



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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January 16, 2022

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.

PRELUDE *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Dietrich Buxtehude

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Melanie Hendrix

*CALL TO WORSHIP Steve Cumming, liturgist

Psalm 36

Your love, O God, extends to the heavens; your righteousness is like the ever-rolling mountains.

We shall feast on the abundance of your goodness, O God, and drink our fill of your mercy, O Fountain of life.

Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, through signs of grace, you reveal your glory to all the world. Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders you perform, that we may believe with our minds and trust in our hearts that you alone are Lord of all creation. Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* St. Denio

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent Reflection

Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance, that we may serve you faithfully. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE hymnal 119, stanza 3

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Mendelssohn

(The response will be sung by choir and congregation.)

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we nor more may die,

Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing, 'Glory to the newborn King!'

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM *The Best of Rooms* Hal H. Hopson
Christ, He requires still, wheresoe'er He come to feed or lodge,
to have the best of rooms:
Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part of all the house:
the best of all's the heart.

The congregation is encouraged to participate in the prayer with the children.

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN Reverend Cathy S. George
Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Faith Sharing with Children, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-3 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, quicken our understanding, that we may receive the testimony of Scripture and believe in the signs that reveal your presence. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON [John 2:1-11](#) Pew Bible, page 87

SERMON *The One About the Wine* Reverend Cathy S. George

*HYMN 722 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* Canonbury

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, *Come, Lord Jesus!* With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

From
*A Brief Statement
of Faith*
PC(USA)

RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory *If You But Trust God to Guide You* Georg Böhm
Doxology *As With Gladness Men of Old* hymnal 150, stanza 3

(The response will be sung by choir and congregation.) Dix
*As they offered gifts more rare at thy manger, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.*

*Prayer of Dedication

At the wedding feast of Cana, you gladdened the guests with divine generosity, filled to the brim and flowing over. We offer our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives to your service, that they may reveal your glory, nurture faith, and manifest the common good. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 339 *Lift Every Voice and Sing* Lift Every Voice

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Peace, God's Wonderful Peace* William Runyan
Peace, God's wonderful peace be with you now and evermore, Amen.

*POSTLUDE *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Dietrich Buxtehude

*All that are able may stand.

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Thank you to the Chancel Choir, Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, and Steve Cumming for their leadership in worship today.

The acolyte today is Melanie Hendrix.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of Vance Cole, Jacob Palmer, and Julia Cole.

Ushers for January: John Howell (captain), Duncan Bryson, Keith Bryson, and Jim Hesley

Outside Ushers for January 16: TBD; Tom Norwood

Sound: Evan Sanges; TBD **Film:** Katherine Jolly

Nursery: Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Carol Sassser **Children's Church:** Heather Kilde; Thora Kilde

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Fred McInturff (father of Michelle Cumming), Ross Holshouser, Gus Holbrook, Terry Morgan, Robin Howell, Don Abernathy, Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Gloria Bryson, Nancy Jolly, Claude Harwood, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

Please stop by the church (Pit Stop on Sundays and/or office area during the week) to sign a hymnal for Ruth Ann Rogers. The hymnal will be available thru the end of February. Call the church before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).



**FPC DRIVE-THRU MEAL ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19
 FROM 5:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.
 RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 17
 PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL**

Drive-Thru Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, January 19! Please RSVP by Monday, January 17 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday, January 19 between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

Menu: Hugh Wainwright's Brunswick Stew with Cornbread and Texas Sheet 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: call Anne Montgomery at 704-796-5841 or email Anne at johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com and let her know how many plates you need, and if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).



Central School Backpack Food Program Donations Needed
 Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish,
 Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper, Cans of Tuna, Chicken Helper, Cans of Chicken, Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups
Donations may be dropped off in the Pit Stop at the church.
Next Packing Date: Wednesday, January 19 at 10:30 a.m.



2022 Committee Reorganization
 Each year in January, committees reorganize and every member of the congregation has an opportunity to be part of the work of the church by saying **YES, I want to help.**
Contact Cathy George (704-982-2722 or cgeorge@fpcalbemarle.org)
to learn more about the Diaconate and Session Committees
and engage in the work of one or more.

