



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Boundaries often limit our interactions with neighbors. But God's love knows no boundaries, and God expects our love to know no boundaries either. Jesus pushes us beyond our boundaries to respect, assist, and love all people.

From *Crazy Talk*,
Rolf Jacobson, editor

PEALING OF THE BELLS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING SENTENCES

O God, you show us the path of life,
In your presence, there is fullness of joy.

Psalm 16:11

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Into the lives of neighbors who suffer brokenness and pain,
God speaks.

Into the struggle of the poor and marginalized,
God speaks.

Into a world hungry for peace, love and mercy,
God speaks.

God meets us here where we are strengthened by the Word, read and proclaimed,
So we can love God fully, welcome the stranger, and serve our neighbor.

Luke 10

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.

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Gloria Patri

Meineke

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, Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Rebekah Ayscue

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.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:25-37

Jim Hesley, reader

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 22:39

ANTHEM

Loving My Neighbor

Ruth Elaine Schram

Hugh Carpenter, Jordan Hesley, Leo McLeod,

Ellie Niederer, Natalie Niederer

SERMON

Go and Do Likewise

Reverend Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith

Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.

HYMN 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Chereponi

(Refrain)

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;

Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,

Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race;

Neighbors are near us and far away. (Refrain)

These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love;

All these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)

Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet;

This is the way we should live like you. (Refrain)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYER FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Thora Kilde

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.

A Declaration of Faith is a comprehensive faith statement written by the PCUS. Though not included in its Book of Confessions, this statement has been adopted by the PCUSA as a *reliable aid for Christian study, liturgy, and inspiration.*

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Worship Archive
January 19, 2020

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Come Holy Spirit

Johann Gottfried

Walther

Prayer of Dedication

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

God Be in My Head

John Rutter

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February 18, 2018

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Thank you to Skeet Ayscue and Andy McLeod for helping to create this morning’s video. Thank you to Rebekah Ayscue, Hugh Carpenter, Jim Hesley, Jordan Hesley, Thora Kilde, Leo McLeod, Ellie Niederer, and Natalie Niederer for helping with 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 continues to take place at 10:00 a.m. during the summer months.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Yoder Whitley, Linda Richards (physical therapy at Forrest Oakes), Tom Bonekemper (cousin of Linda Anderson; pancreatic cancer), Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

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.



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).

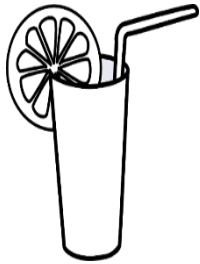
Kim and Jeff Robertson will soon leave our community and move to the Chattanooga, TN area. Since we will not be together in worship before their departure, you are encouraged to stop by the church and sign the hymnal for them. Call before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).



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.



Lemonade on the Lawn via Zoom

Join your friends in the summer tradition of Lemonade on the Lawn (online) immediately following worship. You are invited to bring your own lemonade or beverage of your choice and join others for conversation.

Gathering will be simple. Along with the information regarding access to Sunday worship, you will receive the zoom link to gain entry to Lemonade on the Lawn.

We hope to see you following worship on Sundays.

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

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

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



In order to participate in this conversation, you will need to contact the office to express interest (704-982-2722 or mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org). Information regarding the link to the zoom call will then be emailed to you.

!!! It's Back !!!

Beginning August 6

Bible Study and Conversation with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Thursdays from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. via Zoom

Join Catherine and Matt Moeller for fellowship and biblical reflection. 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. Discussion will focus on the significance and application of the scripture. Topics will include how this challenging time impacts 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). Please email Matt Drumheller (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) or Catherine Moeller (mattandcatherine@hotmail.com) to say you are interested or need more information. Please join us!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 19

10:00 am Online Worship followed by
Lemonade on the Lawn via Zoom

Monday, July 20

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Tuesday, July 21

10:00 am Digital Devotional
1:00 pm Online Story Time (PreK-Kindergarten)

Wednesday, July 22

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast via Zoom
10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9:00 pm Mom's Group via Zoom
with Melissa Eudy & Sandy Saunders

Thursday, July 23

10:00 am Digital Devotional

Sunday, July 26

10:00 am Online Worship followed by
Lemonade on the Lawn via Zoom

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
JULY**

20-Margot Johnston
22-Craig Minkler
23-Jackson Palmer
24-Beth Poolos
Craig Taylor
25-Bruce Mittendorf
26-William Ivey
Adam Jolly

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
JULY**

21-Kent & Shannon Newport

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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.**

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.

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