



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

Church Offices: (704) 982-2722

Website: www.fpcalbemarle.org

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

Voluntary

John Stanley

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Sophie Poplin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kim Marshall, liturgist

Psalm 148

Let everything that has being praise the name of the Lord!

Mountains and hills, fruit trees and all cedars, shall praise the name of the Lord.

Young men and women alike, old and young together shall praise the name of the Lord.

We shall praise your name, O God, for your glory is above earth and heaven.

Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and holy God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, you make all things new.

Long ago you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit to open their hearts to enact such love.

Give us that same spirit of openness, that we too might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

*HYMN 33

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

Llanfair

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name.

Silent Confession and Reflection

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE

Glory to God

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me hymnal 582, stanza 1

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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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.

Composed for the
wedding of
Prince William and
Catherine Middleton
in Westminster
Abbey, April 29, 2011

ANTHEM

This is the Day

John Rutter

This is the day which the Lord hath made: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

O praise the Lord of heaven: praise him in the height.

Praise him, all ye angels of his: praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee: To keep thee in all thy ways.
The Lord himself is thy keeper: The Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: Neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:

Yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in:

From this time forth and for evermore. He shall defend thee under his wings.

Be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart, and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God of promise, your word made flesh in Jesus Christ is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may it rise in us this day like a gift from the spring of the water of life to refresh our thirsty souls. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[John 13:31-35](#)

Pew Bible, page 102

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A New Commandment

Reverend Cathy S. George

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted. We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another. Amen.

From the
Confession of Belhar

*HYMN 300

We Are One in the Spirit

They'll Know We Are Christians

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

Chorale

Take My Life

Johann Gottfried Walther

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

Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection. Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them in love for you; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

McKee

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

*POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

*All that are able may stand.

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Thank you to the Chancel Choir, Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, Kim Marshall, Leo McLeod for their leadership in worship today.

The acolyte today is Sophie Poplin.

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

Outside Ushers for May 15: Ronnie Michael; Chris Whitley

Elder Greeters: Mike King; Ellen Whitley

Sound: Evan Sanges **Film:** Andy McLeod **Nursery:** Kate White

Kids Care Crew: Sarah Michael **Children's Church:** Ella Cumming; Nathaniel Eudy

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Witt Snuggs, Doris Forte, 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), Bill Cotton (brother of Andy Cotton), Don Abernathy, Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Gloria Bryson, Nancy Jolly, Claude Harwood, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

The Mission Study Team (MST) will meet on Monday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Thank you to the following people for bringing food to the Community Inn on Friday, May 6: Linda Anderson, Ann Crutchfield, Nancy Joines, and Carol Sasser. Also, thank you to Linda Anderson for staying and helping to serve the meal.



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.

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



Central School Backpack Food Program Donations Needed

Breakfast Bars, Peanut Butter Crackers, Individual Packs of Goldfish,

Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers

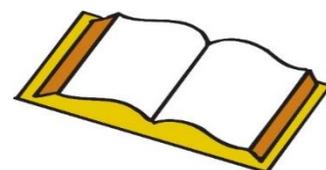
Donations may be dropped off in the Pit Stop at the church.

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

Recognition of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education

Sunday, May 22

Plan to join the Christian Education Committee on Sunday, May 22 during worship as we recognize the teachers & leaders who have fulfilled their commitment to share the teachings of Christ with children, youth and adults during the past year.





**First Presbyterian Church Lunch Outing to
Morgan Ridge**

Wednesday, May 18

Carpool Departure at 11:00 a.m.

Meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 18
to carpool to Morgan Ridge for a Dutch Treat lunch!
Contact Jane Snyder to let her know you are coming
(call/text 704-438-3358).

**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.

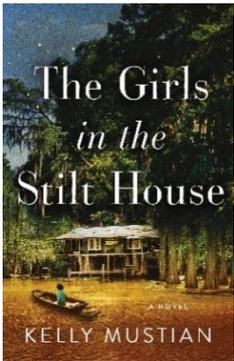
**OFFERING OF LETTERS
SUNDAY, MAY 29 IN WORSHIP**

Members of Congress have the power to impact the policies and programs that
can end hunger!

Malnutrition is on the rise but it is preventable. Our letters to Congressmen are more important than ever.
They need to hear from people of faith that suffering from hunger is unacceptable

Together and through God's loving mercy, we have the power to help When we turn our faith into action,
God uses our voices.

