



**The Weekly Bulletin**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Albemarle, North Carolina

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**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

**MORNING MEDITATION**

*Hope of history, and our hope, thou so small, yet so large, so fragile, yet so strong. Draw near and prepare us to honor what the world thinks small, the weak and the expendable. Prepare us for the new Jerusalem by way of Bethlehem, and show us the way.*

**PEALING OF THE BELLS**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

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

**HOPE**

**GATHERING SONGS**

Hymn 106

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

all stanzas

Hymn 100

*My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

all stanzas

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us rejoice on this day, for Christ is coming into our lives, ready to lead us in the ways of peace, joy, and love.

**So let us come to God this morning with arms outstretched to receive God's promises, blessings, and love.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

[Luke 1:67-79](#)

Pew Bible, page 54

**HYMN STORY**

**\*HYMN 88**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Veni Emmanuel

Stanzas 1, 6, and 7 will be sung.

*If you would like to participate in the lighting of the candle, you are invited to gather around the Advent wreath during the hymn.*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

As we light the Advent candles, we awaken our spirits to the coming of God, leaning on the promises of God.

**We light a candle for hope.**

In hope we pray, and in hope we sing,

**Come, O come, Emmanuel.**

## PEACE

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

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

### \*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast our our sin and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

### SCRIPTURE READING

[Luke 3:1-6](#)

Pew Bible, page 5

### FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

### \*HYMN 87

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

Genevan 42

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

As we light the Advent candles, we awaken our spirits to the coming of God, remembering the shalom of God.

**We light a candle for peace.**

In peace we pray, and in peace we sing.

**Comfort, comfort now you people.**

## JOY

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### ANTHEM

*Every Valley*  
Craig Taylor, Bass

John Ness Beck

### SCRIPTURE READING

[Luke 3:7-18](#)

Pew Bible, page 56

### HYMN STORY

### \*HYMN 134

*Joy to the World*

Antioch

*If you would like to participate in the lighting of the candle,  
you are invited to gather around the Advent wreath during the hymn.*

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

As we light the Advent candles, we awaken our spirits to the coming of God, awaiting the coming of God once more.

**We light a candle for joy.**

In joy we pray, and in joy we sing,

**Joy to the world, the Lord has come!**

# LOVE

## TITHES AND OFFERING

Invitation

All that we have is the Lord's.

**For the sake of the joy that is ours, let us give generously for the well being of the world.**

Offertory

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Wilbur Held

\*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

## SCRIPTURE READING

[Luke 1:39-55](#)

Pew Bible, page 53

## HYMN STORY

\*HYMN 110

*Love Has Come*

Bring a Torch

*If you would like to participate in the lighting of the candle,  
you are invited to gather around the Advent wreath during the hymn.*

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

As we light the Advent candles, we awaken our spirits to the coming of God, basking in the presence of God.

**We light a candle for love.**

In love we pray, and in love we sing,

**Love has come, a light in the darkness.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Amen.**

\*HYMN 104

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

Valet will ich dir geben

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Sleepers Wake, A Voice Is Calling*

Johann G. Walther

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\*All who are able may stand

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**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 Danny Saltzman.** 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 memory of Maude & Jim Boysworth.

**There is no Children's Church today.** School-aged children are encouraged to remain in worship.

**Thanks to Craig Taylor** for his musical leadership in worship today.

**Ushers:** Jim Marshall, captain; Robbie Beard, Duncan Bryson, Elizabeth Bryson, Keith Bryson, Lachlann Currie, Mark Mabry, Kyle Marks, Laura Beth Marks, Mike McLeod, and Chris Whitley **Outside Ushers:** Jim Marshall; Chris Whitley **Elder Greeters:** Debbie Wainwright; David Whitley **Nursery:** Grayson Harris **Preschool Partner:** Dona & Greg Lisk **Nana & Papa Team:** Chris Mabry

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Judy Murrell (Trinity Place), Jennie Green (sister of Kristie Bryson), Joan Bunn (health concerns; friend of Gina Martin), Kathy Miles Gordon (pancreatic cancer; friend of Ruth Goodwin), Sally Grantier (Trinity Place), Denise LaBoube (half-sister of Martha White; diagnosed with brain cancer – Astrocytoma), Sally Warburton (friend of Debbie & John Hahn), Hessie Clark. **See newsletter for complete list.**

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**COME JOIN US FOR A  
HOLIDAY BRUNCH**

**FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON AUGUST 19 IN THE PIT STOP & PARLOR**  
**MENU: WAFFLE & FRUIT STATION, BISCUIT BAR, GRITS BAR, & FUN BRUNCH BEVERAGES**  
**COST: DONATION**

Your generous donation for brunch will support our \$10,000 pledge for the Habitat for Humanity build.

