



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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March 6, 2022

First Sunday in Lent

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus

Dale Wood

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Hugh Carpenter

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lori Ivey, liturgist

Psalm 32

Let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go. I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God of the wilderness, as we devote these forty days to you, shape us by your Holy Spirit into the image of Christ our Lord, so that we may be ready, by your grace, to confront the power of death with the promise of eternal life. Amen.

*HYMN 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Restoration

The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger may be brought forward at this time.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus 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 39, stanza 3

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

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

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:

blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, may the words of your mouth be our daily bread, and may the leading of your Spirit become our way; in Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Matthew 4:1-11

Pew Bible, page 2
Pew Bible, page 3

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Leo McLeod

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.

ANTHEM

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Carl F. Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence;
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation,
And uphold me with thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;
And sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

SERMON

Temptation and Its Cure

Reverend Cathy S. George

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION 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.

*HYMN 440

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Aberystwyth

*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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Connie Wallace

RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

Wondrous Love

David N. Johnson

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

hymnal 606

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

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the free and abundant gift of grace you have given us in Jesus Christ. Let the simple gifts of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 724

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Angel's Story

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Fourfold Amen

John Stainer

*POSTLUDE

Psalm

Benedetto Marcello

*All that are able may stand.

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Thank you to the Chancel Choir, Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, Lori Ivey, Leo McLeod, and Connie Wallace for their leadership in worship today.

The acolyte today is Hugh Carpenter.

Ushers for March: Myron Lowder (captain), Al Andrew, Emily Andrew, Ella Cumming, Steve Cumming, and Jack Morton

Outside Ushers for March 6: Jim Marshall; Lee Snuggs **Sound:** Evan Sanges; Leah Kilde

Film: Katherine Jolly **Nursery:** Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Becky Andrew; Emily Andrew

Children's Church: Laura McLeod

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger today.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Margaret Clemmons Hill (mother of Julie Hill), Kristen Scheer (daughter of Stan Scheer), Helen Melton (niece of Elizabeth Wilson), 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.

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
 Lunch provided.

Donations accepted with proceeds to benefit a community organization.

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

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).



The Talent Company presents
Annie
March 25, 26, 31 & April 1, 2 at 7:00 p.m.
March 27 & April 3 at 3:00 p.m.
Albemarle Neighborhood Theater
(219 East North Street, Albemarle)
Adult Ticket (14 and up) \$10 Youth Ticket (13 and under) \$5
www.TheTalentCompany.org

!!! Help Our Partnership School !!!



Central Elementary School is excited to kick off a Tidal Wave Auto Spa fundraiser TODAY!

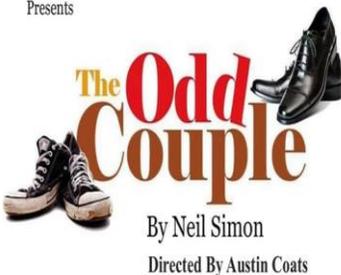
Proceeds from this fundraiser will assist with purchasing instructional materials, supporting incentives for PBIS, and general school needs. We hope you will help us raise funds by purchasing a car wash certificate for yourself. They also make great gifts for friends and family! Coupons are \$10 each and are for the \$20 valued car wash!

To purchase Tidal Wave Car Wash Coupons, contact Kristie Bryson (text/call 864-230-3074 or email kristie.bryson@stanlycountyschools.org).

<p>\$20 Car Wash Includes Triple Conditioner Tire Shine Rain Repellent Wheel Shine Dry-N-Shine Super Polish Tidal Wave Rinse Sea Foam Sea Shine Free Vacuums</p>	A coupon graphic with a white background and a black border. On the left side, it says "\$10 per coupon" in blue. In the center, it says "GOOD FOR ONE ULTIMATE WASH" in green. On the right side, it says "\$20 Value" in blue. There are small black stars in the corners.
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Presents



The Uwharrie Players presents

The Odd Couple

By Neil Simon

Directed by Austin Coats

Remaining Shows:

March 11th & 12th at 7:30 p.m.

March 13th at 3:00 p.m.

