



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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April 3, 2022

Fifth 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

*Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley*

Dale Wood

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Seth Richards

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Nathaniel Eudy, liturgist

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

**We were like those who dream.**

Then our mouth was filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

**We rejoiced: *The Lord has done great things for us.***

May those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

**Come home with joy, carrying their sheaves.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Creator God, you have formed us as your own, so whether we're weeping or laughing, dreaming or shouting for joy, we are always coming home to you. For all this and more, we thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*HYMN 630

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Crusaders' Hymn

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

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name we pray.**

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 41, stanza 5

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*  
(The response will be sung by choir and congregation.)  
*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.*

Lyons

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Melissa Eudy

*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

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Gilbert M. Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Break open the Scripture through the power of your Spirit, O God. Let your word read and proclaimed, pour out until its fragrance fills this house and our lives. Then, anointed with your word, send us out to share the good news we have received. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Isaiah 43:16-21](#)

Pew Bible, page 632

SERMON

*A New Thing*

Reverend Cathy S. George

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN 74

*When God Restored Our Common Life*

Resignation

\*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

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

Johannes Brahms

Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

hymnal 675

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

Tallis' Canon

*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

**Gracious God, we bow before you in gratitude and awe, asking you to receive what we have brought in response. May these gifts be a pleasing and fragrant offering, for the sake of the world you came to save. We pray in your holy name. Amen.**

\*HYMN 463

*How Firm a Foundation*

Foundation

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Mark Schweizer

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you,

The Lord lift up His eyes to you and be gracious unto you and give you peace.

Amen.

\*POSTLUDE

*Postlude in G Major*

George Frederic Handel

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\*All that are able may stand.

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**Thank you** to the Chancel Choir, Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, Melissa Eudy, and Nathaniel Eudy for their leadership in worship today.

**The acolyte today is** Seth Richards.

**Ushers for April:** Wes Eudy, captain; Cidney Eudy, Julian Eudy, Melissa Eudy, Nathaniel Eudy, Ethan Richards, Seth Richards

**Elder Greeters:** Ken Knight; Andy McLeod

**Outside Ushers for April 3:** John Earnhardt; Chris Whitley **Sound:** Evan Sanges; Ken Knight

**Film:** Leah Kilde **Nursery:** Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Kristie Bryson

**Children's Church:** Kyle Lambert; Katie Carpenter

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

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**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Doris Forte (Atrium-Stanly; pneumonia), Donna Lehr (sister of Connie Wallace; cancer diagnosis), Brayden Enzor (grandson of Gus & Pam Holbrook), Robin Howell (Atrium- Northeast), Ken Frazier, 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, Don Abernathy, Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Gloria Bryson, Nancy Jolly, Claude Harwood, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

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### **Community Lent Service on Wednesday, April 6 at Noon**

**Central United Methodist Church (172 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Albemarle)**

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

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

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### **!!! Hurray For Breakfast Bunch for K-5<sup>th</sup> Graders !!!**

Who can come? K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders

What? Gathering as friends to enjoy breakfast

When? \*\*\* April 3, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. \*\*\*Note change of date!

Where? Stage in the gym – We can spread out for eating.

Why? To pray together & build strong community of faith

Please let Gina Martin (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org) or Katherine Jolly (kat6420@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us. \*Muffins, yogurt, fruit and juice provided.



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### **First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle**

*Amazingly Created Kid's Camp*

**Dates: Monday, June 20-Friday, June 24, 2022**

**9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

**Ages 4 years old – Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**Please complete a form for each child.**

**Visit Link to Pre-Register: <https://tinyurl.com/bdetda4t>**

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**From the Scholarship Committee...**Scholarship applications are due in the church office by **Tuesday, April 5**. Applications are available in the church office and on the church's website: <http://www.fpcalbemarle.org/Scholarships.aspx>

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.





**DRIVE-THRU LENT MEALS ON WEDNESDAYS**

**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: 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, 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](mailto: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).

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**Easter Egg Hunt & Cookout**

**Sunday, April 10**

**City Lake Park**

**4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.**

**Sponsored by SNL**

All children are invited to come celebrate Palm Sunday and Easter by hunting for Easter eggs, enjoying a delicious cookout, and playing outside together! Bring your Easter basket!

# HOLY WEEK



## **Palm Sunday (April 10)**

### **9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Fair**

Gather in the back parking lot (gym, if raining) for a continental breakfast, conversation around the table, and activities for children of ALL ages. Reflect on Christ’s final days using Spirituality Centers set-up around the church.

