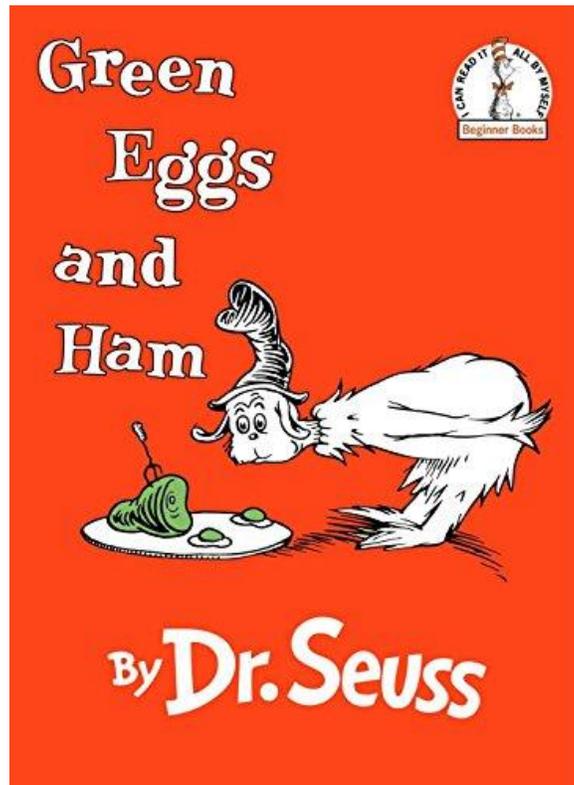


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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 7, 2022

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

**GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign the Friendship Register and pass it on*

PRELUDE

“In Green Pastures”

Harold Darke

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Melanie Hendrix, acolyte

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 130

Jim Hesley, liturgist

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication!

**If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord, there is steadfast love, and great power to redeem.

**I wait for the Lord, my souls waits; and in the word of the Lord I hope.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Gracious God, you are the resurrection and life. As we worship you this day, show us who we are: bearers of good news, messengers of resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN 634

“To God Be the Glory”

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*10 Cents-A-Meal Offering Received*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor. And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you. Therefore, we worship you; for you alone can save us from death and redeem us from our sin.**

*Silent Confession and Reflection*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

\*RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE 418

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” (stanza.3) SOFTLY AND TENDERLY  
*O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me!  
“Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home.”  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling “O sinner, come home!”*

**THE WORD**

SOLO

“Partita for Oboe and Organ”

Georg Philipp Telemann

Frank Poolos, Oboe

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O Lord, we wait for you, and in your Word we trust. By the power of your Spirit, set our hearts and minds on the source of life and peace. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Ezekiel 34:11-16](#)

pew Bible, page #756

[Ezekiel 37:1-11](#)

pew Bible, page #759

## SERMON

“Bones, Sheep, and Green Eggs and Ham”

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From a *Brief Statement of Faith*, PC(USA)

**In life and in death we belong to God. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” 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 be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## \*HYMN 803

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

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

Offertory

“Pastorale”

Robert Lau

## \* Response 708

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” (stanza #1)

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 God, giver of life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people, flesh and bone in the body of Christ. As you have delivered us from death, use our lives to proclaim the good news of new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING

## \*HYMN 187

“Shepherd, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

BRADBURY

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \*RESPONSE 748

“Go with Us, Lord”

TALLIS CANON

*Go with us Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.*

## \*POSTLUDE

“Chaconne”

Louis Couperin

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**Thank you** to Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, Lori Ivey and Jim Hesley for their leadership in worship today.

**The acolyte today is** Melanie Hendrix.

**The flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Helen Mount.

**Ushers for August: Wes Eudy**, captain: Cidney Eudy, Julian Eudy, Melissa Eudy, Ethan Richards and Seth Richards

**Outside Ushers for August 7:** Steve Cumming, Ronnie Michael

**Elder Greeters** Bill Jolly, Kim Marshall

**Sound:** TBD **Film** Katherine Jolly **Nursery:** Bailey Mitchell **Kids Care Crew:** Bailey Mitchell

**There is no Children's Church during the summer.** Children are encouraged to remain in worship.

**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:** Claude Harwood-surgery, Wayne Palmer-Autum Care-Biscoe, Penny Welling (friend of the congregation), Gloria Bryson (Bethany Woods), Ann Byrd (Home), Banks Garrison (Home), Tim Rodgers, Doris Forte-Spring Arbor, Brayden Enzor (grandson of Gus & Pam Holbrook; 2 brain tumors, currently undergoing chemo and then radiation), Carole Yost (home), Bill Cotton (brother of Andy Cotton), Don Abernathy, Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Nancy Jolly, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

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### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship in August takes place at 10:00 a.m.

There will be no Sunday School during the summer months.