At the Albemarle Neighborhood Theatre

219 E. North Street, Albemarle, NC

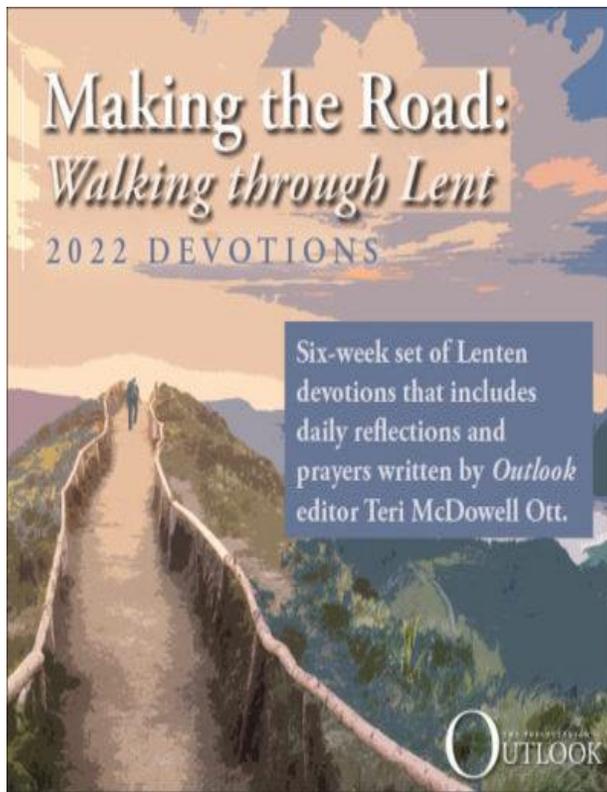
Adults \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door

Junior/Senior \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door

Advanced Tickets Available at www.uwharrieplayers.org

And the Stanly County Agri-Civic Center

Our own James Cotton and Melissa Eudy are actors in the play. And Austin Coats serves as the director.



2022 LENT DEVOTIONS

Making the Road: Walking through Lent

*****Daily Emailed Devotions begin 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

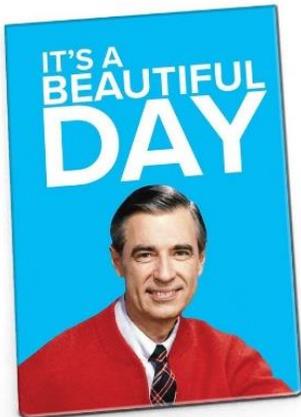


From the Scholarship Committee...Scholarship applications will be available Tuesday, March 1 on the church website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and in the church office. **The deadline to return completed applications is Tuesday, April 5.** If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee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

!!! It's Mr. Rogers Day !!!

!!! Join us for an Intergenerational Sunday School !!!

Who: All Ages
What: Neighboring Sunday in honor of Mr. Rogers
When: Sunday, March 20 from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.
Where: Pit Stop



Wear a cardigan if you have one!

Join us for coffee, juice, muffins, and conversation surrounding what it means to *Be a Neighbor!*

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. *******

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 6

1st Sunday in 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 *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 3:00 pm Hiking Group (Morrow Mountain State Park)
- 6:00 pm-8:00 pm SNL Youth

Monday, March 7

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:00 am Gratitude Group (Pit Stop)
- 2:00 pm RSVP Deadline Lenten Drive Thru Meal
- 4:00 pm Walking Group (Rock Creek Park)
- 8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations at the home of
Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr., Albemarle)

Tuesday, March 8

- 6:00 pm Dinner Out Group (Five Points Public House)

Wednesday, March 9

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 12:00 pm Community Lent Service at Central UMC
(172 North 2nd St.)
- 1:30 pm Circle #5
- 3:30 pm-5:30 pm Youth Club (K-5th Graders)
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Lenten Drive-Thru Meal
- 5:00 pm-7:00 pm Lent Fest (Church Lower Parking Lot)
- 5:30 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club Handbells with Frank Poolos
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 10

- 2:00 pm Tea & Conversation Group (Church Parlor)
- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Sunday, March 13

2nd Sunday in Lent

- 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
- 12:00 pm SNL Youth Bowling Outing
- 3:00 pm Hiking Group (Morrow Mountain State Park)

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MARCH

- 06-Keith Andrew
Robert Ivey
- 07-Chris Mabry
- 09-Cidney Eudy
David Whitley
- 10-Russ Carpenter
- 11-Jim Carter
Nancy Jolly
- 12-Morgan Kinley

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MARCH

- 10-David & Carroll Holbrook

The Wired Word Sunday

School Class will resume meeting in the Parlor on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m.

NOW OPEN!

First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery

(Located in the Church
Basement)

GHA Autism Supports
Creative Arts Program
Presents...

POP ART