



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

On Easter morning and on every morning, let us in chorus sing: "This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" And then with Mary, let us run to tell the others: "We have seen Jesus!"

From
We Have Seen Jesus
by Anne Weems.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega,
The Lord who was and is and is to come.

Revelation 1:8

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Processional Alleluia* C. Harry Causey

Recorded
December 20, 2015

*CALL TO WORSHIP Reverend Ayscue

Psalms 16

Come, bless the Lord, in whom we find our refuge and safety.

You are our God; all the good things come from you alone.

Come, bless the Lord, who gives us a rich inheritance, and surrounds us with abundance.

You are our God; our lives are in your hands.

Come, bless the Lord, who guides us on the path to eternal life, whose presence strengthens and sustains us.

You are our God; we will not be shaken.

Let us worship God together!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY 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.

John 20:19-23

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Risen Lord, you have breathed the Spirit upon us, and sent us forth to testify to what we have heard and seen. Yet we resist this calling. We yearn for more – more proof, more courage, more guidance, more faith – and forget that you have given us all we need: the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Send us forth to proclaim: *We have seen the Lord!*

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*MUSICAL RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Barbara McManus

ANTHEM

To the Lamb on the Throne

Dan Forrest

Recorded
April 21, 2019

Worthy the Lamb. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name all victorious of Jesus extol
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

God rules in the height, almighty to save;
Though hid from our sight, His presence we have,
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Then let us adore and give Him his right,
All glory and power, all wisdom and might;
All honor and blessing with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love. *Worthy the Lamb!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word.
Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good
news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

[John 20:19-23](#)

Katherine Jolly

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Peace

Reverend Drumheller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

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

Based on
Philippians 2:6-11

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Lied

Louis Vierne

Prayer of Dedication

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *May the Road Rise to Meet You* Mark Schweizer

Recorded previously

Thank you to Skeet Ayscue, Katherine Jolly, David Kilde, and Barbara McManus, for helping to make this worship service possible.

This week's worship video will become available at 11:00 a.m. To access the worship video, go to the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the worship banner or search for the church on *YouTube* and click on the appropriate video.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, Matt and Elizabeth will lead Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. through Zoom. To access the meeting, go to the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the *Morning Prayer* banner. You can also find the link through the Facebook event.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Matt and Elizabeth will livestream a brief devotional at 12:15 p.m. To access the devotional, go to the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the *Digital Devotional* banner. If you are unable to watch it live, it will still be available through the church's *YouTube* page.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Evelyn Stamper (spouse of Mr. Elmer Stamper), Mark Rodgers (son of Laura & Tim Rodgers; mass on his femur), Frank Green, Bern Morehead, III (diagnosed with brain tumor; son of Sally Pleasant & Dr. Bernard "Bernie" Morehead), Herb Smith (cousin of Nancy Lowder), Judy Portner (sister of Billie Jean Snuggs; stage 4 brain tumor), Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

A team of folks is available to grocery shop and run errands for those who are unable to go out in this season. Please contact the church for more information (704-982-2722; eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org; mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org). If no answer, please leave a voicemail for Elizabeth or Matt.

If you would like to be a shopper/errand runner, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

With the governor's stay at home order in place, all staff members are working at home whenever possible and the church building is closed most of the time. The church's answering machine is being checked periodically; however, in case of an emergency, please contact Elizabeth (704.985.2945) or Matt (540.449.5319) directly.

GHA – Autism Supports needs 12-count egg cartons. Please drop-off at the back of the GHA office (213 North 2nd Street, Albemarle) at the picnic tables.

URGENT NEEDS FOR SCCM...

**CHECK THE STANLY COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION**

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Pasta Meals, Canned Meats, Canned Veggies, Canned Fruit, Boxed Mac n Cheese

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Hunger rarely makes headlines, but for too many families and especially children, hunger is a daily reality.

We have the ability to help them if we have the will to write our Congressional leaders and *urge them to make a strong investment in nutrition programs for the most vulnerable in the U.S. and abroad, especially mothers and children.*

Writing packets are available at the church with all the supplies and information. You will find them on the round table outside the church office. If you are not *out and about* but need a packet, call the church (704-982-2722) or Ann Duckwall (704-983-3498).

Some of you have expressed concern for the church budget in this season when regular giving patterns are interrupted.

Thanks to several pre-paid pledges and slightly lower expenses, we are holding our own. However, many of our expenses are fixed, so we urge faithful stewardship.

**Tithes and offerings may be mailed to:
First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578
Albemarle, NC 28002**

Online giving can be done through the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org). Click on the GIVE button.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
APRIL
19-Cooper Atwater
20-Peggy Finley
22-Marshall Rogers
23-Emma Gibson
Polly Moose
24-Liz Davis
Anita Gower
Alexis Poolos
Jacqueline Poolos
Nicole Poolos
25-Emma Grace Lemons
Tommy Murrell
26-Ella Averette
John Kilde

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
APRIL
19-Robert & Myra Land
22-Jim & Lori Ivey
24-Robin & Melissa Lemons
25-Steve & Kate Melone