Diaconate Committees which need you!

- Congregational Care
- Fellowship
- Ushering

Session Committees which need you!

- Christian Education
- Mission
- Property
- Stewardship
- Worship



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PARTNERSHIP DRIVE-THRU LUNCH
WITH TIFFANY'S
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27 FROM 11:30 A.M.- NOON
RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 24
PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL**

Tiffany's at the Boardroom is partnering with FPC to provide lunch to you! Drive-Thru Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on THURSDAY, January 27! Please RSVP by Monday, January 24 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Thursday, January 27 between 11:30 a.m.-NOON. For your safety, the kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

Menu:

**Tiffany's Tomato Bisque, Grilled Cheese Sandwich supplies for you to make at home,
& Red Velvet Cookies**

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

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

All we need you to do is: call or text Jane Snyder at 704-438-3358 and let her know how many plates you need and if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).

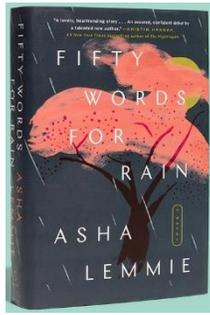
School supplies are needed for Central Elementary to finish the 2021-2022 school year. Please take the list below as you shop for much needed supplies for our partner school. BRING YOUR DONATION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO THE CHURCH AND DROP-OFF IN THE DESIGNATED BIN IN THE PIT STOP. COLLECTION WILL BE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY. If you have any questions, contact Ruth Cotton (704-942-1381 or hugawolf@hotmail.com).

Student Supplies

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| Crayons – 16 or 24 count Crayola brand only | Zipper Pencil Pouch or Plastic Pencil Box |
| Elmer's brand Glue Sticks | Plain Solid 2-pocket folders |
| #2 Pencils | Pocket folders with prongs |
| #2 Beginner Jumbo Pencils (for Kindergarten students) | Pencil top erasers |
| Composition Hard Cover Wide-Ruled books (not spiral bound) | Highlighters (packs) |
| 70-sheet wide-ruled 1-subject composition books | Crayola brand Colored Pencils |
| Scissors (child & youth sizes) | Crayola Markers |
| Playdoh brand play-doh | Clipboards |
| Pink Pearl Eraser | Ear Buds |
| Card Stock Paper | Headphones |
| Expo Dry Erase Markers (large & small size) | Small Pencil Sharpener |
| Notebook Paper (wide-ruled & regular-ruled) | Sticky Notes |

Classroom Supplies Needed Include:

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



January Book Conversation

Monday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

The January book is *Fifty Words for Rain* by Asha Lemmie. We will meet in the parlor at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 24.

Spanning decades and continents, *Fifty Words for Rain* is a dazzling epic about the ties that bind, the ties that give you strength, and what it means to be free.



Faith on the Fifth Offering on Sunday, January 30

The Mission Committee will receive a

Faith on the Fifth Offering on Sunday, January 30

to help those in our community with heating assistance through SCCM.



Due to the increase in Stanly County's positivity COVID rate, and for your protection and for the protection of the church staff, please take the following steps:

- (1) When you come into the church office, wear a mask and conduct your church business from the office counter.
- (2) If at all possible, conduct church business by phone or email. We will respond as quickly as possible.

The office phone number is 704-982-2722.

To email staff:

- Cathy George (cgeorge@fpcalbemarle.org)
- Kyle Lambert (klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)
- Pam Knighten (pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org)
- Jane Snyder (jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org)
- Gina Martin (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org)
- Stan Scheer (sscheer@fpcalbemarle.org)
- Frank Poolos (fpoolos@fpcalbemarle.org)

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.



**New Sunday School Class
Faith, Fellowship, & Food
Every Sunday at GloryBeans Coffee House
(134 West Main Street, Albemarle)**

GloryBeans has graciously offered to open the coffee shop for us every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for Faith, Fellowship, and Food. We would love you to join us! Please enter through the back alley. Text Melissa Eudy if you have questions (704-439-6747).

