



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November 1, 2020

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

*Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.*

From *Strength to Love* by  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

PRELUDE *Pie Jesus from 'Requiem, Opus 48'* Gabriel Fauré

PEALING OF THE BELLS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Emily Deese

OPENING SENTENCES

O magnify the Lord with me,  
**And let us exalt God's name together.**

Psalm 34:3

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord gathers us from east and west, from north and south.

**O give thanks to the Lord, who is good!**

Those hungry for hope, those whose souls are parched, the Lord leads to fountains of grace.

**God's faithful love endures forever!**

Come, draw near and hear the words of the Lord.

**We come, with gratitude and praise.**

Psalm 107

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, you have knit together your people in one communion and fellowship in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you. Amen.**

HYMN 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Ellacombe

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.  
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,  
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,  
And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

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Worship Archive  
September 8, 2019

The language of this prayer is inspired, in part, by Margaret Aymer's rewording of the Beatitudes in *Confessing the Beatitudes* (*Horizons Bible Study*, 2011).

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May 17, 2015

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

This excerpt from the Confession of 1967 is particularly appropriate for All Saints' Day.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

**Lord, you tell us that the kingdom belongs to the hopeless, and that those who mourn are honorable. But we often disregard those among us who are poor and poor in spirit, rather than surrounding them with our care. Forgive us when we shy away from those who yearn for compassion. Forgive us when we rush past those searching for hope because we don't have the *right* words to say. Lord, break open our hardened hearts.**

## 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

Barbara McManus

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

[\*John 21:15-19\*](#)

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*Onward with Faith and Hope*

Reverend Drumheller

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The risen Christ is the Savior of all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as God's reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations. Amen.**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS

In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.

**In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.**

In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

**In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.**

When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

**When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.**

When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.

**So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us.**

### SOLO

*Pie Jesu from 'Requiem'*  
Ann Crutchfield, Soprano

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Blessed Jesus, who takes away the sin of the world, grant them rest.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant them rest,  
everlasting rest.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*During the prayer, a bell will toll for these saints of First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, who have entered the Church Triumphant since All Saints Day 2019.*

Campbell "Cam" Rogers	December 16, 2019
Carolyn Sharpe	March 27, 2020
Dr. Francis W. Green	May 2, 2020
Linda Richards	September 12, 2020

HYMN 326

*For All the Saints*

Sine Nomine

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November 4, 2018

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory *Blessed Are They That Rest in the Lord* Johannes Brahms

Prayer of Dedication

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

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November 5, 2017

Hymn 525                      *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 After Communion

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October 20, 2019

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 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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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September 29, 2013

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE                      *The Grace*                      Richard Shephard

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,**  
**And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore.**  
**Amen.**

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**Thank you to Duncan Bryson, David Kilde, and Leah Kilde for helping to create this morning's video, and to Barbara McManus for her participation in worship.**

**The acolyte today is Emily Deese.**

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

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Lauren Reder (niece of Laura & Mike McLeod), Bede Karr, Sandy Saunders, Ann Upchurch, Banks Garrison, Yoder Whitley, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

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**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Sunday, November 1**

On Sunday, November 1, 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.

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**All Saints Day on Sunday, November 1**

As is our tradition, there will be time in the worship service for us to remember those who have died in the past year, and those saints who have raised us in faith. Though we cannot have the tribute that we typically do, we will have an opportunity for you to remember and celebrate the great cloud of witnesses.

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*with Faith & Hope*

**Consecration Sunday  
Sunday, November 1**

**Please mail in your pledge to the church office so our officers can complete the budget. We ask that you give your heartfelt consideration to financially supporting the wonderful work our church does both locally and in our world.**

**Thank you for your generosity of time, thought, and deed as you support the church.**

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**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**

Packing a shoebox will be the best gift that you can give a child because he/she will also receive the great, good news of Jesus, our Savior. Each child who receives a shoebox also receives a colorful book in their own language which tells them the story of Jesus. It is estimated that at least 30 family members or friends will also read the book. Plastic preprinted boxes are available in the church Pit Stop. **Please pick up a box with suggestions/directions for packing, fill your box, and return it to the church office by Thursday, November 12. The shoeboxes will be dedicated in worship on November 15.**





**FIRST FAMILY MEAL  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4  
5:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.  
RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2  
PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL**

**First Family Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, November 4! Unfortunately, we are still unable to gather together for First Family in November. If you would like a First Family meal, please RSVP by Monday, November 2 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday, November 4 between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.**

**Menu:**

**Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Caesar Salad, Sweet Potato Cake, Pound Cake and Brownies  
\*\*\*Remember to return your filled SCCM Caring & Sharing Cups through the pick-up line!\*\*\***

**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](mailto: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.**

**Caring and Sharing cups to support SCCM were handed out at the October First Family Gathering. If you have a cup that you have filled with money for SCCM, please return it at the November drive-thru. If you didn't get a cup last month, you can pick one up in the church office.**



### Community Table Lunch

On Saturday, November 7, First Presbyterian Church will provide lunch for the guests at the Community Table. Lunches are still take-out, therefore we will prepare bag lunches on November 6 in the church kitchen.

We will need donations of the following items for these lunches:

- Individual bags of chips
- Individual fruit cups
- Granola bars
- Homemade or bought cakes or cookies (no icing)
- Money to be used to help buy ham, cheese, and bread (money may be given to Kyle in the office)

A surplus of the above foods will be used to fill the backpacks for Central Elementary School children. **All donations need to be in the church kitchen by Wednesday afternoon, November 4. Please label your donation with a Community Table sign. When dropping off donations, call the church office to be sure someone will be there to let you in the kitchen. If you would like to help prepare sandwiches on November 6 or help assemble the bag lunches and hand them out on that Saturday (November 7), call Linda Anderson at 704-982-3723.**

### Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:

Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies,  
Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Saline Crackers, Tuna Helper,  
Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups

Donations may be dropped off at the church.

**Packing Dates: Wednesday, November 11 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](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)).  
Click on the GIVE button.

**!!! ATTENTION !!!**  
**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**  
**ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1.**  
**REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!**

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, November 1**

*Consecration Sunday/All Saints Day/  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/*

*Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger/Daylight Saving Time Ends*

- 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
- 7:00 pm Youth Group

**Monday, November 2**

- 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)

**Wednesday, November 4**

*Donations for Community Table to church kitchen*

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

**Thursday, November 5**

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

**Friday, November 6**

*Prepare bag lunches for Community Table – church kitchen*

**Saturday, November 7**

*Community Table*

**Sunday, November 8**

- 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
- 7:00 pm Youth Group at Pelicans

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
NOVEMBER**

- 01-Donna Gaither
- 03-Barbara Overcash
- 04-Connie Wallace
- 06-Shannon Newport
- 08-Leni Henkenjohann
- Nancy Joines
- Mary Louise Sawyer

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!  
NOVEMBER**

- 03-Matt & Katie Carpenter

**This week's worship video** will become available at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. To access the worship video, go to the church's website ([www.fpcalbemarle.org](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)) and click on the worship banner or search for the church on *YouTube* and click on the appropriate video.

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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.