



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Lord, the gift of your Word is a light for our path. Help us to study your way and follow your teaching until we know the true Light who has come into the world and will come again in glory: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Based on a
prayer of Jerome
(c. 342-420)

PEALING OF THE BELLS

OPENING SENTENCES

Beloved, let us love one another.

We love because God first loved us.

1 John 4:7, 19

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God! Take refuge in the Lord,

Who listens when we cry out,

Who rescues us when we call,

And who leads us and guides us according to his unfailing love.

You are our God,

Our lives are in your hands.

Let us worship God together!

Psalm 31

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Reverend Ayscue

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. May we love what you command and desire what you promise. Amid all the changes of this world, may our hearts be fixed where true joy is found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Merciful God, you are the way, yet we choose to walk other paths. Forgive us when we choose the easy way rather than your way. Lord Christ, you are the truth, but we prefer the folly of our own wisdom. Forgive us when we choose lies rather than your truth. Spirit, you offer fullness of life, yet we choose the life we know. Forgive us when we choose the good life rather than your abundant life.

John 14:6

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

MUSICAL RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

RECOGNITION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Steve Coats

Prayer of Thanksgiving

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Ken Knight

Recorded June 23, 2019

ANTHEM

If I Have Not Love

Mark Schweizer

Frank Poolos, Oboe

Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels,
Though my faith is a faith that can move a mountain;
Though I give all I possess, all is for nothing if I have not love.

Though I give myself to be broken,
And prophesy with understanding, and have all knowledge and power,
All is for nothing if I have not love.

Love is patient, love is kind, Love rejoices ever in truth.
Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never dies.

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
The Lord lift up his eyes to you and be gracious unto you.
And give you peace, Amen.

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.**

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

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-7

Leo McLeod

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Way, Truth, Life

Reverend Drumheller

The Brief Statement of
Faith succinctly
describes the work of
Jesus Christ in the world.
We use this statement in
the liturgy of worship, as
was intended.

*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. Amen.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Heather Kilde

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Aria

Noel Rawsthorne

Prayer of Dedication

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Mark Schweizer

Recorded
June 23, 2019

Thank you to Skeet Ayscue, Duncan Bryson, Heather Kilde, Ken Knight, and Leo McLeod 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 Dr. Francis W. Green (husband of Mary Green), Mickie Smith (cousin of Pam Holbrook; cancer & COVID19), Bryan Lambert (son of Joyce & Richard Lambert), Mark Rodgers (son of Laura & Tim Rodgers; treatment for Ewing's Sarcoma), 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; mrdrumheller@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.

IN MEMORIAM
 Dr. Francis Weatherly Green
 March 17, 1931 – May 2, 2020

**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

New Opportunity for Bible Study and Conversation from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. on Thursdays via Zoom
 Matt and Catherine Moeller will lead a weekly Zoom online Bible study from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. beginning Thursday, May 14. The material for this online discussion will be selected devotionals that our congregational members have written over the last few months. Each Monday, you will receive an email with the selected devotional for the week. We will discuss the significance of this verse from a biblical perspective, as well as explore its application in today's covid environment. Topics will include how this challenging time is impacting our faith, our spiritual gifts, our compassion, and our charity. This should be a great opportunity for Bible study and connecting with a cross-section of our church family. If you need help with Zoom, contact the church office (704-982-2722) by Tuesday, May 12. Please email Elizabeth at eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org or Catherine Moeller at mattandcatherine@hotmail.com by Sunday, May 10 to say you are interested or need more information. Please join us!



First Presbyterian Church Storytime for Children

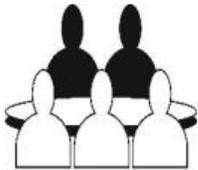
Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. for PreK-Kindergarten via YouTube livestream video

Matt or Elizabeth will livestream a video reading a children's book.
 To access the video, go to the First Presbyterian Church website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the Storytime banner.

Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. for 1st-3rd Graders via Zoom

Matt or Elizabeth will host a Zoom call with the 1st through 3rd graders to read a chapter book with them.
 This will be about 20 minutes of reading time.

Email Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) for the Zoom code and password.



The 2020 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, and Ability to work cooperatively with others

Suggestions for Deacon

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Suggestions for Ruling Elder

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Please return suggestions to the church office or to Ken Knight, Nominating Committee Chair, by June 14 (kbnknight17@gmail.com). Members of the Nominating Committee are: Ken Knight, Committee Chair; Bob Johnston, Andy McLeod, Barbara McManus, Sarah Michael, and Gayle Russell.



Community Table Lunch on Saturday, May 16

On May 16, First Presbyterian Church will provide lunch for the guests at the Community Table. At this time, lunches are take out. The plan is to prepare bag lunches on Friday, May 15 in the church kitchen.

We will need donations of the following items for these lunches:

- Individual bags of chips
- Individual fruit cups
- Granola bars
- Homemade or bought cakes or cookies (no icing)
- Money to be used to help buy ham, cheese, and bread (money may be given to Kyle in the office)

A surplus of the above foods will be used to fill the backpacks for Central Elementary School children. **All donations need to be in the church kitchen by Tuesday afternoon, May 12. Please label your donation with a CT sign. When dropping off donations, call the church (704-982-2722) to be sure someone will be there to let you in. If you would like to help assemble the bag lunches and/or hand them out on that Saturday, call Linda Anderson at 704-982-3723.**

Mother's Day/Father's Day Offering on Sunday, May 10



We find ourselves in unprecedented times, and the support of our mission – to honor God by enriching the lives and touching the hearts of those we serve – means more than ever. The needs of the senior adults we serve may increase in this volatile climate, and your church's continued support offers a deep sense of security to those living within our communities.

