



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

*O for a World from
Glory to God hymnal,
page 372.*

PEALING OF THE BELLS

OPENING SENTENCES

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONG

Hymn 300 *We Are One in the Spirit* stanzas 1 and 4

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Psalm 103:8

***PRAYER OF THE DAY 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 306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* Dennis

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

You are faithful, O God of mercy, from everlasting to everlasting. Forgive us when our faith withers, when we choose division over unity, and when we place our trust in the things of this world. Forgive us when our love is too shallow, our compassion too slow, and our status too important. Strengthen us, enliven us, and lead us to know the depth of your steadfast love.

Psalm 103:17

***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*

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

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

This affirmation of faith was written by Anna George Traynham for the 2019 Montreat Youth Conference.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the children's greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

Unison Prayer

Holy God, we celebrate this time of new beginnings. As these children and youth return to school, we ask you to bless their backpacks which hold their books, notebooks, markers, pens, pencils, hopes, and fears. We ask your blessing upon teachers, assistants, and administrators. Guide them towards compassion and grace. We pray, loving God, that you will bless our cherished children whom we have promised to love and nurture since their baptism. Give them energy and encouragement, keep them safe, and remind them every day that you are with them. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, be a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path. In your Word, reveal your truth. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING [Isaiah 58:9b-14](#) Pew Bible, page 647

ANTHEM *The Gift of Love* arr. Hal Hobson
Ann Crutchfield, Soprano

NEW TESTAMENT READING [Luke 13:10-17](#) Pew Bible, page 71

SERMON *Let Love Lead* Reverend Drumheller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God is still creating, making all things new through the living waters of God's grace. We believe that God is still loving, showing us embodied love through the life of Christ and the movement of the Spirit. We believe that God is still calling, guiding us to follow the lead of God's love on a path of discipleship. We believe that God is still forming the body of Christ, uniting us all in one family of God, to share our siblings' joys, to carry our siblings' burdens, and to strive together for the peaceful world God envisions. The love of God is the source of our joy. The love of God will not let us go. Amen.

*HYMN 372 *O for a World* Azmon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory *Siciliana* George Frideric Handel
arr. S. Drummond Wolff

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Anthem

The Bread of Life

René Clausen

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN 301

Let Us Build a House

Two Oaks

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Allegro

Arcangelo Corelli

*All that are able may stand.

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 Thora Kilde. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thanks to Ann Crutchfield, soloist, for sharing her musical talent with us today.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, August 25. The Lord's Table is open to all those who love Jesus Christ and to those who want to love him more. We will receive the bread and cup by intinction. Ushers will guide you to the table. Gluten-free elements are available at the front of the sanctuary upon request.

There is no Children's Church today. School-aged children are encouraged to remain in worship. Nursery is available for newborns-preschoolers.

Thanks to Michelle, Steve, and Ella Cumming for hosting Lemonade on the Lawn today.

Ushers: Jack Morton, captain; Kyle Barbee, Taylor Barbee, John Earnhardt, Brent Lisk, Grant Lisk, Greg Lisk, Penny Morton, Jeff Robertson, Kim Robertson **Outside Ushers:** Steve Coats; Greg Lisk **Elder Greeters:** Ben Jolly; Debbie Wainwright **Nursery:** Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Gayle & Ned Russell

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Cam Rogers, Don Joines, Mark Mabry, Jane Pickler. **See newsletter for complete list.**



Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 26

The Blessing of the Backpacks will take place in worship on Sunday, August 26. Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpack and participate in this ritual as they return to school.

Due to the painting of the GHA Autism Supports office, their parking lot is closed until further notice. The GHA staff requests that First Presbyterian Church friends and members not park in the lot until the painting is complete...this includes Sundays. We will notify you when GHA opens the parking lot. Thank you.

Worship Workshop for Rising 3rd-5th Graders and Their Parents
Sunday, August 25 from 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
(Childcare provided for younger siblings.)



This workshop will prepare children and parents to experience a deeper relationship with God through regular worship. To sign-up, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighnten@fpcalbemarle.org).

Consider this call – We are seeking folks to serve in several areas of our Christian Education program. Would you be willing to share your faith and life experience with children or teens for a couple hours each month? Please pray about this opportunity and let Elizabeth know how you might help (eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722).