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**Thank you to Ellen Whitley for her ministry in the church office during June & July. We welcome Beth Poolos as our part-time secretary.**

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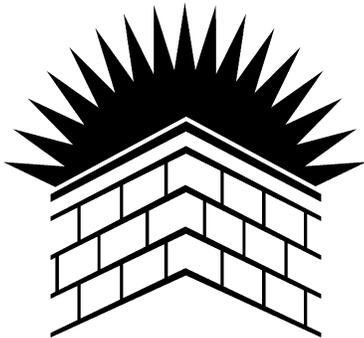
### Zoom Morning Prayer

There will be no Zoom Morning Prayer on August 8th, 10th, 15th and 17th, but our group of will continue to pray for our church, its members and family members, others outside our church, our country and our world. Please send any prayer requests to Deb Hahn either by text (704 985-9419) or email ([wolflady520@gmail.com](mailto:wolflady520@gmail.com))



**BOY SCOUT TROOP 82  
BBQ FUNDRAISER  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 7  
DRIVE THRU & PIT STOP PICK UP  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Menu: BBQ, slaw, baked beans  
Please come out to support these boys!  
To order call Wes Eudy at 704-242-1725  
Donations will be accepted

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*The Christian Education Corner*

As the summer begins to wind down, plans for a new year are in the works. We would love your input on how to make this year the best possible for you and your family. Think through these questions and email Melissa ([meudy@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:meudy@fpcalbemarle.org)) or text (704-439-6747) your ideas!

- What kind of Sunday School class would YOU like to have?
- How can we make our children's ministry on Wednesdays the most effective?
- What is something you have always wanted to see done at FPC Albemarle?
- Do you have an awesome idea for the youth group to participate in service or fun?
- Would you be interested in a small group that meets year-round? (cooking, hiking, dinner out, etc.)
- Would you like to provide a meal or host the youth one Sunday night?

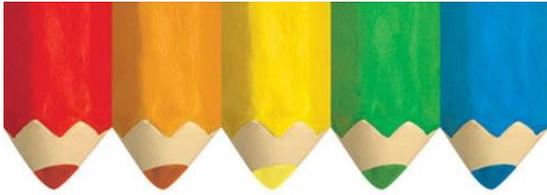
**Mark your calendars for Rally Day on September 11! If you would like to help be on the planning committee, let Melissa or Kim Marshall ([bookworm284@live.com](mailto:bookworm284@live.com) or 980-621-6577) know.**

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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](mailto:cgeorge@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-982-2722), or Sandy Rogers ([sandyrogers119@msn.com](mailto:sandyrogers119@msn.com) or 704-244-1191), chair of the Membership Committee!





**Central Elementary School Supplies List**

The 2022-2023 school year will be here soon and school supplies are in stores ready for purchase. Please take the list below and begin shopping for much needed supplies for our partner school, Central Elementary.

**BRING YOUR DONATION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO THE CHURCH AND DROP-OFF IN THE DESIGNATED BIN IN THE PIT STOP.**

**Student Supplies**

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| Crayons – 16 or 24 count Crayola brand only                | Zipper Pencil Pouch or Plastic Pencil Box |
| Elmer’s brand Glue Sticks                                  | Plain Solid 2-pocket folders              |
| #2 Pencils   | Pocket folders with prongs                |
| #2 Beginner Jumbo Pencils (for Kindergarten students)      | Pencil top erasers                        |
| Composition Hard Cover Wide-Ruled books (not spiral bound) | Highlighters (packs)                      |
| 70-sheet wide-ruled 1-subject composition books            | Crayola brand Colored Pencils             |
| Scissors (child & youth sizes)                             | Crayola Markers                           |
| Playdoh brand play-doh                                     | Clipboards                                |
| Pink Pearl Eraser  | Ear Buds                                  |
| Card Stock Paper   | Headphones                                |
| Expo Dry Erase Markers (large & small size)                | Small Pencil Sharpener                    |
| Notebook Paper (wide-ruled & regular-ruled)                | Sticky Notes                              |

**Classroom Supplies Needed Include:**

- Lysol or Clorox Wipes, Kleenex, Copy Paper, Hand Sanitizer, Band-aids, and Ziplock Sandwich Bags (Quart and Gallon)

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**Pfeiffer Pfriends**

The Health Sciences Program of Pfeiffer University opened its doors in downtown Albemarle to students in the Fall of 2020. Many of these students are a long way from home and have taken a leap of faith to be in this program. Several downtown churches, including First Presbyterian Church, have developed a partnership with these students similar to our Silent Partner program. There are two main differences: the relationship will last 27 months (the length of each program), and the Pfeiffer student will know who their friend is. We hope that there will be communication at least once a month between the friend and the student. To date, there have been approximately 125 students (PA and OT) enter the program of which ninety have requested and been given a volunteer. Many members of our congregation have been or are continuing to be a volunteer. We are currently in need of some additional volunteers, as of August 1, there are twenty-two new OT Students beginning their 27 month program of instruction.

To support these hard-working students, the community member (volunteer) agrees to send notes of encouragement, gift cards, gift boxes, or anything to support them. We have arranged with a staff member on campus and these items can be dropped off at the Pfeiffer campus in downtown Albemarle or mailed directly to your student.

For more information, please email Martha Sue at [hallmsh@hotmail.com](mailto:hallmsh@hotmail.com) or call her at 704-985-5821.

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, August 7

*9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*Ten Cents a Meal Offering for Hunger*

10:00 am \*Worship

### Monday, August 8

9:30 am Youth Mission Monday – Help with Care Cafe

### Wednesday, August 10

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

### Thursday, August 11

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

### Sunday, August 14

*10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

8:45 am Diaconate Meeting

10:00 am \*Worship

**\*childcare provided**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August

07-Keith Wolf

08-Leslie Carter

Martha Sue Hall

Melanie Hendrix

09-Hugh Wainwright

10-Judy Murrell

11-Kevin Averette

12-Banks Garrison

13-Dan Samples

14-Salem Taylor

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

August

11- Bob & Debby Johnston

13- Tommy & Judy Murrell

### 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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