Letter Writing Sunday is May 22nd. Packets will be available in the Pit Stop beginning at 9:00 am or can be
picked up in the Church Office during the following week.



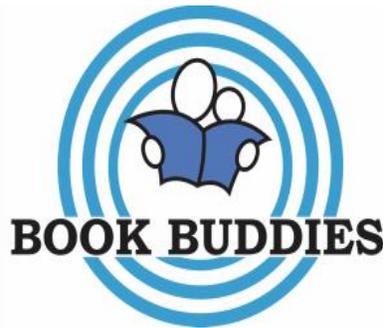
**May Book Conversation
Monday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m.
at Jalapeños Mexican Restaurant
(1416 US 52 North, Albemarle)**

Book: *The Girls in the Stilt House* by Kelly Mustian

**Lemonade on the Lawn
Volunteers Needed**

We need volunteers to sign-up for Lemonade on the Lawn. Lemonade on the Lawn hosts
provide a nice refreshment following worship during the summer months. If you are interested
in hosting with cookies and lemonade, contact Michelle Cumming (704-984-4035 or
michellecumming85@yahoo.com) and sign-up in the Pit Stop.





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.

**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!

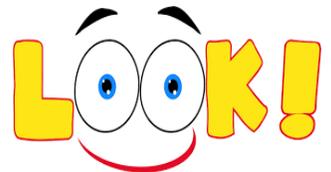
**We Need Volunteers
for the *Amazingly Created* Camp**



If you have some time the week of June 20-24, come join us as we love and share how *Amazingly Created* these adorable group of children are! For more information, contact Melissa Eudy (704-439-6747 or the5eudys@gmail.com) or Adrienne Averette (704-428-2866 or adrienne.earnhardt@gmail.com).

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



REGISTRATION FORM

AMAZINGLY
CREATED

First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle
Kid's Camp

Monday, June 20-Friday, June 24 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Ages 4 years old – Rising 6th Graders

Please complete a form for each child.

*REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2022

FOR WHOM? Ages 4 years old – Rising 6th Graders

WHEN WILL WE DO IT? Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

WHAT ELSE? Registration Fee: \$25.00 Bring a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Name of Child _____ Age _____ & Grade Completed (as of June 10) _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email Address _____
Parent's Name (s) _____
Emergency Contact during hours of Music & Arts Camp _____
Food or other allergies _____
T-Shirt Size – Circle One:
YX-Small (2/4) Y-Small (6/8) Y-Medium (10/12) Y-Large (14/16) Y-XLarge (18/20)
Adult S M L XL
Other things we should know about this child _____
Do you have a need for Early Drop-Off or Late Pick-Up?
 Early Drop Off (before 9 am) Late Pick-Up (after 2 pm) No Issues
Permission to Use Photograph: I grant to First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, the right to take photographs of my child/children during the 202 Amazingly Created Camp and to use such photographs for any purpose.
I have read and understand the above:
Signature _____ Printed Name _____
of parent or guardian (if under age 18)

Return form to:
First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578
126 West North Street
Albemarle, NC 28002

Questions? Contact Melissa Eudy
(704-439-6747 or the5eudys@gmail.com)

For Office Use Only
Date Received _____
Staff Initials _____

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

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

Monday, May 16

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations

Tuesday, May 17

- 9:30 am Presbytery Meeting at South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church (8601 Bryant Farms Rd., Charlotte)
- 12:00 pm Summer Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, May 18

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 19

- 11:30 am-12:00 pm PrimeTimers' Luncheon Drive-Thru
- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Sunday, May 22

*Ascension of the Lord Sunday/Bread for the World Letter Writing Sunday/
Recognition of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education*

- 8:45 am Diaconate Meeting
- 9:00 am-11:00 am Bread for the World Letter Writing (Pit Stop)
- 9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Bread for the World Letter Writing (Pit Stop)
- 6:00 pm-8:00 pm SNL End of the Year Party

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

- 15-Stephan Kinley
- 16-Roger Martin
- 17-Liz Jolly
Ken Knight
Art Rogers
- 18-Jackson Shedd
- 19-Jim Sawyer
Natalie Taylor
- 20-Jim Ivey, III
Bill Lindley
- 21-Kristen Laton
Quinton Wainwright
- 22-Richard Lambert

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MAY

- 17-Tom & Holly Norwood
- 22-Mike & Cathy King

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

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First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578
Albemarle, NC 28002

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(www.fpcalbemarle.org).
Click on the GIVE button.