Other Adult Sunday School class offerings (meet at 9:45 a.m. at the church):

Hard Sayings of Jesus led by Dr. Bill Jolly (Location: Old Session Room-Basement)

Like his original hearers, many people today find Jesus' sayings hard. Some sayings are hard because they are difficult to understand, others because the demands they make on us are only too clear. F. F. Bruce examines seventy of the hard sayings of Jesus to clear away the cultural and historical difficulties which keep us from grappling with the real challenge of Jesus' message. Evident in each chapter is Bruce's keen evangelical scholarship and pastoral insight. Participants will look at a different hard saying each week and discuss. One example of a hard saying of Jesus is, *But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.*

The Wired Word led by various facilitators (Location: Church Parlor)

The class meets each week and discusses current events and Bible verses that relate to that event. Every Thursday morning, an email is sent to class members from *The Wired Word* organization (a non-denominational group) that contains three key elements: 1) a two-page summary of a specific current event or news item, 2) a few *key questions* to stimulate your thinking about the article and 3) several Bible verses which relate directly to issues in the news article or the key questions. You can read the lesson at your convenience and spend as much (or little) time thinking about it. In class on Sunday, the facilitator will briefly review highlights of the news article and lead the discussion of the key questions and Bible verses. Because the lesson is different every week, it does not matter if you miss a week or more at a time for whatever the reason. Please come and give it a try! You may just get *hooked* as so many of us are. Contact Rich Schaefer for more information (richard.schaefer@gmail.com or 614-579-2475).

Book Study led by Kim Marshall and Courtney Niederer (Location: Classroom 2-Basement)

This class is starting a new book on Sunday, January 30. If you are interested in participating in the book study, *Shantaram* by Gregory David Roberts, will be available on January 23 in the class.

Sunday School for Children (meet at 9:45 a.m.):

<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
Preschool (3-5 yr olds)	Preschool Room	Becky Andrew; Hannah Domenech; Angie Earnhardt
Grades K-3rd	Children's Church Room	Kim Andrew; Adrienne Averette
Grades 4th-5th	2 nd Floor Classroom	Heather Hatley; Penny Morton; Jill Niebler
Grades 6th-12th	Teen Room	Al Andrew; Emily Andrew

Church Staff Opening...Facilities Maintenance Coordinator

The church is in great need of a Facilities Maintenance Coordinator. This position recently received a pay upgrade and requires approximately 10 hours per week. The ideal person would be able to open/prepare and close the church on Sundays and as needed for scheduled events. The position involves operating and assisting in routine maintenance of the building systems including lighting, heating, air conditioning, plumbing, etc. The coordinator will work closely with the Property Committee chair, minister, and office manager to determine long-term maintenance needs. A job description for this position can be requested from the church office. If you know someone who might be interested, please contact the church office (704-982-2722).



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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 16

- 8:45 am Diaconate Meeting
- 9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House
(134 West Main Street, Albemarle)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship

Monday, January 17

Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
Church Office Closed

- 2:00 pm RSVP Deadline for 3rd Wednesday Drive-Thru Meal

Tuesday, January 18

- 12:00 pm February Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, January 19

No Youth Club

- 6:45 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm 3rd Wednesday Drive-Thru Meal
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, January 20

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Sunday, January 23

- 8:30 am Session Meeting
- 9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House (134 West Main Street, Albemarle)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 6:00 pm-8:00 pm SNL Youth

***childcare provided**

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!
JANUARY
16-Debbie Hahn
19-Nancy Feather
Ken Frazier
21-Drew Melone
22-Jaycee Barbee
23-Susan Garrison
Kim Marshall
Ronnie Michael

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Albemarle, NC 28002

Online giving can be done through the church’s website (www.fpcalbemarle.org). Click on the GIVE button.

!!! Pfeiffer Pfriends Are Needed !!!

The Health Sciences Program of Pfeiffer University continues its presence in downtown Albemarle as students are working on a degree in the Physician’s Assistant or Occupational Therapy Programs. **Your willingness to be a Pfeiffer Pfriend would be a blessing.** For more information on Pfeiffer Pfriends, please email Martha Sue at hallmsh@hotmail.com or call her at 704-985-5821.

