



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

MORNING MEDITATION

*Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.*

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

ANTHEM

*Jesus Loves Even Me*

Ari Beamon, Ashley Deese, Emily Deese, Carter Gibson,  
Melanie Hendrix, Leni Henkenjohann, Jordan Hesley, Maddox Jolly,  
Ellie Niederer, Sanah Patel, Sophie Poplin

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Andy McLeod

Answer us when we call, O God. Be gracious to us and hear our prayers.

**Know that the Lord has set apart the faithful.**

When you are disturbed, do not sin.

**Be generous with your offerings and put your trust in the Lord.**

You have put gladness in our hearts even in times of trouble.

**For we will both lie down and sleep in peace. For you alone, O Lord, make us lie down in green pastures.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Ethan Richards

**Glorious God, through all you have made, we are able to see your eternal power. We see the tall trees, the rolling hills, and the endless streams, and we are in awe. How great you are, O Lord! Holy, holy, holy, Lord all-powerful! The earth is filled with your glory! Amen.**

\*HYMN 267

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Madrid

*During the hymn, you may bring forward offerings for  
Purple in the Pulpit.*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Katherine Jolly and Natalie Taylor

Silence

**Unison**

**Dear Lord, we confess that we do not always seek Jesus in our lives. We are more worried about earthly things that do not matter. Please forgive us for not devoting more time and effort to you, and keep us ever mindful of your mercy and love. Help us be more thankful for your resurrection.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

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

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King  
(1929-1968)

Youth Club ORFF Ensemble

Psalm 4 and Psalm 23

Isaiah 6:3

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

**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

Peyton Hatley

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Duncan Bryson

**O Lord, please enlighten us that we might understand your Word.  
Inspire us so that we may work the way you taught us. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

[Job 5:1-27](#)

Lee Boone

Pew Bible, page 432

[Luke 24:36b-48](#)

David Kilde

Pew Bible, page 85

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Adam Jolly and Isabel McLeod

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jacob Palmer

**In life and in death, we belong to God. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God, who blesses the children, heals the sick, and forgives the sinners. We trust in God, who created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ and to live holy and joyful lives. Amen.**

\*HYMN 460

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'm Gonna Live

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lachlann Currie

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

Sermons are posted to the church's website ([www.fpcalbemarle.org](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)). You can usually find the previous Sunday's sermon by Wednesday.

This affirmation includes excerpts from the *Brief Statement of Faith* which were selected by our youth.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Grace Richards

Invitation

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**With gratitude for the Word of Life, let us offer our lives and gifts to God.**

Offertory *Blessed Jesus at Thy Word* Johann G. Walther

\*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* hymnal, page 606

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

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Leah Kilde

\*HYMN 157

*I Danced in the Morning*

Lord of the Dance

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Processional*

Martin Shaw

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\*All who are able may stand.

**We rejoice that you are worshiping with us today.** If you are a member of this church, please seek out those who are visiting and welcome them to this family of faith. If you are visiting and would like to know more about the church and membership here, please speak with one of the ministers following worship.

**The acolyte today is Andy McLeod.** After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

**Thanks to the Youth and the Youth Club ORFF Ensemble** for their participation in worship today.

**Ushers:** Jim Marshall, captain; Duncan Bryson, Elizabeth Bryson, Keith Bryson, Lachlann Currie, Kyle Marks, Laura Beth Marks, Mark Mabry, Mike McLeod, Chris Whitley **Outside Ushers:** Wes Eudy; Tom Norwood **Elder Greeters:** Jim Marshall; Sarah Michael **Nursery:** Sara Kate Thomas **Preschool Partners:** Leah Beamon; Heather Deese **Nana & Papa Team:** Chris Mabry

**There is no Children’s Church this morning.** Children are encouraged to remain in worship on this Youth Sunday.

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Tommy Murrell, Ben Kierstead (nephew of Leslie Carter; recovering from kidney/pancreas transplant), Michelle Honeycutt Cole (stage 2 Hodgkins Lymphoma; friend of Katie Carpenter), Diane Marks (diagnosed with breast cancer; mother of Kyle Marks). **See newsletter for complete list.**

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**STANLY COUNTY YOUTH BREAKFAST**

**A Stanly County Tradition Since 1967**

**April 16-20 at First Presbyterian Church (Gym) 6:30 a.m.-7:15 a.m.**

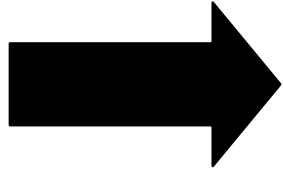
Churches from across the county join together to host a week long breakfast event for middle and high school youth. Join us each morning to celebrate God’s love, meet new friends, and enjoy a great breakfast!

All the liturgy for this service was written by our youth with help from the youth advisors.

**PURPLE IN THE PULPIT OFFERING SUPPORTS RELAY FOR LIFE  
SUNDAY, APRIL 15**

Cancer has affected, will affect, or is affecting, each of us. Great strides have been made in fighting and curing cancer, but the fight is not over. You have an opportunity to help in the fight. Your first opportunity is April 15 during the first hymn. There will be a purple bucket at the front of the sanctuary to collect your offering for Relay for Life. Following the service, the purple buckets will be located in the pit stop for collections for the next few weeks. Any amount helps and is appreciated. Relay for Life Stanly County will be held at the Oakboro Fire Department on May 18. Come for family fun and to learn about other ways you can help in the fight against cancer. Questions? Contact Dona Lisk (liskdona@gmail.com).

