



**The Weekly Bulletin**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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March 7, 2021

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**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

**MORNING MEDITATION**

*True peace is not the absence of war, it is the presence of justice.*

**PRELUDE**

Charles Marie Widor

*Andante Cantabile from Symphony No. 4*

**PEALING OF THE BELLS**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Nathaniel Eudy

**OPENING SENTENCES**

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**You shall love the Lord your God.**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lori Ivey, liturgist

We gather as a community of disciples of Jesus.

**Recognizing our unity, and the love that we share,**

Hearing the call for justice and aware of our need for forgiveness,

**Relying upon the connections that sustain us,**

We gather as a beloved community.

**We gather to worship God.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY 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.**

Jane Addams, the first woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize

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Deuteronomy 6:4-5

O God of every nation, of every race and land,  
Redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand.  
Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,  
In love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.

From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,  
From trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,  
From pride of race and station and blindness to your way,  
Deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.

Lord, strengthen those who labor that all may find release  
From fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase;  
When hope and courage falter, your still small voice be heard;  
With faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,  
When hatred and division give way to love and peace,  
Till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign  
And Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Hymn 415

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Restoration

Nathan Sanges, soloist

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

*Refrain:*

*I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

Acts 2:43-47

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

**God of mercy, you have called us to depend upon one another, to care for one another, and to journey together. You have called us into community. Yet, we have given in to fantasies of self-reliance, and the idol of rugged individualism. We have forgotten our neighbor and lost sight of your vision for a connected community. Forgive us, Lord.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

hymn 643, stanza 3

*Now Thank We All Our God* Nun danket alle Gott

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given;  
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
The God who was, and is, as shall be evermore.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

#### ANTHEM

*O Love Divine*

Deborah Govenor

O love divine, what have you done!  
The Incarnate God has died for me!  
The Father's co-eternal Son  
Bore my sins upon the tree!

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The Son has died: My Lord, my Love, is crucified for me and you,  
To bring us near to God; Believe the record true,  
Bought with Jesus' blood;  
Pardon for all flows from His side: My Lord, my Love, is crucified.

Behold Him now, all that pass by,  
The bleeding Prince of life and peace,  
Come, sinners, see your Savior die,  
And say, was ever grief like His?  
Come, feel with me His blood applied:  
My Lord, My Love is crucified.

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, guide us by your Word through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so we may be reformed, restored, and renewed. Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURE READING

[\*Psalm 146:1-10\*](#)

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

#### SERMON

*A Place for All*

Reverend Drumheller

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged. We believe that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

This is an excerpt from the Confession of Belhar, the newest creed included in our Book of Confessions. We use this affirmation in the season of Lent as a reminder of the gift and challenge of community.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### REFLECTION ON COMMUNITY

Marshall Rogers

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory *Moderato from 'Plymouth Suite'* Percy Whitlock

Prayer of Dedication

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

*The Lord's Table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ and  
to those who want to trust him more.*

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

*Lamb of God from "The Sewanee Service"* Malcolm Archer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion elements can be  
delivered or picked up at the  
church upon request. Please email  
mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org  
by the Thursday before worship.

HYMN 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* In Babilone

There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice,  
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings have  
such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind.

And the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful,  
we would gladly trust God's Word,

And our lives reflect thanksgiving  
for the goodness of our Lord.

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Amen* Peter C. Lutkin

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**Thank you** to James Cotton and Wiley Crutchfield for helping to create this morning's video. Thank you to Lori Ivey, Marshall Rogers, Nathan Sanges, and for their participation in worship today.

**The acolyte today is** Nathaniel Eudy.

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Sandy Saunders, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

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**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.

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**In an effort to keep the newsletter prayer list updated,** please notify the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org) or Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or hallmsh@hotmail.com) of changes.

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**Please stop by the church and sign a hymnal for Susan Pandich and for Mary Lane and Craig Minkler, & Emmett.** Call the church office before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).

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**Community Art during Lent**

Beginning Sunday, March 7, there will be a public art installation on the North Street lawn at the bottom of the sanctuary steps. You are invited to come by the church any time to contribute to this art project. There will be supplies and instructions at the location for you to use. Please take a picture of yourself adding to the project and send it to Matt. Come by on Easter Sunday to see the final result!

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*Daily Scripture Readings during Lent*

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| <b>March 7</b>  | <b>Mark 9:1-13</b>   |
| <b>March 8</b>  | <b>Mark 9:14-29</b>  |
| <b>March 9</b>  | <b>Mark 9:30-50</b>  |
| <b>March 10</b> | <b>Mark 10:1-16</b>  |
| <b>March 11</b> | <b>Mark 10:17-34</b> |
| <b>March 12</b> | <b>Mark 10:35-52</b> |
| <b>March 13</b> | <b>Mark 11:1-14</b>  |
| <b>March 14</b> | <b>Mark 11:15-33</b> |

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**Remember to *spring forward*  
one hour in the early morning hours of March 14  
(or before you go to bed on March 13).**

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**From the Scholarship Committee...**

Scholarship applications are available Monday, March 1 on the church website ([www.fpcalbemarle.org](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)). **The deadline to return completed applications is Tuesday, April 6.** If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2021 are: Steve Coats, Chair, Ben Jolly, and Courtney Niederer.



