



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

PRELUDE *Prelude on 'The King of Love My Shepherd Is'* Raymond H. Haan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts.

People: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

Leader: The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.

People: Come! Let us give thanks to God.

*CHORAL INTROIT *O Be Joyful in the Lord* Donald Moore

*PRAYER OF THE DAY 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.

*HYMN 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* Nicaea

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, 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.

Hymn 582

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Mr. Drumheller

Commissioning for Sabbatical

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, your people call out for understanding. Bring to our yearning hearts and minds the truth of your Word; in Jesus' name. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

[Mark 1:21-28](#)

Pew Bible, page 33

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Unclean Spirits

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

hymnal, page 35

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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS

Litany of gifts

Leader: There are different gifts,

People: But it is the same spirit who gives them.

Leader: There are different ways of serving God.

People: But it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through different people in different ways.

People: But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

Leader: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

People: To use it for the common good.

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ.

People: And individually members of the body.

Leader: Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make his church useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father.

People: Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free.

In a time when most Christians were illiterate, The Apostles' Creed, along with The Lord's Prayer and The Ten Commandments, helped preserve and transmit the faith. By the 8th century, it attained its present form.

I Corinthians, selected verses

Anthem *No Hands But Yours* J. Jerome Williams

Christ has no body now on earth but yours:

No hands but yours; no feet but yours,

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion looks into the world.

Yours are the feet on which he is to go about doing good.

And yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now.

Questions to the deacons and elders

Questions to the congregation

Laying on of hands

Installation prayer

Charge

Unison Prayer

God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

*Hymn 69

Here I Am, Lord

Schutte

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Aria

William Lloyd Webber

*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 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Fourfold Amen

John Stainer

*POSTLUDE

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Max Drischner

*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 Brent Lisk. 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 the birthday of Julia Cole, granddaughter of Frankie Palmer.

Text by Theresa of Avila (1515-1582). Anthem composed by North Carolina native, J. Jerome Williams, who served as director of music at First United Methodist Church in Hickory for 31 years prior to his retirement in 2007.

Refrain based on Isaiah 6:8

Ushers: Steve Cumming, captain; Brad Boone, Michelle Cumming, Jim Ivey, Kyle Marks
Outside Ushers: Brad Boone; John Earnhardt **Elder Greeters:** Al Andrew; Joyce Lambert
Nursery: Sara Kate Thomas **Preschool Partners:** Jane & Brad Boone
Nana & Papa Team: Cathy King; Teresa Taylor **Children's Church:** Kim Andrew

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Doris Forte. **See newsletter for complete list.**

All ordained elders are invited to participate in the laying on of hands during the ordination of deacons and elders. You will be invited to come forward at the appropriate time.

Deacons being ordained and installed today are:

Kate Gibson, Jill Niebler, Tom Norwood, and Salem Taylor

Elders being ordained and installed today are:

Lee Boone, Taylor Johnston, Gayle Russell, Sandy Saunders, and Rich Schaefer

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4



Please help feed our Stanly County neighbors by participating in this year's Souper Bowl competition.

As you face the sanctuary...

Bring chicken noodle soup if your usual worship seat is on the right side (choir loft side) of the middle section, the right section, choir loft, or the balcony.

Bring tomato soup if your usual worship seat is: on the left side of the middle section, the left section, or the section near the sound board.

Our youth will collect both soup and money on February 4. Please support our neighbors.

You are invited to the First Presbyterian Church Volunteer Reception

Thursday, February 15

10:00 a.m.-Noon in the church parlor

RSVP to Pam Knighten (pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org) or

Kyle Lambert (klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) or call the church office (704-982-2722).



CARE CAFÉ

7th Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Friday, February 2 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (202 North 2nd Street)

Cost: Donation

All proceeds benefit the CARE CAFÉ Adult Day Program.

CARE CAFÉ is a local ministry providing support to caregivers of senior adults since 2010.