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**Luncheon for Central School Teachers & Staff**  
**Monday, August 20 at 11:45 a.m. in the church gym**

Please sign-up to help and/or with food (salad and/or dessert) on the Mission bulletin board. Food needs to be in the church kitchen by 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 20. **Please bring your donation of school supplies on Sunday, August 19 so we can distribute supplies to the teachers and staff at the luncheon.**

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**KITCHEN CLEAN-UP DAY**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 21 FROM 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.**  
**!!! COME ANY TIME YOU CAN !!!**  
**WE WILL WORK TILL ABOUT 2:00 P.M. WITH A LUNCH BREAK IN BETWEEN...UNLESS WE GET IT ALL DONE BEFORE LUNCH!**  
 Contact Jane Snyder to say you can help!  
 (704-438-3358 or [jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org))



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**Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 26**

The Blessing of the Backpacks will take place in worship on Sunday, August 26. Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpack and participate in this ritual as they return to school.

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**Worship Workshop for Families on Sunday, August 26...**A workshop for children in 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades and their parents is planned for Sunday, August 26 following worship. We will have activities that introduce the elements of worship and help children understand the meaning of worship. Please let Elizabeth or Matt (704-982-2722; [eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org); [mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)) know how many in your family will attend and/or if you need childcare.

**Would You Like To Be A Silent Partner?**

First Presbyterian Church college students will soon begin the 2018-2019 school year. We need people to serve as a Silent Partner to these college students. The Silent Partner remains anonymous to the student but maintains contact by sending cards, and/or small packages of helpful college items such as favorite snacks, small school supplies, or gift cards for fast food or coffee, etc. Contact the church office at 704-982-2722 to sign-up to be a Silent Partner.

shhh...  
it's a secret



**LABOR DAY WORSHIP & BRUNCH**

**Sunday, September 2 at 9:00 a.m. at the**

**Charles Cannon Memorial YMCA Park (115 CB Crook Drive, Albemarle)**

**Join us for a Labor Day worship service followed by a lite brunch and fellowship.**

**Bring a chair if it's easy!**

**Menu:**

**Fruit Salad, Sausage Balls, Mini-bagels & Cream Cheese, Mini-muffins,  
Coffee, Bottled Water, and Orange Juice**

**First Family Dinner**

Wednesday, September 5

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

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

**Menu:**

Country Style Steak, Rice, Pinto Beans, Mixed Green Salad, Rolls,

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts,

Tea, Coffee, Water, & Lemonade

Healthy Meal Alternative: Mixed Green Salad

Please RSVP to the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)

by Thursday, August 30.



**GRANDPARENTS' DAY FLOWERS**

On Grandparents' Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of grandparents. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Grandparents' Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Grandparents' Day, September 10**. Any money collected over the cost of the flowers will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

**GRANDPARENTS' DAY FLOWERS**

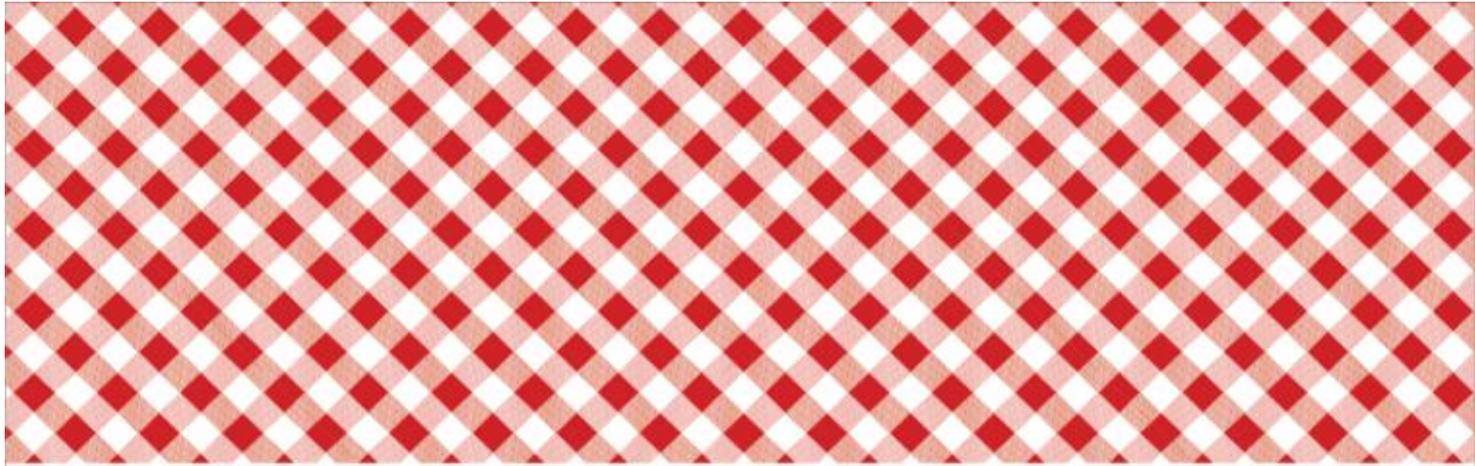
Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