What is Youth Club?

An afternoon of Christian Education adventures for children K-5th Grades.

Youth Club begins on
Wednesday, September 11 from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

For more information,
contact Matt (704-982-2722 or mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).

GRANDPARENTS' DAY FLOWERS



On Grandparents' Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of grandparents. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Grandparents' Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Grandparents' Day, September 8**. Any money collected over the cost of the flowers will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

GRANDPARENTS' 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: _____



**RALLY DAY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE GYM**

The Christian Education Committee is planning a faith-filled morning to kick-off the new year in Christian Education. Food, Games, Art, and Much More! Come for a pancake breakfast with all the trimmings!

**RALLY DAY EVENT...
OLD-FASHIONED PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
BEGINNING AT 5:00 P.M.
AT THE HOME OF
JOHN AND ROBIN HOWELL**

(20959 Old Aquadale Rd., Albemarle)

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs provided.

Please bring your favorite side or dessert, a picnic blanket, chairs, towels, etc...

Fun, old-fashioned games led by our youth group! Prepare to get wet!

5:00 p.m. Games

6:00 p.m. Dinner

This will be a family-friendly evening for the entire congregation. Don't miss a minute of it!

Please RSVP to Kyle Lambert in the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

Would You Like To Be A Silent Partner?

First Presbyterian Church college students will soon begin the 2019-2020 school year. We need people to serve as a Silent Partner to these college students. The Silent Partner remains anonymous to the student but maintains contact by sending cards, and/or small packages of helpful college items such as favorite snacks, small school supplies, or gift cards for fast food or coffee, etc. The feedback each year from the college students is very positive. Won't you support one of our students in this way? Contact the church office at 704-982-2722 to sign-up to be a Silent Partner.





**Worship on Labor Day
Sunday, September 1 at 9:00 a.m
YMCA Park**

**Breakfast Treats Provided by the Fellowship Committee
Dress is informal.**

Well-behaved pets are welcome.

**FIRST FAMILY GATHERING
EVENING PRAYER AT 5:45 in the Chapel
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 AT 6:00**

We are gearing up for our **FIRST FAMILY GATHERING** on Wednesday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m.! Mark your calendars for the **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH**. We will provide great meals with healthy meal choices every month. Let's have a fiesta to celebrate the start of a new season!

September Menu: Taco Bar, Mexican Rice, Black Beans, Tortilla Chips and Cheese Dip, Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts, Tea, Coffee, Water and Lemonade. Healthy Meal Alternative: Taco Salad.

**Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, September 3
(704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).**



Volunteers Are Needed for next First Family Gathering

Dessert Crew: Tuesday, September 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Taco and Salad crew: Wednesday, September 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Set up crew: Wednesday, September 4 at 11:00 a.m.

Clean-up crew: Wednesday, September 4 at 6:45 p.m.

Please call Jane Snyder at the church 704-982-2722 or on her phone 704-438-3358 if you would like to help☺

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 25

Blessing of the Backpacks/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

- 9:00 am Personnel Committee
- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (pit stop)
- 2:00 pm Worship Workshop (3rd-5th graders & parents)
- 6:00 pm-8:00 pm Youth Group Board Game Night

Monday, August 26

- 7:00 pm Book Conversation (parlor)
- 7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Gloria Bryson
(811 Smith St., Albemarle)
- 8:00 pm Bible Study at Off the Square

Wednesday, August 28

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

Thursday, August 29

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Sunday, September 1

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

- 9:00 am Worship at the YMCA Park
with Light Refreshments
(115 CB Crook Dr., Albemarle)

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! AUGUST

- 29-Bede Karr
Melissa Lemons
- 30-Myra Land
- 31-Heather Kilde

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! AUGUST

- 25-John & Robin Howell
- 26-John & Angie Earnhardt
- 28-Stephan & Leslie Kinley

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! SEPTEMBER

- 01-Frank Poolos

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! SEPTEMBER

- 01-Miller & Teryn Morgan

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR AUGUST

Canned or Dried Beans,
Canned Tomatoes, Rice

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR SEPTEMBER

Canned Meat
(tuna, chicken, Spam, salmon)