



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

In the flush of love's light we dare to be brave. And suddenly, we see that love costs all we are and will ever be. Yet it is only love which sets us free.

From
Touched by An Angel
by Maya Angelou

PRELUDE Andante Cantabile Alexandre Guilmant

PEALING OF THE BELLS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING SENTENCES

What does the Lord require of us?

To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

Micah 6:6-8

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship our God,

Who speaks the words of peace we need in chaotic times.

We gather to follow Jesus,

Who encourages us to never fear, for he is near.

We gather to be filled with the Spirit,

Who anoints us so we can go out to serve our world.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God who brought us from the rest of last night to the new light of this day. Bring us in the new light of this day to the guiding light of the eternal. Lead us, O God, on the journey of justice. Guide us, O God, on the pathways of peace. Renew us, O God, by the wellspring of grace, today, and forever. Amen.

From Celtic Prayers
from Iona

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

God of all creation, we gladly live and move and have our being in you. Yet in the midst of your glorious creation, we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness: around us, in the earth, sea, and sky; beside us, in the broken, the hungry, and the poor; and often, deep within us, a striving against your Spirit. O Trinity of love, forgive us that we may forgive one another; heal us that we may be people of healing, and renew us, that we may be makers of peace.

From the
Iona Worship Book

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.

First Presbyterian Church
Worship Archive
May 17, 2015

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Worship Archive
November 15, 2015

From the
Iona Worship Book

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Penny Morton

ANTHEM

Christ for the World We Sing

Craig Courtney

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Teaching them to obey all I commanded,
And lo, I am with you always, even to the very end of the age!

Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring,
With loving zeal; the poor and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,
Sin-sick and sorrow worn, for Christ to heal.

Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring,
With fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,
Redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring,
With one accord; with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,
With us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring
With joyful song; the new-born souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,
Inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, you have led us to this place, not to shield us from heartache and the pain of human life, but to heal us, inspire us, and set our feet in the path of Christ. We pray, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you will open our hearts, quicken our minds, and inspire us, so we will see the world as you do and love with your love. Amen.

SERMON *Multi-Faceted Faith* Reverend Ayscue and Reverend Drumheller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Voice 1: He is among us: the one who gave sight to the blind and insight to the closed-minded;

Voice 2: The one who gave hearing to the deaf and listening ears to those who heard only their own voices.

All: The one who made the lame walk and is the way, the truth, and the life.

Voice 1: He is among us: the one who healed the sick and helped the hopeless;

Voice 2: The one who exorcised demons and gave new names to those who were known only for their problems,

All: The one who was criticized for coming too close to the contaminated.

Voice 1: He is among us: the one who agreed with fair taxation and handled money;

Voice 2: The one who spoke for the poor and who spoke to the privileged of the good things their wealth could do,

All: The one who entrusted himself to women as much as men, without prejudice or favour.

Voice 1: He is among us to touch, to heal,
Voice 2: To bless, to inspire,
Voice 1: To confront, to convert,
Voice 2: To show at all times the human face of God.
All: He is among us.

HYMN 697

Take My Life

Hendon

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only, all for thee.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Offertory

Theodore Dubois

Prayer of Dedication

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

A Clare Benediction

John Rutter

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November 15, 2015

Thank you to Skeet Ayscue, Katherine Jolly, and Andy McLeod for helping to create this morning's video. Thank you to Penny Morton for helping with worship.

The acolyte today is Elizabeth Bryson.

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

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Dale Benson (brother of Ann Crutchfield), The family of Jean Russell, Banks Garrison, Yoder Whitley, Linda Richards, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

If you have not already done so, please stop by the church to sign a hymnal for Kim and Jeff Robertson & Taylor and Lisa Johnston. Call before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).

This week's worship video will become available at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. 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.

Congregational Meeting via Zoom following Worship on Sunday, August 16

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following the worship video on Sunday, August 16. The purposes of the meeting are to hear from the Personnel Committee and to approve a change in the *terms of call* of Matt Drumheller and the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between First Presbyterian Church and the Reverend Elizabeth McNair Ayscue. Please join in the link provided in the weekly email.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Sunday, August 23

On Sunday, August 23, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in worship. Please plan to join us in taking this sacrament in our separate homes. If you would like to have communion elements delivered to your home in the days before worship, contact Matt (704-982-2722 or mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) by August 19.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, Matt and Elizabeth 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.