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

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

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

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



DANCING WITH YOUR FAITH

RALLY DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:30 A.M. IN THE GYM

The Christian Education Committee is planning a faith-filled morning to kick-off the new year in Christian Education. Games, Art, Music, & Much More!!! Come for a pancake breakfast with all the trimmings!

RALLY DAY EVENT

SQUARE DANCE & LINE DANCING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

5:00 P.M. IN THE GYM

Pizza & Ice Cream available with a suggested donation of \$5.00 per person/\$15.00 per family.

5:00 p.m. Dance...6:00 p.m. Dinner

A great event for everyone!



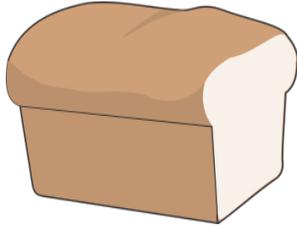
Operation Christmas Child boxes are now available throughout the church. Pick one up and fill it with gifts for a child. **Boxes will be dedicated in worship on Sunday, August 26.**

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**Christmas in August  
Movie Night on Friday, August 24  
6:00 p.m. in the church theatre  
Movie: *The Star***

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**Women's Retreat**

Where? William Black Lodge  
When? September 28-30  
Theme: The Gift of Bread  
Cost: \$185 double occupancy; \$240 single occupancy

Join others for fellowship, worship, Bible study, and lots of fun. Friends are welcome. Deposits (\$75.00) are needed by September 5.

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**First Presbyterian Church Congregational Retreat  
October 12-14**

**Morrow Mountain State Park**

It's not too early to sign-up for First Presbyterian Church's congregational retreat on October 12-14 at Morrow Mountain State Park. See the bulletin board in the pit stop for more information.



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***What is Youth Cubs/Clubs?***

***An afternoon of Christian Education adventures for children ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade.***

**First Day of Youth Cubs/Youth Club is**

**Wednesday, September 12 from 3:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.**

**Orff (percussion) instruments for K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders led by Daniel Dickens from 5:15 p.m. -5:45 p.m.**

**Handbells for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders led by Frank Poolos from 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.**

**\*Childcare provided for preschoolers until 5:45 p.m. For more information, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)).**

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, August 19

#### *Advent Sunday*

- 8:30 am \*Session
- 10:00 am \*Worship
- 11:00 am Holiday Brunch
- 11:15 am Worship Committee
- 12:00 pm Chrismon Workshop

### Monday, August 20

- 7:00 pm Book Conversation (Parlor)...*Shepherds Abiding*

### Tuesday, August 21

- 9:00 am-2:00 pm Kitchen Clean-up Day
- 12:00 pm Deadline for September Newsletter Articles

### Wednesday, August 22

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

### Thursday, August 23

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

### Friday, August 24

- 6:00 pm Movie Night: *The Star* (church theatre)

### Sunday, August 26

#### *Christmas in August*

#### *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

#### *Dedication of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes*

#### *Blessing of the Backpacks*

- 10:00 am \*Worship
- 11:00 am Christmas Cookies & Fruit Punch
- 11:00 am Worship Workshop for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Graders  
& their families

**\*childcare provided**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### AUGUST

- 19-Mark Andrew  
Don Joines
- 20-Jack Boling  
Doris Forte  
Frankie Palmer
- 22-Hannah Domenech  
Colette Johnston
- 24-Adrienne Averette

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### AUGUST

- 20-Chris & Anissa Chapman
- 23-Ben & Liz Jolly  
Bill & Jane Pickler
- 25-John & Robin Howell
- 26-John & Angie Earnhardt  
Stephan & Leslie Kinley

## SCCM CHALLENGE FOR AUGUST

Canned or Dried Beans,  
Canned Tomatoes, Rice

### Attention College Students & Parents

Please contact the church office  
(klambert@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722)  
with your college mailing address and email address.