



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Albemarle, North Carolina

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February 20, 2022

The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

Prelude – Allegretto grazioso

Frank Bridge

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Jordan Hesley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ella Cumming, liturgist

Psalm 37

Take delight in the lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God's actions.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently before God.

The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of abundant mercy, you alone can turn evil into good, sorrow into rejoicing, and death into everlasting life. Teach us your way of grace—to meet hatred with kindness, to answer curses with blessing, to love without holding back, to give without thought of return; all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Lyons

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways, or trusted your promises. We love only those who love us; we show kindness only to those who are kind to us; we give only when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love. Change our lives by your matchless grace. These things we pray through Christ our Savior.

Silent Confession and Reflection

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE

hymnal 475, stanza 3

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

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

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Debby Johnston

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 your Word, you provide all we need—for salvation, for wholeness, for abundant life. Now draw us close in your Spirit, so that we may discover your will and live according to your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

He Comes to Us

Jane M. Marshall

He comes to us as one unknown, without a name, as of old,
By the lakeside he came to those men who knew Him not.
He speaks to us, He speaks the same word: *Follow thou me!*
And sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time.

He commands, and to those who obey Him,
Whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils,
The conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship.
And, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is.

O Morning Star, how fair and bright, thou beamest forth in truth and light.
O Sovereign meek and lowly, Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son,
My Lord and Master, Thou has won my heart to serve Thee. Thou are holy, fair, and
Glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing, rule and might o'er all possessing.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Genesis 45:3-11, 15](#)
[Luke 6:27-38](#)

Pew Bible, pages 40-41

Pew Bible, page 60

SERMON

Do What?

Reverend Cathy S. George

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 693

Though I May Speak

Gift of Love

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Sentences of Scripture

I Corinthians 12:4-7, 27

There are a variety of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination

*Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious and eternal God...be all glory and honor, now and forever.

Amen.

Remember your baptism and be thankful. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious and eternal God....to the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

*All those who are ordained are invited to stand where you are
and extend your hand for the Laying on of Hands.*

Welcome and Charge

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.

RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

Doxology

Offertory – Allegro comodo

We Give Thee but Thine Own

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

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.

Frank Bridge

hymnal 708, stanza 1

Schumann

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, you have given us land in which to grow and thrive, food for survival and pleasure, air and water, fire and cold. Make our thanksgiving bloom forth into the lives of others in the name of the one who gave everything for us. Amen.

*HYMN 295

Go to the World!

Sine nomine

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer

*POSTLUDE

Basse et Dessus de Trompette

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

*All that are able may stand.

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

The acolyte today is Jordan Hesley.

Ushers for February: Jim Hesley (captain), Elizabeth Bryson, Ella Cumming, Jim Ivey, Myron Lowder, and Lee Snuggs

Outside Ushers for February 20: Jim Marshall; TBD

Sound: Evan Sanges; Bob Johnston **Film:** Leah Kilde

Nursery: Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Liz Jolly; Katherine Jolly **Children's Church:** Lillie Hancock

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Carole Yost, Mark Rodgers (son of Tim & Laura Rodgers), Bill Cotton (brother of Andy Cotton), Debbie Hinson (mother of Melissa Eudy), 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.

The Deacon being installed today is Wes Eudy.

The Elder being ordained and installed is Catherine Moeller.

We will celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, February 27. All those who trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share in this meal of our community.

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).

CONFIRMATION CLASS



Confirmation Class is the process by which youth have the option to publicly profess their faith before the congregation and become individual members of First Presbyterian Church. Confirmation Class will be for 7th and 8th grade young people and led by Rev. George. The group will meet from 4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons:

February 23;

March 16; March 23; March 30;

April 6; and April 13.

Young people who decide they want to become Active Members of First Presbyterian Church will meet with the Session to be examined and received into membership on Easter Sunday (April 17). Let Cathy know TODAY if your young person is interested.



**SNL CHILI FUNDRAISER
IN THE PIT STOP FOLLOWING WORSHIP
OR DRIVE-THRU**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20 FROM 12:15 P.M.-12:45 P.M.

Menu: Chili, Cornbread, & Dessert

Contact Melissa Eudy at 704-439-6747 to place an order.

Proceeds benefit SNL summer mission trips.

!!! CARE CAFÉ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!!



The Care Café adult respite day program is looking for volunteers. Volunteers provide support, encouragement, and companionship to program participants. Volunteer training is provided.

We are committed to the safety of our volunteers and participants. Measures are taken to minimize the risk of COVID transmission.

