



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

Church Offices: (704) 982-2722

Website: [www.fpcalbemarle.org](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)

May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Nathaniel Eudy and Andy McLeod

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

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision* Dale Wood

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Melanie Hendrix

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Merrin Kinley

Walk alongside the Lord, and all will be well.

**God has shown us the path, and we must follow it.**

Reflect upon others the love that the Lord has given us.

**For even when walking through the darkest valley, we are protected by God's goodness and love.**

Fear not the shadow of death, for you will rest in heaven.

**God is with us and comforts us both in life and in death.**

Written by  
Andy McLeod

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY Emily Deese

**Dear God, we thank you for guiding us through our journeys. Nurture and show us the right way to live as we worship and serve you. We trust you in carrying our paths in the right direction so that we follow in your will and work in your ways. Amen.**

Written by  
Elizabeth Bryson,  
Cidney Eudy, and  
Jackson Palmer

\*HYMN 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Nettleton

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Wesley Rodgers

**Dear Lord, in the light of your goodness we see the sins, pain, and suffering we have caused. Help us walk in your grace and mercy, cleanse us of our sins, and use us as disciples of your Word. Amen.**

*Silent Confession and Reflection*

Written by  
Nathaniel Eudy,  
Seth Richards, and  
Wesley Rodgers

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Mark Rodgers

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

Glory to God  
hymnal 582  
stanza 1

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

RECOGNITION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Catherine Moeller

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Elizabeth Bryson, Campbell Bullard, and Jackson Palmer

*Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Recognition of the Graduate, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.*

Recognition of High School Graduate

Melissa Eudy

Presentation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Composed for the  
funeral of  
President Gerald Ford  
at the  
National Cathedral,  
January 2, 2001

ANTHEM

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Michael McCarthy

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;

I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living waters flow, thy ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me,  
And on His shoulder gently laid and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth,  
And, oh what transport of delight from thy pure chalice gloweth.

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never,  
Good shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Written by  
Hugh Carpenter,  
Leo McLeod, and  
Mark Rodgers

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Addison Marks

**Almighty God of everlasting love, with your power, open our eyes to see the lessons and glory of your scripture and the lessons taught to us by your Son, his disciples, and your holy followers. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

[Psalm 23](#)

Pew Bible, page 474

Leah Kilde, reader

[Acts 9:36-43](#)

Pew Bible, page 120

Thora Kilde, reader

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

Katherine Jolly & Andy McLeod

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

Hugh Carpenter

**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 175

*Seek Ye First*

Lafferty

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Ethan Richards

**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

*Pastorale*

Robert Lau

Doxology

*Take My Life*

hymnal 697, stanza 6

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

Hendon

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;*

*Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

Leo McLeod

\*HYMN 157

*I Danced in the Morning*

Lord of the Dance

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Katherine Jolly

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Amen*

Peter C. Lutkin

\*POSTLUDE

*Finale, Op. 32*

Hans Friedrich Micheelsen

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\*All that are able may stand.

Written by  
Katherine Jolly

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

**The acolyte today** is Melanie Hendrix.

**There is no Children's Church today.** School-aged children are encouraged to remain in worship.

**Youth Ushers:** Desmond Bullard, Walker Bullard, Hugh Carpenter, Emily Deese, Cidney Eudy, Nathaniel Eudy, Jordan Hesley, Leo McLeod, Stella Marks, Seth Richards, Mark Rodgers, and Holden Taylor

**Ushers for May:** John Howell, captain; Derreck Huneycutt, Ken Knight, Natalie Niederer, Chris Whitley, and David Whitley

**Outside Ushers for May 8:** John Earnhardt; Jack Morton

**Elder Greeters:** Mike King; Ellen Whitley

**Sound:** Evan Sanges **Film:** Katherine Jolly **Nursery:** Kyle Lambert

**Kids Care Crew:** Penny Morton **No Children's Church**

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**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Witt Snuggs, Doris Forte (Spring Arbor), Brayden Enzor (grandson of Gus & Pam Holbrook; 2 brain tumors, currently undergoing chemo and then radiation), Robin Howell, Helen Melton (niece of Elizabeth Wilson), Carole Yost (home), Tim Rodgers (friend of Thomas Hahn), Bill Cotton (brother of Andy Cotton), Debbie Hinson (mother of Melissa Eudy), 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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### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

First Presbyterian Church recognizes the following high school graduate:

**Maci Holshouser**, daughter of Terrie Holshouser and Ross Holshouser, will graduate from North Stanly High School. She will attend East Carolina Univeristy.

