



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 4, 2020

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

There are no unsacred moments; there are only sacred moments and moments that we have forgotten are sacred.

Andrew Peterson
from
Every Moment Holy

PRELUDE *Communion Meditation* Victor C. Johnson

PEALING OF THE BELLS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Addison Marks

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 118

This is the day the Lord has made,
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT *Halle, Halle, Halle* Hal H. Hopson

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Choir: Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Praise God in this holy place, every nation, every race.
Come, make joyful music to the Lord. Sound the trumpet, sound it clear.
Sound it for the world to hear. Come, make joyful music to the Lord.

Refrain: *Choir & Congregation (sing 2 times)*

Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah. (Repeat 4 times)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

CALL TO WORSHIP Elizabeth Bryson

Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
The skies proclaim the Creator's handiwork.
They have no speech, they use no words,
Yet their witness goes out through all the earth.
Let us join the chorus of creation; let us raise our voices in resounding
praise.
**May the words of our mouths and the songs of our hearts be pleasing to
the Lord!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

Dove of Peace

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
In love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division end,
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near.
Is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,
Alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
We'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
The love that makes us one.

Psalm 19 and Exodus 20

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

God of the covenant, long ago you gave us the law to guide us in the ways of righteousness. When we wandered, you called prophets to beckon us toward faithfulness. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son to heal our brokenness and draw us close to you. But, time and time again, we reject your gift of grace. We bow before the false gods of our world and forget your command to serve the least of these. Forgive us, Lord.

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

Penny Morton

ANTHEM

O Living Bread of Heaven

Lloyd Larson

O living bread of Heaven, how well You feed Your guest!
The gift that you have given has filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing, O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, Your gift possessing, with praises overflows.

O Lord, by faith You've led me to this most holy place;
Your love and mercy feed me with treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given what earth could never buy,
The gift of life from heaven, that I shall never die.

I receive You, bread of Heaven, this food death can't destroy.
Your sacrifice has given the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit the favor You have shown,
But humbly in spirit I bow before Your throne.

Lord, grant me by Your mercy the strength that I shall need,
To follow in Your footsteps the path that You shall lead.
And when You call my spirit to leave this world below,
I will enter, by Your merit, where joys unending flow. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

[Matthew 21:33-46](#)

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

SERMON

The Vineyard

Reverend Drumheller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Communion

Richard Purvis

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

The Nicene Creed is a product of councils in Nicaea in 325 and 381 CE. These councils codified the confessional language that many churches throughout the region were using. This our oldest and most ecumenical creed.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

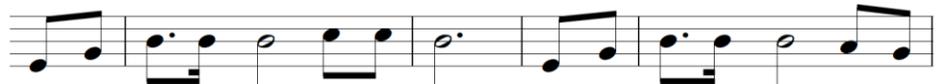
Leader: Praise to you, O God...with all creation we sing your praise.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Thank you, O God...Great is the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.



Fa - ther God in heav'n, Lord most high, hear your chil-dren's prayer, Lord most
May your king-dom come here on earth. May your will be done here on
Give us dai - ly bread, day by day; and for - give our sins, day by
Lead us in your way. Make us strong. When - ta - tions come, make us
All things come from you. All are yours. King - dom, glo - ry, pow'r, all are



high. Hal - lowed be your name, Lord most high. O Lord, hear our prayer.
earth; as it is in heav'n, so on earth.
day; as we too for - give, day by day.
strong. Save us all from sin. Make us strong.
yours. Take our lives and gifts. All are yours.

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Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* Let Us Break Bread

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees;)

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;)

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, *Christian, follow me.*

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, saying, *Christian, love me more.*

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, *Christian, love me more than these.*

Jesus calls us by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 540 *Farewell, Good Friends!* Shalom, Chaverim!
Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends!
Shalom, shalom!
Till we meet again, till we meet again,
Shalom, shalom!

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Thank you to Duncan Bryson for helping to create this morning's video. Thank you to Elizabeth Bryson for helping with worship.

The acolyte today is Addison Marks.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: David & Marsha Bell (friends of Debbie & John Hahn; David has cancer & an unknown infection), Clay Price (cancer; cousin of Steve Cumming), Banks Garrison, Yoder Whitley, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

There is no Children's Church today. Children in grades K-2 are encouraged to remain in worship.



**FIRST FAMILY MEAL
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7**

5:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.

**RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5
PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL**

First Family Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, October 7! Unfortunately, we are still unable to gather together for First Family in October. If you would like a First Family meal, please RSVP by Monday, October 5 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday, October 7 between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

Menu:

**Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit,
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).

Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:

Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies,

Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper,

Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Packing Dates: Wednesday, October 14 at 10:30 a.m.



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.**

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).



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Women's Retreat 2020

October 9-11

Theme:

Stay – Finding Refuge (Psalm 91)

Schedule:

Friday, October 9 from 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. (Locations TBA)

Join with women from the church in small, safe groups to discuss Psalm 91.

Saturday, October 10 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church

Participate in a variety of stations full of activities centered around *staying* healthy and calm.

Saturday, October 10 from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Morrow Mountain State Park

Choose from a variety of activities about *staying* fit and connected. Bring a picnic dinner!

Sunday, October 11 at 11:00 a.m.

Worship with your family in a place of refuge.

Contact Melissa Eudy (704-439-6747 or the5eudys@gmail.com) to be added to the informational update list. Contact Melissa or Shannon Bullard (shanbullard@yahoo.com) for more information.

Reformation Sunday & Kirkin' o' Tartans

Sunday, October 25

Though we will still be online for worship on Reformation Sunday, we will be celebrating in many of the ways we typically do. Through familiar words and sounds, we will celebrate both our denominational Scottish heritage and the history of the Protestant Reformation. We will include the tartans that we use every year, and we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Plans are being made to have a drive-thru opportunity for everyone to see our tartans and collect communion supplies (as well as other treats). Keep your eyes open for more information.

!!! ATTENTION !!!

9 SILENT PARTNERS NEEDED



First Presbyterian Church college students have begun the 2020-2021 school year. We need you to serve as a Silent Partner to these college students. The Silent Partner remains anonymous to the student and maintains contact by sending cards, and/or small packages of helpful college items such as favorite snacks, small school supplies, or gift cards for fast food or coffee, etc. The feedback each year from the college students is very positive. Won't you support one of our students in this way? Contact Martha Sue

Hall (704-985-5821 or hallmsh@hotmail.com) to sign-up to be a Silent Partner.

Around the Table with Jane & Friends

We will meet on Zoom on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. through October 27. Each week we will watch a video of a parishioner sharing something "around the table". We will also be reading and discussing scripture associated with events "around the table".

Wrestling with Scripture

In this series, Matt leads conversation about the role of the Bible in contemporary Christianity. Focusing on Biblical authority, we look at a variety of readings by scholars. Participants explore their own thoughts and beliefs about the authority of Scripture. We meet on via Zoom from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Session has called a congregational meeting to be held on Zoom immediately after worship on Sunday, October 11. The purpose of the meeting is to elect deacons and ruling elders to the Class of 2021 and to elect members of the congregational Nominating Committee. The congregation will hear and act on the report presented by Nominating Committee member, Ken Knight. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Ken Knight, Chair, Bob Johnston, Andy McLeod, Barbara McManus, Sarah Michael, and Gayle Russell. Once the committee has presented the slate of officers, the floor will be open for additional nominations. As a matter of courtesy, please check with any person whose name you plan to place in nomination prior to doing so.

Nominating Committee – at large members for 2021

Bob Johnston, Ken Knight, Barbara McManus, Andy McLeod, Sarah Michael, Gayle Russell

DIACONATE

Keith Bryson...Keith moved to Albemarle as a 5 year old and was put into church service upon arrival by his father who was quite often doing small jobs around the church. Since he passed away in 2013, Reverend Ayscue took over the task of keeping me involved at First Presbyterian Church with numerous calls saying, *I was thinking about you*. My mother, Gloria Bryson, has been a member here 50+ years, and my wife, Kristie, close to 20 years. Our children, Duncan and Elizabeth, have been fortunate to have been raised within the church, which has been a major influence on their lives. In the past, I have served on both the diaconate and session, been involved with Sunday Youth, and for quite a few years have assisted with the Stanly County Youth Breakfast, which First Presbyterian Church has supported and hosted for many years. In addition to being involved in family life, I am also an avid pickleball player which keeps me young and fit!

Michelle Cumming...Michelle has lived in Albemarle for over 20 years. She works as a Teacher's Assistant at Central Elementary School. She is married to Steve Cumming, and they are parents to Ella Cumming who attends Gray Stone Day School as a sixth grader. Michelle loves going to the beach and finding treasures at Goodwill Stores. This is Michelle's second time serving as a Deacon for First Presbyterian Church.