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...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!



It's an
EGGCELLENT

Pop-up
How to Boil & Peel a Perfect Egg Every Time!
Tuesday, August 18 10:00 a.m.
via Zoom with Jane

We will gather on Zoom to learn how to boil the perfect egg and share our favorite deviled egg recipes! Contact Jane (call/text 704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) to RSVP and she will send you the Zoom link.

Back-to-School Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, August 23 during worship
AND

Drive-thru on Sunday, August 23 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The Blessing of the Backpacks will take place in worship on Sunday, August 23. Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpack to online worship and participate in this ritual as they return to school. Then drive-thru the parking lot at church on Sunday, August 23 (same day) from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. to receive a special gift and to see and speak with Matt and Elizabeth.



Faith on the Fifth Offering on Sunday, August 30
for SCCM Cooling Assistance Fund



In the hot months of summer, it is important to remember neighbors in our community who struggle to keep the AC running. It is a particularly difficult time with the negative economic impact of COVID-19. For the August Faith on the Fifth offering, we will be collecting funds to support SCCM's mission to those in need in our community. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

EDUCATION & CONVERSATION ON THE DOCUMENTARY
RACE: THE POWER OF AN ILLUSION
AVAILABLE FOR \$5.00 THROUGH VIMEO
ZOOM DISCUSSION ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 AT 7:00 P.M.

Our congregation, along with many others, is continuing a challenging journey of educating ourselves about systemic racism in America. Members of the church have been gathering on Zoom to explore how we benefit from or are affected by systems of privilege, and how we might bring about a kingdom-oriented world in which, *we are all one in Christ* (Galatians 3:28).

In August, we will be watching a documentary called *Race: The Power of an Illusion*. This documentary consists of three hour-long segments examining the biological and social realities of race. You can watch this series for \$5.00 through Vimeo (an online video streaming service). Go to <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/race> to stream the documentary. Please join us via Zoom on August 25 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss this documentary. Contact the church office (704-982-2722 or mrdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) for the Zoom information.





FIRST FAMILY MEAL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.
RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 31
PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL

First Family Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, September 2! Unfortunately, we are still unable to gather together for First Family in September. If you would like a First Family meal, please RSVP by Monday, August 31 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday, September 2 between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

Menu:

**Boston Butt, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Fruit Kabob,
Homemade Rolls, Sweet Potato Cake, Pound Cake and Brownies**

Suggested Donation: \$5 per person....Maximum of \$15 per family.

Please come with correct change or a check written to First Presbyterian Church.

All we need you to do is:

call Anne Montgomery at 704-982-7823 or email Anne at johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com

and let her know how many plates you need,

if you would like sweet potato cake, pound cake or brownies for each meal

and

if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).

Though we will not share the meal at the same table, we will delight in the opportunity to share the same meal at our own tables. A prayer and table ritual will be included for each household. Sharing the meal and the ritual will bind us together as the one body of Christ.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 16

Congregational Meeting via Zoom following worship video

8:30 am Session Meeting via Zoom

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

Monday, August 17

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Tuesday, August 18

10:00 am *Eggcellent* Pop-Up with Jane Snyder via Zoom

12:00 pm September Newsletter Deadline

1:00 pm Online Story Time (Preschoolers)

Wednesday, August 19

6:45 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Thursday, August 20

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

Sunday, August 23

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper/The Sacrament of Baptism

Blessing of the Backpacks/Virtual Youth Kickoff

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

11:30 am-12:30 pm Drive-thru Back-to-School Blessing of the Backpacks

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.**

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

AUGUST

16-Kimbal Chapman

17-Elaine Coats

18-Sarah Michael

Brett Richards

19-Mark Andrew

Don Joines

20-Jack Boling

Doris Forte

Frankie Palmer

21-Lainie Lentz

22-Colette Johnston

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

AUGUST

17-Paul & Karen Hinkle

Roger & Gina Martin

Craig Minkler & Mary Lane

18-Lee & Billie Jean Snuggs

20-Chris & Anissa Chapman

23-Ben & Liz Jolly

Bill & Jane Pickler