**Ethan Richards**, son of Brett Richards and Sherrie Richards, will graduate from Gray Stone Day School. College plans are pending at this time.

### Higher Education Graduates

**Carolina McLeod** will graduate in May from The Medical University of South Carolina with her M.D. (Doctor of Medicine). She will begin her residency in June at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

**John Hardin Sawyer** will receive his Doctor of Ministry on May 21 from Columbia Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. He is pastor of Bedford Presbyterian Church in Bedford, NH and was ordained at First Presbyterian Church in September 2004. He is the son of Mary Louise and Jim Sawyer.

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**First Presbyterian Church is in need of a Part-Time Secretary.** Must be proficient in Word, Publisher, Google Docs, and Google Sheets. The job is 20 hours per week (Monday-Thursday) from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. If interested, please contact the church office (704-982-2722).



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### INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?



Are you looking for a church home? Have you been visiting for a while and think you might like to put down roots? Are you simply interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of First Presbyterian Church? We would love to talk to you about what being a member looks like! Please contact Rev. Cathy George (cgeorge@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722), or Sandy Rogers (sandyrogers119@msn.com or 704-244-1191), chair of the Membership Committee!

# *First Presbyterian Church 2022 Scholarship Recipients*

## **First Presbyterian Church Scholarship recipients are:**

**Landon Almond...**will graduate from North Stanly High School and plans to attend Pfeiffer University majoring in Criminal Justice.

**Hayden Furr...**will graduate from North Stanly High School and plans to attend Pfeiffer University or The University of North Carolina-Pembroke majoring in Psychology with a minor in Sports Management.

**Ali Little...**will graduate from Albemarle High School and plans to attend The University of North Carolina – Wilmington majoring in Nursing.

**Will Little...**attends Pfeiffer University majoring in Health and Physical Education.

**Gavin Olivieri...**attends The University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill majoring in Exercise and Sports Science and Cognitive Science.

**Cortney Queen...**attends Pfeiffer University majoring in English Education.

## **Francys and Jake Jacobs Scholarship recipients are:**

**Avery Carrick....**attends The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill majoring in Exercise & Sports Science with a minor in Food Studies.

**Morgan Kinley...**attends Appalachian State University majoring in Exercise Science.

**Tamara Rice...**attends The University of North Carolina-Wilmington majoring in Nursing.

**Trevor Rice...**attends The University of North Carolina-Charlotte majoring in Marketing.

**Witt Snuggs...**attends North Carolina State University majoring in Forestry Management.

## **The Ayscue Scholarship recipient is:**

**Sadye Helms...**attends The University of North Carolina-Pembroke majoring in Biology with a Biomedical Emphasis.

## **Maude Boysworth Scholarship recipient is:**

**Grace Richards...**attends The University of North Carolina – Charlotte majoring in Environmental Studies.

## **Moeller Family Endowment Scholarship recipient is:**

**Edgar Hernandez...**attends the University of North Carolina-Charlotte majoring in International Business and Japanese.

## **Helen Mount Scholarship recipient is:**

**Ethan Richards...**will graduate from Gray Stone Day School. College plans are pending at this time.

## **Daniel Mann Whitley Scholarship recipient is:**

**Alyssa Pope...**will graduate from West Stanly High School and plans to attend The University of North Carolina – Wilmington majoring in Digital Arts.

## MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

### IN MEMORY OF:

### GIVEN BY:

Betty Long .....	Al & Becky Andrew
Mary Lou Andrew .....	Mark & Kim
Daisy L. Cotton .....	Andy and Ruth Cotton & James Cotton
Betty M. Stanhope .....	Ruth and Andy Cotton & James Cotton
Nora Wood Duckwall.....	Ann Duckwall
Betsy Earnhardt & Ruth Huneycutt .....	John & Angie Earnhardt
Mim Burdett & Frances Mabry .....	Kate Gibson, Meg Mabry, & Jen Mabry
Ninver K. Barrett & Kathleen L. Ivey .....	Margaret B. Ivey & Family
Louise Lowder.....	Myron & Nancy Lowder
Josephine McCarn .....	Nancy & Myron Lowder
Rita Whitley .....	Kyle, Laura Beth, Addison, & Stella Marks
Virginia Ann Marshall & Patricia Anne Ridenhour .....	Dr. & Mrs. James Marshall
Katie Dearstyne & Oleta Norwood .....	Holly & Tom Norwood
Dortha Hatley .....	Frankie Palmer
Mary Ratchford, Martha Morgan Harris, & Louise Ritchie .....	Martha Sue
Grace Juanita Vandever, Myrtie Mat Armstrong, & Elsie Mae Samples .....	Dan
Paula Shedd & Joan Sharp .....	Shelley, Mike, Jackson, and Thomas Shedd & Rev. Catherine George
Agatha Drye & Edith Whitley.....	Barbara & Chris Whitley

### IN HONOR OF:

### GIVEN BY:

Mildred Andrew .....	Her Family
Becky Andrew .....	Emily Andrew & Jay Andrew
Peggy Smith .....	Mark & Kim
Angie Earnhardt .....	Adrienne Averette & Kelly Lentz
Gloria Bryson .....	Debra, David, Ellen, Donna, Keith, & Sheila
Kay Bullard & Debbie Desmond .....	The Bullard Family
Ruth Cotton .....	Andy Cotton & James Cotton
Adrienne Averette & Kelly Lentz .....	John & Angie Earnhardt
Chris Mabry & Debbe Gibson .....	Kate, Trey, Carter, & Emma Gibson
Brenda Cox & Margaret Ivey.....	Jim, Lori, William, & Robert Ivey
Lori Ivey .....	William Ivey & Robert Ivey
Pam Morgan .....	The Kinleys & The Carters
Nancy Lowder .....	Doug Lowder and Matt Lowder
Brittany Mallory & Ashley Maust .....	Dr. & Mrs. James Marshall
Patsy McLaurin .....	Lee McLaurin
Carolyn McLaurin .....	Charles McLaurin & Chris McLaurin
Kellie Cole & Jessica Palmer .....	Frankie Palmer
Jean Rabe.....	Lynn Poplin
Cheri Samples.....	Liam & Ava
Teresa Samples.....	Daniel Ollie
Morgan Hall .....	Palmer
Mary Green, Miriam Russell, & Doris Forte .....	Martha Sue & Dan
Jennifer Richter, Catherine Hampton, & Abby Lovins.....	Chris & Barbara Whitley

**Community Table on Saturday, May 14**

On Saturday, May 14th, First Presbyterian Church will host lunch at the Community Table. Volunteers are needed for the following:

- 1) to provide a pasta salad to serve 15-20 people;
- 2) to provide a dessert (pound cakes, cookies, or brownies);
- 3) to help serve and clean up on the 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

At this time, meals are takeout only, but this could possibly change to dining in building. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Linda Anderson (lmaanderson1949@gmail.com or 704-982-3723).



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**SNL Meal Fundraiser on Sunday, May 15**

**Pick-Up Following Worship or Drive-Thru**

**Menu: Chicken Bog (Chicken & Rice), Bread, Fruit**

Contact Melissa (the5eudys@gmail.com or 704-439-6747) to place your order. Donations welcomed. Monies go to support youth trips to Montreat this summer.

