people, a people set apart for your purpose. We live paralyzed by fears more than in passion born of hope. We are moved by private ambition more than by doing justice and mercy in community. We are focused on privilege and benefits more than on service and sacrifice. We claim to live in Christ's name, but neglect your nourishment for our souls. We prefer self-reliance; we know little of trusting you and your grace alone. God, make room in our hearts and lives for you. By your Holy Spirit, forgive us, turn us around, and reshape us in the image of your son, Jesus.**

\*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**

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

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Melissa Eudy

*Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of Faith Sharing with Children, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.*

ANTHEM

*King of Glory, King of Peace*

David Ashley White

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;  
And that love may never cease, I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request, thou has heard me.  
Thou didst note my working breast, Thou has spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee,  
And the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;  
And alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;  
In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee;  
E'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

RECOGNITION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Courtney Niederer

\*Affirmation of Commitment

from the Book of Order (PCUSA)

**All: We affirm that membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. As faithful members, we bear witness to God's grace and promise to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church. Such involvement includes:**

*Women: Proclaiming the good news in word and deed,*

*Men: Taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation,*

*Women: Lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,*

*Men: Studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,*

*Women: Supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,*

*Men: Demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,*

*Women: Responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,*

*Men: Living responsibly in all the relationships of life,*

*Women: Working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment,*

*Men: And participating in the governing responsibilities of the church.*

**All: We reaffirm our desire to share in the life of Christ's Church and to prayerfully consider how we may make our service to the church more meaningful for the sake of Christ and for the sake of our own life. Amen.**

\*Hymn 305

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

Darwall's 148th

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us. Open our eyes to see it, our ears to hear it, our hearts to hold it, our hands to serve it, as we read and listen to your word. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING [Ezekiel 11:14-25](#) Pew Bible, page 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING Pew Bible, page 224

[I John 1:1-2:2; 4:7-21](#)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Hear, See, Look, Touch* Reverend David Sutton

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God; preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*HYMN 692 *Spirit, Open My Heart* Wild Mountain Thyme

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

MINUTE FOR MISSION Jim Sawyer

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory *Dearest Jesus, We Are Here* Johann Sebastian Bach

Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* hymnal, page 609

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him, all creatures high and low.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit, one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN 314 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* Christ, Be Our Light

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *God's Wonderful Peace* William M. Runyan

\*POSTLUDE *Processional March* Harold R. Nutt

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\*All that are able may stand.

Sermons are posted on the church's website ([www.fpcalbemarle.org](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)). You can usually find the previous Sunday's sermon by Wednesday.

This doxology, with its *alleluias*, is especially appropriate for the Easter season.

**We are grateful for your presence 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 Natalie Niederer.** 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 memory of Jim Ivey by Margaret Ivey and family.

**We welcome David Sutton** to the pulpit this morning. David is a child of this congregation and an honorably retired Presbyterian minister.

**Thanks to Courtney Niederer** for her leadership in worship.

**Ushers:** Jill Niebler, captain; Ella Cumming, Steve Cumming, Heather Deese, Katherine Jolly, and Dona Lisk  
**Outside Ushers:** Mark Mabry; Kyle Marks **Elder Greeters:** Taylor Johnston; Joyce Lambert **Nursery:** Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Kristie Bryson; Elizabeth Bryson

**There is no Children's Church in June, July, and August.** School-aged children are encouraged to remain in worship. Nursery is available for newborns-preschoolers.

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Al Andrew, Ann Duckwall, Jane Pickler (pancreatic cancer), Caroline Morton Chisholm (chemotherapy), Elaine Coats, Davis Fort. **See newsletter for complete list.**



**JOIN US ON JUNE 2 FOR A DAY OF CELEBRATION**

**10:00 a.m. Worship will be a celebration of God's gifts through the membership of our congregation.**

**50 year members will be recognized. Brunch for everyone will follow.**

**Invite your family and friends to share the day with us.**

**Rev. David Sutton will preach.**

David Sutton is an honorably retired Presbyterian minister and member of the Presbytery of Charlotte. He is the son of Ruth Ann Rogers and grew up in First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle. He and his wife, Finley, reside on Lake Tillery in Norwood. A graduate of St. Andrews Presbyterian College and Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, David served four PC(USA) congregations over thirty-eight years as an ordained pastor. The Suttons have two sons and daughters-in-law and three grandsons.

