



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

All of us, at some time or other, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connects us as neighbors--in our own way, each one of us is a giver and a receiver.

Fred Rogers

PEALING OF THE BELLS

OPENING SENTENCES

O God, you are my God, I seek you.

My soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land, where there is no water.

Psalm 63:1

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

SOLO

Morning Has Broken
Ann Crutchfield, Soprano

Gaelic melody
arr. Beverly A. Howard

CALL TO WORSHIP

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

Let us lay aside every weight,

And the sin that clings so closely,

And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Hebrews 12:1

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 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

Heather Kilde and family

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[*Psalm 126*](#)

ANTHEM

O Love, How Deep

Everett Titcomb

O Love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his daily works he wrought,
By words and signs and actions, thus, still seeking not himself, but us.

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore forever and for evermore. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hugh Carpenter, reader

[*I Corinthians 12:12-20,27*](#)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Gigantic Neighborhood

Reverend Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, *Come, Lord Jesus!*

Recorded
June 16, 2019

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 was written
following the
reunification of the
Presbyterian Church
in 1983.

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYER FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Steve Coats

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

Prayer of Dedication

Beautiful Savior

David Cherwien

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer

Recorded
January 27, 2019

Thank you to Skeet Ayscue and Duncan Bryson for helping to create this morning's video. Thank you to Hugh Carpenter, Steve Coats, Ann Crutchfield, and Heather Kilde & family 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: Linda Richards (physical therapy at Forrest Oakes), Tom Bonekemper (cousin of Linda Anderson; pancreatic cancer), 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 Devotionals, based on the Psalms, are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. 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.

**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**



**EDUCATION
&
CONVERSATION**

As we, as a congregation, begin to educate ourselves about systemic racism, you are invited to participate in the following zoom conversations:

Tuesday, June 30 at 7:30 p.m.

We will discuss the book, *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson, and the movie based on the book. Both readers and movie watchers are encouraged to share in the conversation.

Monday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m.

We will discuss the book *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving

In order to participate in either of these conversations, you will need to contact the office to express interest. Information regarding the link to the zoom call will then be emailed to you.



Magazine Donations

Jean Rabe requests the donation of your already read magazines to share with others at Trinity Place.

You can either take them to the front desk at Trinity Place (24724 US 52 Business South, Albemarle) and ask that they be delivered to Jean or bring them by the church on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings for delivery.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 21

Father's Day

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

Monday, June 22

- 9:00 am Online Cooking Camp
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 7:00 pm Book Conversation

Tuesday, June 23

- 9:00 am Online Cooking Camp
- 10:00 am Digital Devotion
- 1:00 pm Online Story Time (PreK-Kindergarten)
- 1:15 pm Online Story Time (1st-3rd Graders)

Wednesday, June 24

- 9:00 am Online Cooking Camp
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 9:00 pm Mom's Group via Zoom
with Melissa Eudy & Sandy Saunders

Thursday, June 25

- 9:00 am Online Cooking Camp
- 10:00 am Digital Devotion
- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with
Catherine & Matt Moeller

Sunday, June 28

Online Youth Group

- 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
JUNE

22-Maci Holshouser
25-Ann Snuggs
26-Jim Marshall
27-Elizabeth Bryson
Keith Bryson
Patrick Martin
28-Maddox Jolly
Sophie Poplin
Robin Lemons

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
JUNE

23-Ken & Laura Frazier
24-Jim & Iris Coggins
Glenn & Becky Miller
25-Bill & Nancy Jolly
David & Ellen Whitley
26-David & Mellanie Morgan
27-Mike & Laura McLeod
Frank & Beth Poolos
28-Wes & Melissa Eudy

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First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578
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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