The Foundation operates three excellent Continuing Care Retirement Communities across our state, providing housing and a caring environment for seniors. Because of the generosity of church members, no resident has ever been asked to leave one of these facilities when unforeseen situations adversely affect their ability to pay for services or care. We hope that you will continue to give generously to support this Presbyterian outreach program to seniors in need.

Checks may be made payable to The Presbyterian Homes Foundation, Inc. or made online at www.presbyhomesinc.org. Grants from donor advised funds or appreciated securities are welcome. All gifts are tax deductible. Gifts may be made in memory or honor of a loved one.

On Sunday, May 31, we will celebrate Pentecost by celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. If you would like to have elements for communion delivered to your home in the days leading up to Sunday, please contact Matt Drumheller at mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org by noon on Thursday, May 28.

It is our tradition to celebrate Pentecost by wearing red on Pentecost Sunday. We'd love to see you wearing your red, so before May 27 snap a picture of your family wearing red and email it to mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org or text it to (980) 581-9773. We will make a slideshow of everyone wearing their red to include in worship on the 31st!

First Presbyterian Church 2020 Scholarship Recipients

First Presbyterian Church Scholarship recipients are:

Daniel Brattain. He is a senior at West Stanly High School and will attend Stanly Community College.

Tanner Carrick. He attends North Carolina State University majoring in Crop and Soil Sciences- Agronomy.

Kaitlyn Clark. She is a senior at West Stanly High School and will attend Stanly Community College majoring in Nursing.

Mattie Hinson. She is a senior at South Stanly High School and will attend Pfeiffer University majoring in Exercise Science.

Duncan McSwain. He is a senior at South Stanly High School and will attend The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Rebekah Morris. She is a senior at South Stanly High School and will attend Campbell University majoring in Business and Marketing.

Emma Nantz. She is a senior at Gray Stone Day School and will attend Sweet Briar College or Wake Forest majoring in Business and Creative Writing.

Gavin Olivieri. He is a senior at Albemarle High School and will attend The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill majoring in Exercise and Sports Science.

Courtney Perry. She is a senior at Gray Stone Day School and will attend Pfeiffer University majoring in Health and Exercise Science.

Nathan John DeLos Reyes. He is a senior at North Stanly High School and will attend The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill majoring in Exercise and Sports Medicine.

Francys and Jake Jacobs Scholarship recipients are:

Robert Ivey. He is a senior at South Stanly High School and will attend Montgomery Community College majoring in Forestry.

Sara Little. Stanly Community College graduate and will attend North Carolina State University majoring in Agriculture & Extension Education.

William Little. He attends Stanly Community College majoring in Education.

Jacob Palmer. He is a senior at Gray Stone Day School and will attend The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill majoring in Biology/Pre-Med/Spanish.

Tami Rice. She attends The University of North Carolina-Wilmington majoring in Nursing.

Trevor Rice. He is a senior at Stanly Early College High School. He will attend The University of North Carolina-Charlotte majoring in Business.

Witt Snuggs. He attends North Carolina State University majoring in Environmental Engineering.

Maude Boysworth Scholarship recipient is:

Randy Hernandez. He is a senior at Stanly Early College and will attend Wingate University.

Helen Mount Scholarship recipient is:

Daisy Mercado Lopez. She is a senior at Stanly Early College High School and will attend The University of North Carolina-Greensboro majoring in Elementary Education.

Daniel Mann Whitley Scholarship recipient is:

Eli Williams. He is a senior at North Stanly High School and will attend The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill majoring in Fine Arts/Studio Art.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day

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

11:00 am Online Worship

Monday, May 11

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8:30 pm High School Bible Study

Tuesday, May 12

Community Table Donations Drop-Off (Call Church Office)

12:15 pm Online Digital Devotional

1:00 pm Online Story Time (PreK-Kindergarten)

1:15 pm Online Story Time (1st-3rd Graders)

Wednesday, May 13

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Thursday, May 14

12:15 pm Online Digital Devotional

4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

7:00 pm Virtual Youth Group

Friday, May 15

Prepare Bag Lunches for Community Table

Saturday, May 16

Community Table

Sunday, May 17

Youth Sunday

9:00 am Session Meeting via Zoom

11:00 am Online Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
MAY
 11-Spencer Ayscue
 Elizabeth Boyle
 Debby Johnston
 12-Skeet Ayscue
 Alix Stewart
 13-Laura Frazier
 15-Stephan Kinley
 16-Roger Martin
 17-Liz Jolly
 Ken Knight
 Art Rogers

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
MAY
 12-Rob & Catherine McIntyre
 Keith & Martha Wolf
 14-Greg & Dona Lisk
 17-Tom & Holly Norwood

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.

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.



BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM
 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.

Packing Date:
Wednesday, May 27 at 10:30 a.m.