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**50 Year Members**

Mark Andrew  
Gloria Bryson  
Ann Duckwall  
Dr. Davis Fort  
David Holbrook  
June Johnson  
Dr. W.O. Jolly  
Nancy Jolly  
Myra Land  
Robert Land

John McIntyre  
David Morgan  
Pam Morgan  
Art Rogers  
Sandy Rogers  
Miriam Russell  
Carolyn Sharpe  
Harold Sharpe  
Ellen Whitley

# THANKS A BRUNCH

Central Elementary School Brunch

Friday, June 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Fruit bowls are still needed!

Sign-up on the Mission Bulletin Board.

Food items need to be in the church kitchen by 9:00 a.m. on June 7.

For more information, contact Ruth Cotton (704-983-2481 or hugawolf@hotmail.com).

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## HONDURAS LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Cost: Donation (to support Montaña de Luz trip participants)

Menu:

Honduran Soup (Beef, Potatoes, Carrots), Corn Tortillas,

Shredded Queso Cheese, Salsa, Black Bean & Corn Salsa,

Fruit Display, Churros & Cookies, Tea, Lemonade, and Water

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Next Sunday, June 9 is Pentecost Sunday.

We will celebrate the coming of the Spirit to the young church in Acts 2, and the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit among the people of God. Come ready to be surprised by the work of the Spirit! We will observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

**Red is the liturgical color for the day, so wear your red!**

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## FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS

On Father's Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of fathers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, JUNE 9.** Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Father's Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Father's Day, June 16.**

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## FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS

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

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_



**LEMONADE ON THE LAWN**  
**SUNDAYS FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN THE PIT STOP**  
**JUNE 9, 16, & 30**  
**JULY 7, 14, 21, & 28**  
**AUGUST 4, 11, 18, & 25**

The Fellowship Committee invites you to the pit stop following worship this summer for lemonade and a special treat. Come beat the heat, quench your thirst, and fellowship with friends!

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The 2019 Nominating Committee welcomes your suggestions of persons to be considered for service as Deacon or Ruling Elder. In thinking of folks who may be qualified to serve, please consider the following:

- ❖ Worship Attendance
- ❖ Participation in Church Activities
- ❖ Service rendered to the church
- ❖ Christian living in daily life
- ❖ Ability to work cooperatively with others

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Suggestions for Deacon

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3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions for Ruling Elder

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return suggestions to the church office or to Ben Jolly, Nominating Committee Chair, by June 9.**

Members of the Nominating Committee are: Bob Johnston, Nancy Joines, Morgan Kinley, Ben Jolly, Barbara McManus, Jack Morton, and David Whitley.

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, June 2**

*Membership Celebration*

*Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger*

- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am \*Worship
- 11:00 am Membership Celebration Brunch
- 11:00 am Mission Committee

**Monday, June 3**

- 8:00 pm Bible Study at Off the Square

**Wednesday, June 5**

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

**Thursday, June 6**

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

**Friday, June 7**

- 9:30 am Central School End of the Year Brunch

**Sunday, June 9**

*Pentecost/Pentecost Offering*

*Deadline for Father's Day flower form*

- 8:45 am Diaconate
- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am \*Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (Pit Stop)

**\*childcare provided**

Due to low enrollment,  
there will be no Music & Arts Camp this year.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS  
(COMPLETED 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades)  
June 17-20, 2019 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$40.00 per child  
!!! Attention...1 spot available !!!**

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**Need Clean-Up Crew for Cooking Camp  
Monday – Thursday (June 17-20) from 11 am-2 pm  
You can help all days or as many as possible.  
Contact Jane Snyder (704-982-2722/704-438-3358) or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
JUNE**

- 02- Iris Coggins  
Ben Jolly  
Martha Wolf
- 03- Heather Deese  
Mary Kesselman
- 04- Ben Newport  
Witt Snuggs
- 05- Sam Griffin  
Caroline Lisk  
Anne Montgomery  
Morgan Hall Schultz
- 07- Andy Cotton

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!  
JUNE**

- 02- Ross & Peggy Finley  
Jim & Kim Marshall
- 04- Connie & Adrienne Robinson
- 06- Dennis & Anita Gower

**SCCM CHALLENGE FOR JUNE**

- Paper Goods...
- Toilet Tissue
- Paper Towels
- Facial Tissue
- Cleaning Supplies