



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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February 27, 2022
Transfiguration of the Lord

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Houston'

Robert A. Hobby

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Emily Deese

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ellen Snyder, liturgist

Psalm 99

The Lord is king; let the people tremble.

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's holy hill;

For the Lord our God is the Holy One.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, present in our midst yet beyond all comprehension, by your light, we see light; by your healing, we are made whole; by your mercy, we know your greatness. Turn your gaze upon our weakness and show us the way of your love, that we may live with unveiled faces, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion, the measure of our falling short. We have not loved as you command. We have not spoken truly. We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds, our lives might come to honor you.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

By your Spirit, O God, enlighten our hearts, open our minds, fill our vision with your radiance, and give us life, as we hear your Word this day. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Luke 9:28-36](#)

Pew Bible, page 65

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.

ANTHEM

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Paul Manz

Choir

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God sent the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In Him, there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path. And show me the way to the Father.
In Him, there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Congregation and Choir

(stanza 3, Glory to God hymnal #377)

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race. We shall know the joy of Jesus.
In Him, there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

SERMON

Thin Places

Reverend Cathy S. George

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*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. 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 to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN 193

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Unser Herrscher

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

From
*A Brief Statement
of Faith*

RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

Doxology

Aria

We Give Thee but Thine Own

Paul Manz

hymnal 708, stanza 1

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

Schumann

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.

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy are you, O Lord. We praise your great and awesome name. Use us, use these our gifts, in your service, to establish justice, righteousness, and fairness, all for the good of your people and the glory of your eternal realm. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right...into the way of righteousness and peace:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy...Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Gracious God...Now hear us as we are bold to pray together the prayer taught to us by our Lord, saying,

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.

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

*HYMN 749

Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

*POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

*All that are able may stand.

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

The acolyte today is Emily Deese.

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

Outside Ushers for February 27: Wes Eudy; Tom Norwood

Sound: Evan Sanges; Bob Johnston **Film:** James Cotton

Nursery: Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Gayle & Ned Russell

There is no Children's Church today. Children in K-3rd grades are encouraged to remain in worship.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Carole Yost (Trinity Place), Tim Rodgers (friend of Thomas Hahn), 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.

We will celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper today. 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 tomorrow. Call the church before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who supported the youth in their chili fundraiser last Sunday! Your generosity blessed them with \$1000 towards their Montreat trips this summer. If you would like to know more about Montreat or the youth program, please reach out to Jim Hesley (jimhesley@yahoo.com or 704-985-4271), Melissa Eudy (the5eudys@gmail.com or 704-439-6747), or one of our awesome youth!



**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.

**Ash Wednesday Service
March 6**

Worship at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Plan to begin this season of penitence and preparation in worship.

We will be reminded of our sin by the imposition of ashes.

Childcare provided.

Community Lent Services

**Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6 at Noon
Central United Methodist Church (172 North 2nd Street, Albemarle)**



March 9: Preacher: TBA

March 16: Preacher: Pastor James Laurence, Pastor at First Lutheran Church

March 23: Preacher: Rev. Ben Floyd, Pastor at Main Street United Methodist Church

March 30: Preacher: Rev. Cathy S. George, Transitional Pastor at First Presbyterian Church

April 6: Preacher: Rev. Jill Rhinehart, Pastor at Central United Methodist Church

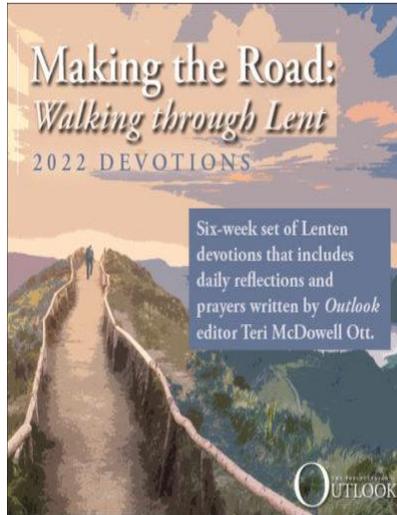
Lunch provided. Donations accepted with proceeds to benefit a community organization.



First Presbyterian Church continues to provide dinner on the 1st Friday of the month at the Community Inn. The next date to serve is March 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Volunteers gather at 6:00 p.m.

If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Ruth Cotton (hugawolf@hotmail.com).



2022 LENT DEVOTIONS

Making the Road: Walking through Lent

******* Available Sunday, March 6 *******

These devotions are based on the Spanish poet Antonio Machado's poem, *Walker*. Machado writes: *Walker, there is no road, the road is made by walking.*

Machado's poem resonates because it feels as if there is no road in front of us. The soil of our well-worn Lenten path has been overturned by the pandemic. If we want to follow Christ this Lent, we'll need to prepare the way and make the road. We'll need to rethink and recreate our Lenten practices.

This 6-week set of Lenten devotions includes daily reflections and prayers written by *Outlook* Editor, Teri McDowell Ott. Each week, we will make the road to Jerusalem through the following themes:

Walking through Lent, Walking in the Wilderness, Walking in Prayer, Walking with Others, Walking in Hope, Walking through Holy Week

You will receive a daily email devotion of *Making the Road: Walking through Lent*. Printed copies will be mailed to those who do not have access to the internet, and some will be available at both entrances to the church for visitors.