### **11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship**

Worship will include a palm parade celebrating Christ’s triumphal entry.

### **4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt at City Lake Park**

Come share food (hotdogs), fun, and fellowship. Bring an Easter basket and a friend!

## **Monday – Friday (April 11-15)**

### **7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Perk & Pray**

Drive-thru the parking lot on First Street for a cup of coffee or a juice box and a prayer.

## **Maundy Thursday (April 14)**

**6:00 p.m.** We will worship and share the Lord’s Supper.

## **Good Friday (April 15)**

### **10:30 a.m. Cross Walk (for all ages)**

Meet outside the sanctuary (North Street). We’ll follow the cross through downtown Albemarle and pray for the people of our community.

## **Easter Eve Cookout & Camping on Saturday, April 16 at Morrow Mountain State Park**

Hardy souls are invited to camp out the night before Easter at Morrow Mountain. For those feeling less hardy, there will be plenty of time for a cookout and fellowship before the sun goes down. Campers and non-campers can arrive at the group campsite (5 & 6) around 5:00 p.m. Feel free to bring dinner to cook on the coals, or if you wish, you can bring supper from home or take out from your favorite restaurant. S’mores will be provided! Please bring your drinks and chairs along as well! Contact Ken Knight if you plan to join the gathering (kbnknight17@gmail.com or 704-438-4686)!

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**In lieu of Easter lilies**, memorials and/or honorariums may be given to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in emergency response to the war in Ukraine.

If you would like to contribute to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in memory and/or in honor of a loved one, fill out the form below exactly as you wish the memorial or honorarium to read. Please place in the offering plate or leave in the church office no later than **Sunday, April 10**. Checks should be payable to “First Presbyterian Church” and designated “Presbyterian Disaster Assistance-Ukraine.” All memorials/honorariums received by April 10 will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 17.

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**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance-Ukraine**

**In honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_



# Palm Sunday Fair

Sunday, April 10

9:30 a.m.

Church Parking Lot

(\*Rain Plan: Church Gym)

**Intergenerational Event for ALL!!!**

**Continental Breakfast**

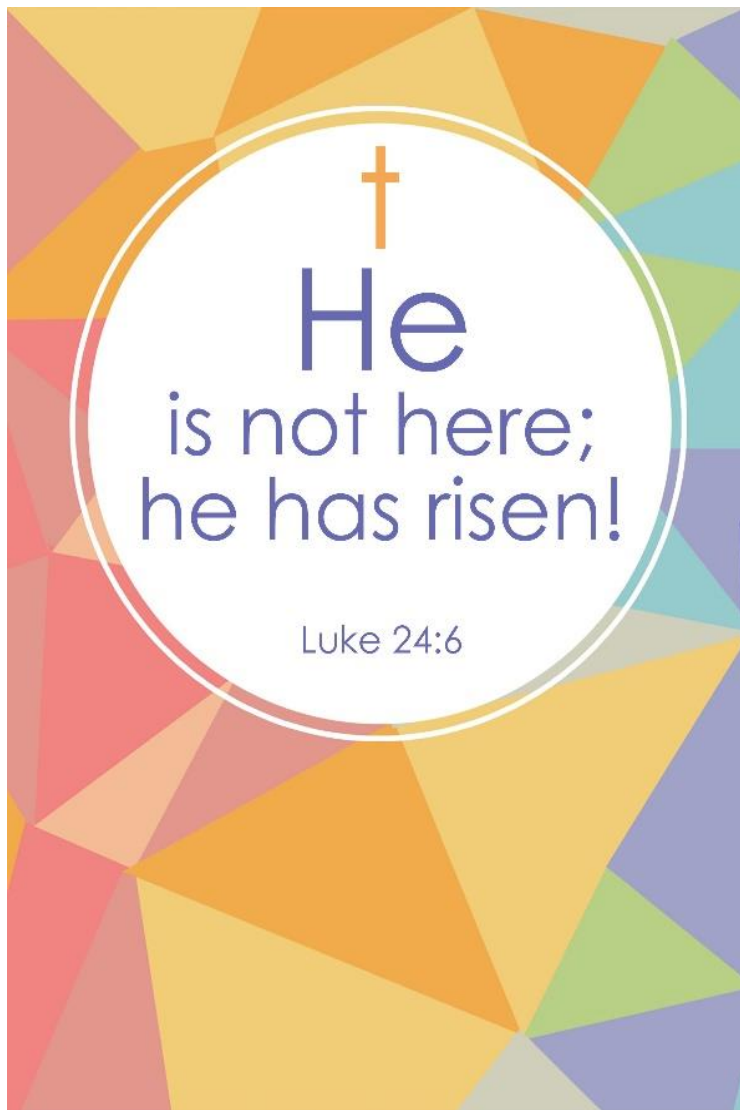
**Conversation around the Table**

**Activities for Children of ALL Ages**

**Spirituality Centers will be set-up around the church to  
reflect on Christ's final days.**

**Centers will remain in the church during Holy Week.**

**Join in the celebration of the triumphant entry of Jesus into  
Jerusalem and prepare your hearts and minds for Holy Week.**