Jim Hesley...Jim lives in Albemarle with his son Bubba, his wife Jenny, and their daughter Jordan. Jim has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for six years and has previously served on the Diaconate. Jim also serves as a youth advisor to the youth group. Along with "thelittlepuppies"(Jim's trusty sidekick), they love the youth group! Jim says, *Y'all got some really cool kids*.

Laura McLeod... Laura has been a member of First Presbyterian for twenty-two years. She lives in Albemarle with her husband Mike, and they have five children - Caroline, Ben, Isabel, Andy, and Leo. During her time here at First Presbyterian Church, she has served on both Session and Diaconate. While serving as an officer, she has been involved with numerous committees (too many to name)! She has also helped lead Sunday School, has taught Children's Church, and has worked with Music and Arts Camp. In her spare time, she enjoys running, walking, reading, watching her children play sports, and traveling. She looks forward to serving our church again!

SESSION

Al Andrew... Al has enjoyed being a member of this congregation his entire life. He is married to Becky and they are the proud parents of Emily (25) and Jay (23). Al retired from a teaching and coaching career five years ago and now work in insurance. He enjoys playing golf, attending concerts, and following all things UNC. Al looks forward to serving as an elder once again.

Katherine Jolly... Katherine is the daughter of Liz and Ben Jolly and the granddaughter of Bill and Nancy Jolly. She is a sophomore at Gray Stone Day School in Misenheimer, North Carolina. She enjoys swimming for both her school and competitive club team, playing the guitar, and reading. Katherine looks forward to serving as an elder next year!

Mike King... Mike grew up in Clarksburg, West Virginia. He attended West Virginia University graduating in business administration. Subsequently, he attended Virginia Commonwealth University and received a Masters in Hospital Administration. Mike is retired, having finished his career as the CEO of Camden Clark Medical Center in Parkersburg, West Virginia. He is a honeybee keeper and is active in Scouts USA Central North Carolina Council. He is married to Cathy and has three children and four grandchildren.

Kim Marshall... Kim has been member of First Presbyterian for thirty years, since she & Jim were married in 1990. They have four beautiful children - Brittany, Ashley, Ginny, and Luke. And, they have four even more beautiful grandchildren - Olivia, Greta, James, and Grace. Kim works in Jim's optometry practice and really enjoys serving on two non-profit boards, and feeding her reading obsession in her book clubs.

Ellen Whitley... Ellen is a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church. She is married to David Whitley of the congregation. They have a daughter Emily, and two granddaughters, Ansley and Emersyn. Ellen works for the Central NC Council of the Boy Scouts. She has previously served on the Diaconate and Session. She looks forward to serving the church on Session.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 4

*World Communion Sunday/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/
Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger*

- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship
- 3:00 pm Ding Dong Ditch Day for Middle Schoolers
(Socially Distanced with Masks Required)

Monday, October 5

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 2:00 pm Deadline to sign-up for First Family Meal
- 8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston &
Jack Morton at the home of Debby & Bob Johnston
(1212 Heritage Drive, Albemarle)

Tuesday, October 6

- 10:00 am Around the Table with Jane Snyder & Friends via Zoom
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Wrestling with Scripture with Matt via Zoom

Wednesday, October 7

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (Pit Stop)
- 1:00 pm Online Story Time (Preschoolers)
- 3:30 pm-4:00 pm Youth Club Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders) via Zoom
- 4:00 pm-4:30 pm Youth Club Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders) via Zoom
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm First Family Meal Pick-Up & Distribution of SCCM Caring & Sharing Yellow Cups

Thursday, October 8

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

Friday, October 9

- 6:30 pm-8:30 pm Women's Retreat (Location: TBA)

Saturday, October 10

- 9:00 am-12:00 pm Women's Retreat at First Presbyterian Church
- 3:00 pm-7:00 pm Women's Retreat at Morrow Mountain State Park

Sunday, October 11

*Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders/Get to Know your Bible for 3rd Graders & Parents with Matt via
Zoom following the Congregational Meeting*

- 9:00 am Diaconate Meeting via Zoom
- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship
- 12:00 pm Congregational Meeting via Zoom
- 1:00 pm Youth Group Hike at Morrow Mountain State Park

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! OCTOBER

- 04-Andy McLeod
- 05-Christine Andrew
- 06-Jeff Robertson
- 08-Robert Land

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! OCTOBER

- 05-Steve & Mary Kesselman
- 06-Peter & Anna Henkenjohann
Bruce & Marlene Mittendorf
Matt & Catherine Moeller
- 08-Luis & Kellyn Luna

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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 Matt (540.449.5319) directly.