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**Join Matt and Elizabeth on April 22, for lunch and conversation for those who have been worshipping at First Presbyterian Church** and would like to know more about the mission and ministries of the church. Call or email to let us know you're coming (eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org or mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722).

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**breadfortheworld**  
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

**BREAD FOR THE WORLD**

**Question:** How will my writing a letter to our three congressmen make a difference in the federal budget?

**Answer:** **Prayer and faithful advocacy helped stop devastating cuts to Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Women, Infant, Children (WIC) nutrition programs and school meals last year. Handwritten letters remain the most effective way to communicate with Congress, but e-mails and phone calls also help to raise a collective voice urging Congress to invest in programs to end hunger.**

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**Session has called a congregational meeting following worship on April 22.** The purpose of the meeting is to act on the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee. At that time, they will nominate Jeff Robertson to fill a term on the Diaconate in the class of 2020. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Before placing a name in nomination, please determine that person's willingness to serve.

Jeff Robertson is nominated to serve as a deacon. Following a 33 year career with Wyeth Pharmaceuticals and Pfizer Vaccines, Jeff has retired and is residing in Norwood with his wife, Kim. They have one daughter, Kate, who lives in Chattanooga, TN. During his career, Jeff, Kim, and Kate had many great experiences living in North Carolina, Georgia, and Pennsylvania. At First Presbyterian Church, Jeff is active in the Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast group, serves as an usher, serves on the Property Committee, and assists with the children's Cooking Camp for a week in the summer. In the community, Jeff participates in the Albemarle Rotary Club (2018-19 Club Director and serves on the Scholarship Committee), in the Patient and Family Advisory Council at Atrium-Stanly, and is a Blood Drive Ambassador for the American Red Cross.

**Mugs, Mingling, & Muffins**

**Beginning Tuesday, April 17 at 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen**

**Come join Jane for a mug of coffee, some fun mingling, and making muffins!**

You choose in what way you would like to participate:

1. Bake muffins on Tuesday, April 17 at 9:30 a.m. **OR**
2. Bake & Take the muffins to those in our church and community. **OR**
3. Deliver the muffins to those in our church and community.



**Contact Jane Snyder (704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) to say you want to participate.**

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**Bread Bakers Needed...**Bread bakers (and shoppers) are needed for the April 29 bread sale to be held on Letter Writing Sunday. If you bake quick bread, sourdough, or yeast breads, call Ann Duckwall (704-983-3498) to tell her how you can help. Donations from the sale will be given to SCCM.

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**BBQ FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON  
 WITH YOUR FAVORITE FIXINS' & HOMEMADE DESSERTS  
 FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, APRIL 22 IN THE CHURCH GYM**



**DONATIONS FOR LUNCH SUPPORT  
 THE JOHN P. MURRAY COMMUNITY CARE CLINIC AND  
 ALBEMARLE PARKS AND RECREATION.**

**LUNCH PROVIDED BY  
 THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SOFTBALL TEAM & FAN BASE.**

**!!! DON'T MISS IT !!!**

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**MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS**



On Mother's Day, the arrangements in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of mothers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MAY 6.** Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Mother's Day Arrangements*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Mother's Day, May 13.** Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

**MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS**

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

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

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

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

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

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, April 15

*Youth Sunday/Youth Club Orff Ensemble Plays*

- 8:00 am Session
- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch (Media Room)
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

### Monday, April 16

- 6:30 am-7:15 am Youth Breakfast
- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square

### Tuesday, April 17

- 6:30 am-7:15 am Youth Breakfast
- 9:30 am Mugs, Mingling, & Muffins (Kitchen)
- 12:00 pm May Newsletter Deadline

### Wednesday, April 18

- 6:30 am-7:15 am Youth Breakfast
- 9:15 am-11:00 am \*Pray & Play
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 19

- 6:30 am-7:15 am Youth Breakfast
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

### Friday, April 20

- 6:30 am-7:15 am Youth Breakfast

### Sunday, April 22

*Earth Day/Trusty Travelers & Faith Explorers Sing in Worship/  
Around the Clock Softball Fundraiser Luncheon for The John P. Murray*

*Community Clinic and Albemarle Parks & Rec*

- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm \*Congregational Meeting
- 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn for those interested in knowing more about  
First Presbyterian Church (Parlor)
- 12:00 pm-5:00 pm Faith Explorers to the Greensboro Science Center
- 3:00 pm Stanly County Chorale Concert
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

**\*childcare provided**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### APRIL

- 13-Matt Moeller
- 17-David Kilde
- 18-Elizabeth Wilson
- 19-Cooper Atwater
- 20-Peggy Finley
- 22-Marshall Rogers

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### APRIL

- 16-Kyle & Laura Beth Marks
- 19-Robert & Myra Land
- 22-Jim & Lori Ivey

## SCCM CHALLENGE

### APRIL

Toiletries & Household Items:  
Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant,  
Toothpaste, Laundry Detergent,  
Bar Soap, Feminine Hygiene

## Backpack Food Program

### UPDATED LIST OF DONATIONS NEEDED:

Breakfast Cookies  
Individual Bags of Goldfish  
Large Cans of Soup  
Canned Tuna  
Saltine Crackers  
A bin in the pit stop will receive  
your donation.

**ATTENTION**

Please visit the...  
**First Presbyterian Church  
Spring Art Gallery Exhibit  
Featuring The Artwork of  
Central School Students**