For Sale in the Pit Stop Freezer:

- \$5.00 pint Homemade Salsa
 - \$8.00 quart Homemade Salsa
 - \$5.00 quart Brunswick Stew
 - \$8.00 quart Shredded BBQ Chicken
 - \$12.00 gallon Brunswick Stew
- Please leave money in the freezer.



SCCM PANTRY NEEDS
Updated February 14, 2022



Food Items Needed

Mixed Vegetables
Sliced Carrots
Black Eye Peas
Cream-style Corn
Lima Beans
Butter Beans
Great Northern Beans
Navy Beans
Kidney Beans

Whole or Sliced Potatoes
Chili Beans with Meat
Chili No Beans
Sliced Pears
Peanut Butter
Jelly & Jam
Self-Rising Flour
(2 or 3 pound bags)

Cleaning Supplies Needed:

Dish Detergent, Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, All-Purpose Spray Cleaner

Items Not Needed: Canned Whole Kernel Corn, Canned Cut Green Beans, Pinto Beans, Sweet Peas, Spaghetti Noodles & Other Pasta Noodles, Tomato Soup & Chicken Noodle Soup, Canned Pasta, Mac & Cheese



From the Scholarship Committee...Scholarship applications will be available Tuesday, March 1 on the church website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and in the church office. **The deadline to return completed applications is Tuesday, April 5.** If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2022 are: Catherine Moeller, Chair, Shannon Bullard, Wes Eudy, Kim Marshall, and Lee McLaurin.

!!! 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).

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.

Making the Road: Walking through Lent

Lent Small Groups

During Lent, small groups will gather weekly for activity and light conversation around the daily devotional from *Making the Road: Walking through Lent*.



Hiking Group

Led by Connie Wallace and Ken Knight, this group will meet on **Sundays (beginning March 6) at 3:00 p.m.** at Morrow Mountain State Park.

Gratitude Group

Led by Gayle Russell and Jane Snyder, this group will meet on **Mondays (beginning March 7) at 10:00 a.m.** in the Pit Stop. Each week, a participant will bring a dish to share with a special story and it will be served alongside some gratitude sharing from the group.

Walking Group

Led by Kim Andrew, Chris Mabry, and Gina Martin, this group will meet on **Mondays (beginning March 7) at 4:00 p.m.** at Rock Creek Park. They will have group conversation on the go as they incorporate walking into their conversation.

Dinner Out Group

Led by Emily Andrew and Ben Jolly, this group will gather at local restaurants on **Tuesdays (beginning March 8) at 6:00 p.m.** (limit 12 people).

Tuesday, March 8	Five Points Public House (304 E. Main St.)
Tuesday, March 15	Jalapeños (1416 US 52 Hwy)
Tuesday, March 22	Pizzantica (780 Leonard Ave. Suite T)
Tuesday, March 29	The Boardroom Restaurant (135 West Main St.)
Tuesday, April 5	Badin Brews (124 S. 1 st St.; Food at Hilltop Seafood-outside)

Lent Fest

Led by Ken Knight, Leo McLeod, Billie Jean & Lee Snuggs, this group will tailgate in the lower parking lot at First Presbyterian Church on **Wednesdays (beginning March 9) from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** Grab your Lenten drive-thru meal or bring something from home and join the group to enjoy music, food, fellowship, and activities for the children. Drinks provided. Bring your lawn chair.

Tea & Conversation

Led by Ann Duckwall and Lynn Poplin, this group will gather in the parlor on **Thursdays (beginning March 10) at 2:00 p.m.** to enjoy light refreshments, fellowship, and conversation.

******* Sign-up sheets for the Lent Small Groups are available in the Pit Stop. *******



DRIVE-THRU LENT MEALS ON WEDNESDAYS

MARCH 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6

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 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6. 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 9:

Pasta with Marinara, Garlic Bread, and Pound Cake

Menu for Wednesday, March 16:

The Eudy's Smoked Chicken, Baked Beans, Red Slaw, and Pound Cake

Menu for Wednesday, March 23:

**Chicken Pot Pie and Pound Cake
(SNL Youth Fundraiser)**

Menu for Wednesday, March 30:

Chicken Niçoise Salad

**(Grilled Chicken, Egg, Marinated Beans, Roasted Potatoes, Croutons over Mixed Greens),
and Pound Cake**

Menu for Wednesday, April 6:

Baked Potato with Cheese, Sour Cream, Butter, and Bacon on the side, and 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:

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

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

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

Monday, February 28

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 2:00 pm RSVP Shrove Tuesday Pancake Drive-Thru
- 7:00 pm Book Conversation in the Parlor
- 8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations

Tuesday, March 1

- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Drive-Thru Meal

Wednesday, March 2

Ash Wednesday

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
- 3:30 pm-5:30 pm Youth Club (K-5th Graders)
- 5:30 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club Handbells with Frank Poolos
- 6:00 pm *Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 3

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

Friday, March 4

- 6:00 pm Meal for the Community Inn

Sunday, March 6

1st Sunday of Lent

Ten Cents a Meal Offering for Hunger

- 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 (Zoom)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 3:00 pm Hiking Group (Morrow Mountain State Park)
- 6:00 pm-8:00 pm SNL Youth

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FEBRUARY

28-Carroll Holbrook

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MARCH

02-Al Andrew
Jordan Davis
Luke Davis
Natalie Niederer
Ellen Snyder
05-Becky Andrew
06-Keith Andrew
Robert Ivey
07-Chris Mabry

NOW OPEN!

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

POP ART

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).