# **Easter Sunday**

## **April 17**

**7:00 a.m.**

**Easter Sunrise Service at Morrow Mountain State Park**

Gather at the shelter at the top of Morrow Mountain to celebrate the risen Christ. Dress for the weather and linger for fellowship and a light breakfast following worship.

**9:45 a.m.**

**Sunday School**

Sunday School for all ages.

**11:00 a.m.**

**Easter Worship in the Sanctuary**

Worship will include seasonal music and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.





**Central School Backpack Food Program Donations Needed**  
 Breakfast Bars, Peanut Butter Crackers, Individual Packs of Goldfish,  
 Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers  
**Donations may be dropped off  
 in the Pit Stop at the church.**

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**SCCM Pantry Needs (updated 03/22/2022)**

**Food Items Needed:**

Mixed Vegetables, sliced carrots, Black Eye Peas, Lima Beans, Great Northern Beans, Navy Beans,  
 Whole or Sliced Potatoes, Diced Tomatoes, Hamburger Helper, Beef Stew, Pancake Mix, Syrup,  
 Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup

**Cleaning Supplies:**

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

**Items Not Needed at this time:**

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

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**For Sale in the Pit Stop Freezer (please leave money in the freezer):**

\$5.00 pint Homemade Salsa  
 \$8.00 quart Homemade Salsa  
 \$5.00 Marinara

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**The Talent Company presents...Annie**

**LAST SHOW...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](http://www.TheTalentCompany.org)**

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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:  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 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.

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, April 3

*Fifth Sunday in Lent/Ten Cents a Meal Offering for Hunger*

- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch (K-5<sup>th</sup> Grades – Gym)
- 9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 2:30 pm SNL meets to see the play *Annie*
- 3:00 pm Hiking Group (Morrow Mountain State Park)

### Monday, April 4

- 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

### Tuesday, April 5

*Deadline for Scholarship Applications*

- 6:00 pm Dinner Out Group (Badin Brews)

### Wednesday, April 6

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 12:00 pm Community Lent Service at Central UMC
- 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
- 3:30 pm-5:30 pm Youth Club (K-5<sup>th</sup> Graders)
- 4:00 pm-4:45 pm Confirmation Class
- 5:30 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club Handbells with Frank Poolos
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Lenten Drive-Thru Meal
- 5:00 pm-7:00 pm Lent Fest (Church Lower Parking Lot)
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 7

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 2:00 pm Tea & Conversation (Church Parlor)
- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

### Sunday, April 10

*Palm Sunday/Holy Week Begins/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/*

*Youth Club Trusty Travelers & Faith Explorers Sing in Worship/*

*Deadline for Presbyterian Disaster Memorial/Honorarium Forms in lieu of Easter Lilies*

- 8:30 am Session Meeting
- 8:45 am Diaconate Meeting
- 9:30 am \*Palm Sunday Fair (Church Parking Lot)
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 4:30 pm-6:30 pm Easter Egg Hunt & Cookout at City Lake Park

**\*childcare provided**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### APRIL

- 04-Wes Eudy
- 05-Steve Blalock  
Amy Jones
- 07-Angie Earnhardt  
Russell Karr
- 08-Joyce Lambert
- 10-Murphy Hall  
Grayson Jones  
Holden Taylor

### Elders

- Al Andrew
- John Earnhardt
- Bill Jolly
- Mary Kesselman
- Mike King
- Ken Knight
- Kim Marshall
- Andy McLeod
- Catherine Moeller
- Sandy Rogers
- Ellen Snyder
- Chris Whitley
- Ellen Whitley

### Deacons

- Emily Andrew
- Keith Bryson
- Shannon Bullard
- Michelle Cumming
- Wes Eudy
- Martha Sue Hall
- Lillie Hancock
- Jim Hesley
- Liz Jolly
- Myron Lowder
- Laura McLeod
- Lee Snuggs