



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

*God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing. Amen.*

Sarum Primer
(c.1514)

PEALING OF THE BELLS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING SENTENCES

We do not live by bread alone,
But by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Matthew 4:4

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT

His Eye Is On the Sparrow Charles H. Gabriel
Ann Crutchfield, Soprano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ invites us to make our home in him, as he makes his home in us.

Let us build our lives on the rock that is Jesus Christ.

Then the storms of life will not confound us.

Fears and failures will not destroy us.

For we trust that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 15:4
Matthew 7:24-25
Romans 8:39

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, giver of life and health, your Son Jesus Christ has called us to see right prevail. Refresh us with your grace, that we may not be weary in well-doing; for the sake of him who meets all our needs, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever more. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods. We have turned our hearts away from you. Our worship of work and devotion to the things of the world, disorder our love for you and for each other. Forgive us, O God. Mend what is broken and create a new heart within us that we may be one with you and with one another.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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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 Barbara McManus

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Still speaking God, we ask your Holy Spirit to be within us as we hear
your Word today. Fill us with your truth so we may walk in the way of
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING [*Romans 8:31-39*](#)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM *O Light of Life* Mack Wilberg

O Light of Life, O pure Light Divine,
Thou art in us; our ember is Thine.
Kindle our faith, give hope when we fear;
Deepen our love Thy Fire appear.
Light of our souls, Thou spark at our birth;
Grow bright in us, shine in all the earth.

O Light of Life, O true Light of Peace,
Storms will arise, let Thy light increase.
Pierce through dark clouds, give pause to the proud;
Let Thy shafts fall, lift humble heads bowed.
Answer our pleas, melt hearts in Thy flame.
Make us as one, as one in Thy name.

O Light of Life, O sweet Life of Grace,
Thou bidst us come, we follow apace.
See the bright tree, behold the white fruit,
Feasting we weep, we witness the root.

O Light of Life, O dear Light of Love,
Come, wash us clean, send forth Thy white Dove.
Fill us with Fire, enlighten our eyes;
Help us to love this price of the prize.
Then let us come, enrobe us in white,
Cleaving to Thee, Light unto Thy Light.

SERMON *What Then Are We to Say?* Reverend Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What then are we to say about these things?

**If God is for us, who is against us? For I am convinced that neither
death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to
come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all
creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus
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.

Romans 8:31b, 38-39

HYMN 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* National Hymn

God of the ages, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past.
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Matt Moeller

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 Reverend Drumheller

Invitation

Offertory

Offertory

César Franck

Prayer of Dedication

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Peace I Give to You* Robert Lehman

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Thank you to Skeet Ayscue, James Cotton, and David Kilde for helping to create this morning's video. Thank you to Ann Crutchfield, Thora Kilde, Barbara McManus, and Matt Moeller for helping with worship.

Worship continues to take place at 10:00 a.m. during the summer months.

As is our custom, we will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering on the first Sunday of each month. Your generous support of this offering provides food for families in Stanly County and throughout our Presbytery. You may participate in the offering by giving online or mailing a check to the church.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Banks Garrison, 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.

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.

!!! 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. 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. 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!



BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCHEON FOR CENTRAL SCHOOL TEACHERS & STAFF

BOXED LUNCH DONATIONS TO BE RECEIVED ON MONDAY, AUGUST 10

Boxed lunch items needed:

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| 40 Chicken Salad Sandwiches – already made | 6 Large Seedless Cucumbers |
| 40 Pimento Cheese Sandwiches – already made | 2 Bottles of Ranch Dressing |
| 4 Big Plastic Tubs of Salad | 2 Bottles of Italian Dressing |
| 2 Bags of Romaine Salad | 2 Bottles of Vinaigrette Dressing |
| 5 Containers of Grape Tomatoes | 8 Pasta Salads to serve 10 people – Meatless |
| 2 Bags of Shredded Carrots | Dessert – 6 Pound Cakes with No Icing |

If you would like to donate, contact Anne Montgomery (johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com or 704-982-7823).

WE WILL DELIVER LUNCH TO THE CENTRAL SCHOOL TEACHERS & STAFF ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11.

Help is needed on Monday, August 10 **and** Tuesday morning, August 11 to assemble lunch boxes. If you can help either or both of the days, contact Ruth Cotton (704-942-1381 or hugawolf@hotmail.com).



Central Elementary School Supplies List

The 2020-2021 school year will be here soon and school supplies are in stores ready for purchase. Please take the list below and begin shopping for much needed supplies for our partner school, Central Elementary.

ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, BRING YOUR DONATION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO THE CHURCH AND DROP-OFF AT THE ELEVATOR (BACK PARKING LOT). A TEAM OF PEOPLE WILL CHECK ON SUPPLIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY TO TAKE INTO THE CHURCH.

Student Supplies

Crayons – 8, 16, or 24 count Crayola brand only
Glue Sticks
#2 Pencils
#2 Beginner Jumbo Pencils (for Kindergarten students)
Composition Hard Cover Wide-Ruled books (not spiral bound)
Scissors (child & youth sizes)
Pink Pearl Eraser
Card Stock Paper
Dry Erase Markers (small size)
Notebook Paper (wide-ruled & regular-ruled)
Small Zipper Pencil Pouch or Pencil Box
Dividers with pockets
Plain Solid 2-pocket folders
Pocket folders with prongs
2” 3-ring binders
Pencil top erasers
Highlighters (packs)
Colored Pencils
Colored Paper
3x5 index cards
Ear Buds
Ear Phones
Small Pencil Sharpener
Sticky Notes

Classroom Supplies Needed Include:

Lysol or Clorox Wipes, Kleenex, Baby Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Paper Towels, Band-aids, and Ziplock Sandwich Bags (Quart and Gallon)

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 2

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

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

Monday, August 3

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Tuesday, August 4

1:00 pm Online Story Time (Preschoolers)

Wednesday, August 5

6:45 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Thursday, August 6

*Bring school supplies for Central School students to the church
(place outside the elevator –back parking lot)*

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

Sunday, August 9

9:00 am Diaconate Meeting via Zoom

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

**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!
AUGUST

03-John McIntyre
04-Terrie Holshouser
05-Caroline McLeod
07-Greg Lisk
Keith Wolf
08-Leslie Carter
Martha Sue Hall
Mellanie Hendrix
09-Hugh Wainwright

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
AUGUST

06-Gus & Pam Holbrook

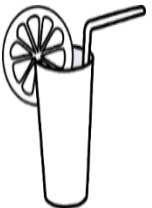
**Tithes and offerings may be mailed to:
First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578
Albemarle, NC 28002**

**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.

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.



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.