## 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

Donations may be dropped off at the church.

**Packing Date: Wednesday, March 17 at 10:30 a.m.**

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**DRIVE-THRU LENT MEALS ON WEDNESDAYS  
MARCH 10, 17, AND 24  
FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.**

**RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON THE MONDAY PRIOR TO THE MEAL**

Lenten Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesdays during Lent: March 10, 17, and 24. If you would like a Lenten meal, please RSVP by 2:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the meal. We will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

**The menu will be emailed in advance.**

**Menu for Wednesday, March 10 (RSVP by Monday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m.):**

**Elizabeth Ayscue's Tomato Bisque  
Crackers  
Pound Cake**

**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 reserve some OR all meals:**

**call Anne Montgomery at 704-796-5841 or email Anne at [johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com](mailto:johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com)  
and let her know how many plates and desserts you need, and if it will be a pickup or delivery  
(include address and any special instructions).**

**After sharing your meal together at home, you can log on to a weekly Zoom call at 7:00 p.m.  
There will be dedicated time for you to catch up with your FPC friends and family,  
and we will close each week with a time of worship and music together.**

# S'MORES and games

Sunday, March 21 from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Join us Sunday, March 21 from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. for s'mores and games! Fire pits and s'mores bags will be available, as well as cornhole and other games. Fire pit times of 30 minutes must be reserved by contacting Melissa Eudy (704-439-6747 or [the5eudys@gmail.com](mailto:the5eudys@gmail.com)) or Michelle Cumming (704-984-0435 or [michellecumming85@yahoo.com](mailto:michellecumming85@yahoo.com)).

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## SCCM FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Please purchase the *smaller* options of mayo, ketchup, flour, sugar, cooking oil, etc. This is helpful when we build boxes for our clients because our boxes are based on weight.

Please take donations to SCCM:

506 South First Street, Albemarle

Monday-Thursday; 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Cereal (Plain & Pre-Sweetened)**

**Canned Meat (Not Tuna)**

**Mayo**

**Mustard**

**Ketchup**

**Canned Fruit (Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail)**

**Toilet Tissue**

**Bar soaps**

**Toothbrushes (individually packed)**

**Cooking Oil**

**Navy Beans**

**Black Eyed Peas**

**Lima Beans**

**Applesauce**

**Flour (Plain & Self-Rising)**

**Sugar**

**Sweetened Condensed Milk**

**Evaporated Milk**

**Salad Dressing**

**Cake Mix**

**Jelly**

**Pancake Syrup**

**Pancake Mix**

**Instant Jello & Pudding**

**Salt & Pepper**

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## Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 28

For this year's Easter Egg Hunt, we have two options for families. The first option is for you to pick up Easter eggs from the church on Palm Sunday (March 28th) after worship to hide at your home. The second option is to have the youth hide Easter eggs at your house (also on Palm Sunday). If you would like to do either of these options, please fill out the google form using the link below. If you have any questions, contact Dorothy at [dhart@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:dhart@fpcalbemarle.org) or 828-244-3824.

<https://tinyurl.com/mbte898w>

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, March 7**

*Third Sunday in Lent/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

5:00 pm Youth Group

**Monday, March 8**

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

2:00 pm Deadline to RSVP for Lent Meal

8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt

8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton

**Tuesday, March 9**

5:30 pm-6:30 pm Confirmation Class via Zoom

**Wednesday, March 10**

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

11:00 am Staff Meeting

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 Lent Meal Pick-Up

7:00 pm Lent Gathering via Zoom

**Thursday, March 11**

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

**Sunday, March 14**

*Fourth Sunday in Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/*

*Daylight Saving Time Begins*

9:00 am Diaconate Meeting via Zoom

9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom

10:15 am Children Sunday School via Zoom

11:00 am Online Worship

5:00 pm Youth Group

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**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:  
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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.**

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**All staff members are working at home whenever possible to limit the risk of COVID exposure.** While there is often someone present at the church, the building will be open sporadically. If you need to come by the church, please call first to make sure the building is open. The church's answering machine is being checked periodically; however, in case of an emergency, please contact Matt (540.449.5319) directly.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**MARCH**

07-Chris Mabry

09-Cidney Eudy

    Ginny Marshall

    David Whitley

10-Russ Carpenter

11-Jim Carter

    Nancy Jolly

12-Morgan Kinley

14-Leah Kilde

    Courtney Niederer

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**MARCH**

10-David & Carroll Holbrook

13-Bill & Ruth Ann Rogers