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**PrimeTimers' Boxed Lunches from GloryBeans**

**Drive-Thru Luncheon on Thursday, May 19**

**Pick-up your boxed lunch**

**between 11:30 p.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**Menu: Chicken Salad on Wheat Bread, Chips, Cookie**

**Suggested Donation: \$5.00**

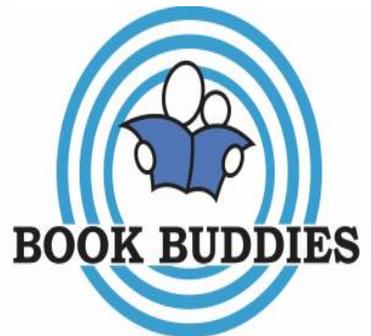
**Text or Email Laura McLeod:**

**704-796-0487 or mcleod2@windstream.net**

**by Noon on Monday, May 16**

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Central United Methodist Church has scheduled a Book Buddies Literacy Camp this summer for June 20-July 29. The camp will be open from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and will include 24 rising first graders who would benefit from low student-to-teacher ratio educational opportunity. They ask for donations (it costs an average of \$1600 per camper) and/or volunteers. During the week, scholars will have 3 hours of instruction in the morning and enrichment activities in the afternoon. The Mission Committee has decided to support this program by donating the Faith on the Fifth Offering in May and encouraging members of First Presbyterian Church to contact Central United Methodist Church if they are interested in helping.



**The Presbyterian Homes Foundation, Inc.  
2022 Mother's Day/Father's Day Offering  
Sunday, May 8**



Our traditional Mother's Day/Father's Day offering in support of the Presbyterian Homes' Foundation will take place on Mother's Day, May 8.

As you may know, the Foundation operates three excellent Continuing Care Retirement Communities across our state, providing housing and a caring environment for seniors. Because of the generosity of church members, no resident has ever been asked to leave one of these facilities when unforeseen situations adversely affect their ability to pay for services or care. We hope that you will continue to give generously to support this Presbyterian outreach program to seniors in need.

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”  
Hebrews 13:16

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**LETTER WRITING ON SUNDAY, MAY 22 IN THE PIT STOP  
9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M. AND 12:00 P.M.-1:00 P.M**



**breadfortheworld**  
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

**OFFERING OF LETTERS  
SUNDAY, MAY 29 IN WORSHIP**

After steadily declining for a decade, global hunger is on the rise again. Malnutrition is the leading risk factor for deaths among children globally, accounting for 45% of all child deaths. These losses are almost entirely preventable.

Advocacy matters! Join us on **May 22, Letter Writing Sunday**, to urge our Congressmen to reauthorize child nutrition programs.

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**Central School Backpack Food Program Donations Needed**  
Breakfast Bars, Peanut Butter Crackers, Individual Packs of Goldfish,  
Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers

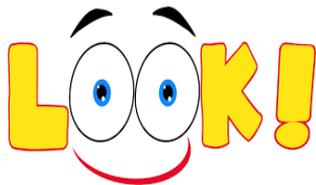


**Donations may be dropped off in the Pit Stop at the church.**

**Next Packing Date: May 18 at 10:30 a.m.**

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



- \$5.00 Chicken Pot Pies
- \$5.00 pint Homemade Salsa
- \$8.00 quart Homemade Salsa
- \$5.00 Marinara

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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, May 8

*Fourth Sunday of Easter/Youth Sunday/Graduate Sunday/  
Scholarship Recognition Sunday/Mother's Day/The Presbyterian  
Homes Mother's Day & Father's Day Offering*

9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

### Monday, May 9

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations

### Wednesday, May 11

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

1:00 pm Circle #5

6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 12

10:00 am Staff Meeting

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

### Saturday, May 14

9:30 am Community Table Lunch

### Sunday, May 15

*Fifth Sunday of Easter/SNL Meal Fundraiser*

8:30 am Session Meeting

9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm SNL Meal Fundraiser –  
Pickup following worship or drive-thru

5:30 pm-7:00 pm SNL

**\*childcare provided**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### MAY

08-Lee Snuggs

11-Elizabeth Boyle

Debbly Johnston

12-Skeet Ayscue

13-Laura Frazier

15-Stephan Kinley

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### MAY

12-Rob & Catherine McIntyre

Keith & Martha Wolf

### 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