



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

I like you as you are, exactly and precisely. I think you turned out nicely, and I like you as you are.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

OPENING SENTENCES

We praise you O Lord.

For we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

Those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands.

Let them thank the Lord for God's steadfast love,

For God's wonderful works to humankind.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Reverend Ayscue

Holy God, you have shown your love for all things through the beauty of creation. As we worship you, may our hearts and lives be so transformed that we recognize that beauty in ourselves, in our neighbors, and in the world. Turn our thoughts outward that we may love as you first loved us. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

God of all creation, you have made us in your image and called us to love our neighbor. We want to love as you love; yet we find it easy to turn away from our neighbors, to stand apart from those who are not like us. The burden of loving one another is too heavy for us. We pray you will heal our brokenness, renew our spirit, and open our hearts through your love.

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

Penny Morton

I Like You As You Are
by Josie Carey and
Fred Rogers

Psalm 139:14

Psalm 107:1-2, 31

PRAAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of this global neighborhood, we pray your Holy Spirit will touch our hearts and open our minds to the truth of you love for all people and your call to community through Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Genesis 1:26-27](#)

Recorded
June 10, 2018

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

The Brief Statement of Faith reflects on the three persons of the trinity. Today we use an excerpt from the section about God the Father, creator of the world.

ANTHEM

Jubilate

Philip W. J. Stopford

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;

Serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord He is God:

It is He that hath made us and not we ourselves.

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving
and into His courts with praise.

Be thankful unto Him and speak good of His name.

For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end.

Amen.

PSALM READING

[Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18](#)

Mary Lane

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Gospel According to Mr. Rogers: Created and Loved*

Reverend Drumheller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, or every race and people to live as one community. 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. Amen.

HYMN 366

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,

Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure unbounded love thou art;

Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;

Let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;

Suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,

Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory in to glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAAYER FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ellen Snyder

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Wondrous Love

David N. Johnson

Prayer of Dedication

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* John Rutter

Recorded
October 13, 2019

Thank you to Andy McLeod and Skeet Ayscue for helping to create this morning's video. Thank you to Andy Cotton, Mary Lane, Penny Morton, and Ellen Snyder for participating in worship.

This week's worship video will become available at 10:00 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.

Worship during the months of June, July, and August will take place at 10:00 a.m.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Jeff Robertson (recovering from surgery for prostate cancer), Mickie Smith (cousin of Pam Holbrook; cancer & COVID19), 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.

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.

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.

Mom's Group via Zoom... If you are a mom who could use some support from peers in the church, there is a group gathering on Zoom. Led by Melissa Eudy and Sandy Saunders, this group meets on Wednesday nights at 9:00 p.m. Please contact Melissa Eudy (the5eudys@gmail.com or 704-439-6747) for the Zoom details.

Bible Study and Conversation on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. via Zoom with Matt & Catherine Moeller

Each Monday, you will receive an email with the selected devotional for the week. 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). Please email Elizabeth at eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org or Catherine Moeller at mattandcatherine@hotmail.com to say you are interested or need more information.

Digital Devotions, based on the Psalms, will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. beginning June 16. If you have a Psalm you would like to have read, contact Elizabeth (eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722).



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.



In place of Music and Arts Camp this summer, we are going to lead a VBS-style online **Compassion Camp**. Through resources proved by Illustrated Ministry, we will meet each day (Monday, June 15 through Friday, June 19) to spend time together discussing compassion for other, ourselves, and the world. Some of our time will be spent together on Zoom. Some of our time will be made up of videos that you can watch at home as a family. Some of our time will be activities that we will do online together or separately. We will sing together, read Scripture together, pray together, and play together each day. We hope that you will plan to join us for this joyful new experience! Please contact Matt Drumheller (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) if you would like to sign up!

**ONLINE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS IS GOING ONLINE
(COMPLETED 4th – 6th Grades)
June 22-25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

Cost: NO Charge Camp Limit of 12 children

We will be **ONLINE** with our cooking camp this year. If your children have a passion for cooking or love to help you prepare meals in the kitchen? Then perhaps a **cooking camp** is the perfect summer camp for them. This camp is offered to COMPLETED 4th-6th graders on **Monday, June 22 – Thursday, June 25**. We will meet on Zoom for a short gathering at 9:00 a.m., then campers will be given instructions for dinner and dessert to prepare at home. We are going to keep everything simple so adult supervision is each parent's decision. Every day you will be preparing dinner for your family! This camp will be packed with culinary excitement and tasty adventures!

**For more information or to register for camp contact Jane Snyder at
704-982-2722/704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org**



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 14

9:00 am Diaconate Meeting via Zoom
10:00 am Online Worship

Monday, June 15

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
6:00 pm-7:00 pm Compassion Camp at home online
Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 16

10:00 am Digital Devotion
1:00 pm Online Story Time (PreK-Kindergarten)
1:15 pm Online Story Time (1st-3rd Graders)
6:00 pm-7:00 pm Compassion Camp at home online
Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 17

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
6:00 pm-7:00 pm Compassion Camp at home online
Vacation Bible School
9:00 pm Mom's Group via Zoom
with Melissa Eudy & Sandy Saunders

Thursday, June 18

10:00 am Digital Devotion
4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with
Catherine & Matt Moeller
6:00 pm-7:00 pm Compassion Camp at home online Vacation Bible School

Friday, June 19

6:00 pm-7:00 pm Compassion Camp at home online Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 21

Father's Day

8:30 am Session Meeting via Zoom
10:00 am Online Worship

Your on-going support of First Presbyterian Church is essential to the mission and ministry of the church and to the well-being of our ministry partners, locally and globally.

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JUNE

15-Jordan Hesley
16-Janet Schaefer
17-Holland Currie
Lynn Poplin
Kim Robertson
18-Mark Mabry
19-Jane Boone
Marshall Jolly
Jack Morton
20-Judy Kilgore

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JUNE

14-Sam & Kay Griffin
Bill & Barbara Lindley
15-Hugh & Debbie Wainwright
16-Jeff & Kim Robertson
17-Bo & Lauren Andrew
19-Andy & Ruth Cotton
Claude & Cathryn Harwood
Bob & Carol Sasser