



The Weekly Bulletin
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONGS

Hymn 463

How Firm a Foundation

stanzas 1 and 2

Hymn 623

I've Got Peace like a River

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: We dream of a world made new,

People: Where together we shout for justice, and as one, we fight against oppression.

Leader: We dream of a world made new,

People: Where together we seek God's righteousness, and as one, we sing God's praise.

Leader: We dream of a world made new,

People: Where together we climb God's mountain, and as one, we enter the promised land.

Leader: We dream of a world made new,

People: Where together we proclaim the good news of God's kingdom, and as one, we enjoy its peace, abundance, and love. Amen.

*HYMN 26

Earth and All Stars!

Dexter

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Merciful God, we confess that we put other things above you in our lives. We say we long for you, but we actually long for more possessions and more comfort. We have failed to worship you with our whole hearts and our whole lives. Lord God, have mercy on us. Renew our hearts within us.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*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

Mr. Drumheller

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the children's greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.

ANTHEM

An American Hymn

Cecil Effinger

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountains majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee.
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet whose stern impassioned stress,
A thoroughfare of freedom beat across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, reveal yourself to us in your Word. Holy Spirit, move in our midst and open our hearts. Jesus Christ, teach us to live and love as your disciples. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Amos 5:18-24](#)

Pew Bible, page 805

A WORD FROM AMOS

Jim Carter

SERMON

A World Made New

Mr. Drumheller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Belhar Confession*

We believe that God has revealed himself as the One who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people. We believe that God calls the church to follow him in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry. We believe that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be the honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Kingsfold

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

GREETINGS FROM UNION PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY

Rev. Jordan Davis

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mrs. Ayscue

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Offertoire

Theodore Dubois

*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

*HYMN 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

America the Beautiful

Cecil Effinger

*POSTLUDE

*All that 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 Natalie Taylor. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Caroline, Taylor, Maddox, Marshall, and Jaycee by Penny and Jack Morton.

We welcome the Reverend Jordan Davis to worship this morning. She is a recent graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary of Richmond and serves in the office on Ministry Relations at the seminary.

Ushers: Taylor Jolly, captain; Leah Beamon, Cameron Biddle, Lee Boone, Heather Deese, Adam Jolly, Dona Lisk, Jack Morton, Penny Morton, Ellen Snyder **Elder Greeters:** Bob Johnston; Lee McLaurin **Nursery:** Cora Harrison **Toddler Room:** Samantha Wangler **Preschool Partners:** Angie Earnhardt; Adrienne Averette; Kelly Lentz **Nana & Papa Team:** Chris Mabry **Children's Church:** Jacob Palmer; Jillian Scardina

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Cathryn Harwood, Nic Presson (alcohol rehab; brother of Dona Lisk), Marlene Sanges (undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer), Rowena Warren, Eddie Wilson (brother of Elizabeth Wilson). **See newsletter for complete list.**

If there are hymns you would like to sing during the summer as part of the *Gathering Songs*, please note them on the register of friendship or email them to Pam Knighten (pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org). We will include as many as possible.

On July 2, we will devote our attention to the prophecy of Obaidah. Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament with only 21 verses. Plan to read it before worship on July 2.

Many thanks to Billie Jean Snuggs for drawing the map of Israel which is hanging in the sanctuary. We will use it to identify the location of the minor prophets.



Summer Vespers & Homemade Ice Cream

7:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 25

at the home of Robin & John Howell

(20959 Old Aquadale Road, Albemarle)

We'll gather for summer vespers and ice cream
(let us know what kind you're bringing).

We will sing, pray, and read scripture together.

Summer Movie Night

Featuring Disney's



Wednesday, June 28

7:00 p.m. in the Gym

From Walt Disney Animation Studios comes a family friendly-adventure set in the ancient Polynesian Islands.

Bring the entire family out to enjoy a movie with
friends, popcorn, candy & drinks...

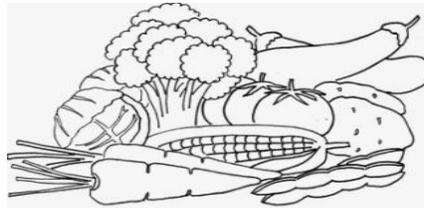
*Bring a chair or blanket and plan to relax and laugh out loud!!!



Lemonade on the Lawn

Sunday, July 9

following worship



Gardening for SCCM

Bring extra garden produce to the Pit Stop on Sunday mornings. Those who need it can make a donation. All donations and extra produce will be donated to SCCM.

Endowment Committee Grants

The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until **July 13**. Applications are available in the church office. If you have questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) or Patrick Currie, Committee Chair.



**First Presbyterian Church
Summer Art Gallery Exhibit is
Theme: Creativity...No Age Limit**

You are invited to visit the Summer Art Gallery exhibit in the basement of the church. Four artists from the more silver and golden generation of our congregation are spotlighted in this exhibit. Thanks to Davis Fort, Jean Rabe, Mary Louise Sawyer, and Ann Snuggs for sharing. Special thanks to Leslie Carter for coordinating and displaying the Summer Art Exhibit.

The 2017 Nominating Committee

welcomes your suggestions of persons to be considered for service as Deacon or Ruling Elder.

In thinking of folks who may be qualified to serve, please consider the following:

- Worship attendance
- Participation in church activities
- Service rendered to the church
- Christian living in daily life
- Ability to work cooperatively with others

Suggestions for Deacon

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Suggestions for Ruling Elder

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Please return suggestions to the church office or to Al Andrew, Nominating Committee Chair, by July 9. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Al Andrew, Nancy Joines, Bill Jolly, Jack Morton, Frankie Palmer, Witt Snuggs, and David Whitley.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 25

9:00 am *Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am *Worship

7:00 pm Summer Vespers & Homemade Ice Cream at the home of Robin & John Howell
(20959 Old Aquadale Road, Albemarle)

Monday, June 26

8:30 am-1:00 pm Youth Connection Monday Morning Mission

Wednesday, June 28

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

7:00 pm Summer Movie Night (Gym)

Thursday, June 29

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, June 30

Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 2

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

10:00 am *Worship

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! JUNE

25-Jane Lisk

Ann Snuggs

26-Jim Marshall

27-Elizabeth Bryson

Keith Bryson

Patrick Martin

28-Maddox Jolly

Sophie Poplin

Robin Lemons

30-Anna Wainwright

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! JUNE

25-Bill & Nancy Jolly

David & Ellen Whitley

26-David & Mellanie Morgan

27-Mike & Laura McLeod

Frank & Beth Poolos

28-Wes & Melissa Eudy

29-Connie Wallace & Ken Knight

30-Dave & Patty MacMurray

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! JULY

01-Gina Martin

Ben McLeod

SCCM CHALLENGE JUNE:
Boxed Pasta Meals (Hamburger Helper),
Instant Potatoes, Stuffing Mix

**Throughout the summer,
worship will begin at 10:00 a.m.**