Volunteers Needed for First Family Gathering

- Dessert Crew: Tuesday, February 6 at 10:00 a.m.
- Toppings & Sauce Crew: Wednesday, February 7 at 10:00 a.m.
- Set up crew: Wednesday, February 7 at 3:45 p.m.
- Final Touches crew: Wednesday, February 7 at 5:15 p.m.
- Clean-up crew: Wednesday, February 7 at 6:45 p.m.

Please call Jane Snyder at the church 704-982-2722, on her phone 704-438-3358 or email her at jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org if you would like to help!



Which Ministry Is Right for You?



Many of our committee chairs are putting together groups to share in ministry. Please prayerfully consider how you might be involved in the work of one of these committees. Contact the folks below to say, *Here I Am!*

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>Contact (email, phone number)</u>
Childcare	Laura Beth Marks	lbmarks4@gmail.com 704-202-9334
Christian Education	Sarah Michael	scmichael@windstream.net 704-982-5730
	Gayle Russell	gayleruss@gmail.com 704-438-2779
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Worship	Dona Lisk	liskdona@gmail.com 704-591-5934
Ushering	Jack Morton	jackmmorton@gmail.com 704-982-0011

FIRST FAMILY GATHERING ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Evening Prayer at 5:45 p.m. in the Chapel

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym

Menu for Build Your Own Bowl:

Choose your base, protein, toppings, and sauce

Base: Jasmine Rice, Cous Cous, Lettuce, Black Beans, Tortillia Chips

Protein: Shredded Chicken or Ground Beef

Toppings: Avacado, Tomato, Charred Corn, Cilantro,

Shredded Cheese, Jalepeno, Lime, Onion

Dressing/Sauces: Cilantro Yogurt, Salsa, Sour Cream, Cheese Sauce

Desserts: Sweet Potato Cake, Brownies, Cookies



Contact the church office to make reservations (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 28

Ordination & Installation of New Officers/Grandparent & Grandchild Retreat

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm-2:30 pm Grandparent & Grandchild Retreat

Monday, January 29

8:00 pm-9:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square

Wednesday, January 31

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play

10:30 am Backpack Food Program

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, February 1

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Five Points Public House
(304 East Main Street, Albemarle)

Friday, February 2

7:00 am-9:00 am Care Café Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at
First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Albemarle
(202 N. 2nd Street)

Sunday, February 4

*Souper Bowl of Caring/Trusty Travelers Sing in Worship/
Ten-Cents-A-Meal*

9:00 am Breakfast Bunch (Media Room)

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

***childcare provided**



**Visit the Winter Art Gallery Exhibit
Featuring Paintings by Matt Moeller**

**High School
Bible Study with
Elizabeth and
Jack is on
sabbatical until
April.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JANUARY

28-Kim Andrew

Gus Holbrook

Dona Lisk

30-Linda Anderson

Dona Lisk

31-Garrett Chapman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FEBRUARY

01-Jean Rabe

Caroline Smith

02-Lee Boone

Penny Morton

03-Kellyn Poole Luna

04-Hugh Carpenter

Holly Holbrook

SCCM CHALLENGE

JANUARY

Canned Fruit (Lite or No Sugar Added)

SCCM CHALLENGE

FEBRUARY

Canned Vegetables

Green Beans, Corn, Carrots, Peas,

Beans, Canned Tomatoes,

Mixed Vegetables (Vegall)

Community Participation Needed

You are requested to complete the 2018 Community Health Assessment survey. This is the survey the Stanly County Health Department and Carolinas HealthCare System Stanly conduct to determine what our major priorities are for the next three years by analyzing community responses and State data. The information in this report is, also, used to get grants for agencies and non-profits. The survey can be done through February 28. For more information, contact Debbie Bennett at dbennett@stanlycountync.gov or 704-982-9171.

The link is:

<https://goo.gl/forms/u0c06jntFJeY1Sc32>

or visit the Stanly County Health Department website at health.stanlycountync.gov

Backpack Food Program

UPDATED LIST OF DONATIONS NEEDED:

Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Canned Tuna, and Saltine Crackers.

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Next Packing Date: Wednesday, January 31 at 10:30 a.m.