We have immediate openings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m. If you are interested in sharing your time and talent with us, please contact Sandra Nance (704-986-2273 or carecafe@windstream).



For Sale

in the Pit Stop Freezer:

- \$5.00 pint Homemade Salsa
- \$8.00 quart Homemade Salsa
- \$5.00 quart Brunswick Stew

\$12.00 gallon Brunswick or Vegetable Soup (just a few left)



Faith Explorers Scavenger Hunt for Food
Sunday, February 20 from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Scavenger Hunt for the Backpack Program & SCCM

How It Works!

The children will have a list of items needed and will go out to the church members' houses to collect the items.

In order to pull this off, we need people to be willing to donate an item or two and let the organizer know which house to drop by.

Here are the items needed:

Backpack Program

Oatmeal Packs, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Packs of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Saltines, Tuna Helper, Cans of Tuna, Chicken Helper, Cans of Chicken, Snack Crackers, & Fruit Cups

SCCM

Peanut Butter and Jelly, Cleaning Supplies, Lysol Wipes

NO DONATION WILL BE DENIED AND WE WILL FIND A USE!

Please contact Kate Gibson at 336-301-4564 or Katherine.e.gibson@gmail.com to let us know if you want us to make our way to your home! Front porch pick up available if you cannot be home.

Thank you for helping us make this a success!



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:

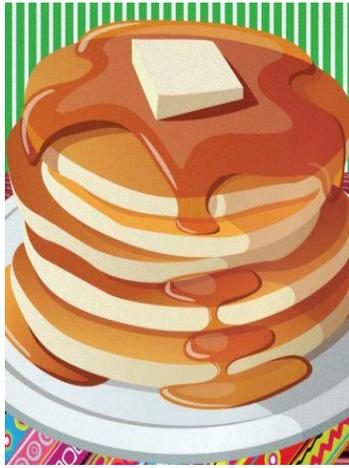
- (1) When you come into the church office, wear a mask and conduct your church business from the office counter.
- (2) If at all possible, conduct church business by phone or email. We will respond as quickly as possible.

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.



**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Drive-Thru
Tuesday, March 1 from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
RSVP by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28**

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner Pick-up or Delivery is on Tuesday, March 1! If you would like a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Meal, please RSVP by Monday, February 28 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Tuesday, March 1 between 5:00 p.m.-6:00pm. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while packaging your plates. Keith Bryson is coordinating the cooking – contact Keith if you want to help (704-984-0254). All proceeds will go toward the *10-Cents-a-Meal* program.

Menu: Pancakes and Syrup, Link Sausage and Fruit

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

February Book Conversation on Monday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

The February book is *Somewhere Off the Coast of Maine* by Ann Hood. We will meet in the parlor at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28.

March Book Conversation on Monday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

The March book is *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. We will meet in the parlor at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 28.

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.**

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 20

7th Sunday after Epiphany

Ordination & Installation of Officers

- 8:30 am Session Meeting
- 9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House
(134 West Main Street, Albemarle)
- 9:45 am-10:30 am The Wired Word Sunday School Class via Zoom
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Lenten Planning Committee
- 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers Scavenger Hunt for Food
- 12:15 pm-12:45 pm SNL Chili Fundraiser (pick-up or drive-thru)
- 6:00 pm-8:00 pm SNL

Monday, February 21 *Church Office Closed – President's Day Holiday*

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations at the home of Debby Johnston
(1212 Heritage Dr., Albemarle)

Wednesday, February 23

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 3:30 pm-5:30 pm Youth Club (K-5th Graders)
- 4:00 pm-4:45 pm Confirmation Class
- 5:30 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club Handbells with Frank Poolos
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, February 24

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

Sunday, February 27

Transfiguration of the Lord

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

No Children's Church

- 9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House (134 West Main Street, Albemarle)
- 9:45 am-10:30 am The Wired Word Sunday School Class via Zoom
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 6:00 pm-8:00 pm SNL The Bigger Church

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! FEBRUARY

- 20-Ashley Deese
Peter Henkenjohann
- 21-Nora Carpenter
Spence McIntyre
- 22-Will Lentz
Ben Lisk
- 25-Robbie Stevenson
Ann Upchurch
- 26-Calvin Huneycutt
- 28-Carroll Holbrook

The Wired Word Sunday School Class will meet via Zoom on Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m. until further notice. For the Zoom link information, contact Rich Schaefer (richard.schaefer@gmail.com).

NOW OPEN!

First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery
(Located in the Church Basement)
GHA Autism Supports Creative Arts
Program Presents...

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