



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Lord, be with us this day – within us to purify us; above us to draw us up; beneath us to sustain us; before us to lead us; behind us to restrain us; around us to protect us. Amen.

Based on a prayer of
Patrick of Ireland
(c. 389-461)

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

PRELUDE

Prélude modale

Jean Langlais

CHORAL INTROIT

O Be Joyful in the Lord

Donald Moore

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

The last are first in the realm of God;

The least are welcomed in Jesus' name. Let us worship God.

Jacob Palmer

Psalm 136
Mark 9

***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 643**

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun danket alle Gott

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent

Unison

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. We sow the seeds of conflict while you seek the harvest of peace. We argue about who is greatest while you welcome the least and the last. Forgive us, God of grace. Draw near to us this day with the wisdom of your Word and teach us how to serve you.

Mark 9:30-37
James 3:13-15

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news.

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.

Glory to God
hymnal
page 582

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The congregation is encouraged to participate in the prayer with the children.

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Drumheller

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Faith Sharing with Children, 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

O God, by your Holy Spirit, tell us what we need to hear and show us what we ought to do to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING [James 3:13-4:8a](#) Pew Bible, page 216

ANTHEM *Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise* Eric H. Thiman

GOSPEL READING [Mark 9:30-37](#) Pew Bible, page 42

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Questions

Rev. Drumheller

From
Romans 8:35, 37-39

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*HYMN 351

All Who Love and Serve Your City

Charlestown

During the hymn, ushers will collect your written prayers for inclusion in the Prayers of the People.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Kyle Marks

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TITHES AND OFFERING

Invitation

Heaven and earth are yours, O Lord,

And of your own we give you.

Offertory

Cantilena

Robert Lau

*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.

*HYMN 702

Christ Be Beside Me

Bunessan

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Peace, God's Wonderful Peace* William M. Runyan

*POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

My Offering cards are in the pews. As a regular practice, you are invited to take one, reflect on your giving, and place it in the offering plate when it comes to you.

*All who are able may stand

We rejoice that you are worshipping 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 Jackson Palmer. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thanks to Jacob Palmer for serving as liturgist today.

Ushers: Jill Niebler, captain; Steve Cumming, Heather Deese, Nancy Joines, Katherine Jolly, Ken Knight, Andy McLeod, Shelley Shedd **Outside Ushers:** Steve Coats; Stephan Kinley **Elder Greeters:** Joyce Lambert; Rich Schaefer **Nursery:** TBD **Kids Care Crew:** Debby Johnston; Carol Sasser **Children's Church:** Liz Davis; Luke Davis

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Katherine Cox (mother of Sherrie Richards; health concerns), Conor Granger (nephew of Laura McLeod; mental health issues), Holly Norwood, Veronica Fraser (friend of Debby Johnston; pancreatic cancer), Jack Dickerson (father of Susan Pandich), Judy Murrell, Sally Grantier, HESSIE CLARK. See newsletter for complete list.

INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP AT FPC?...If you have been visiting this congregation for a while (or just showed up) and want to know more about the privilege and responsibility of ministry, we'll share brief conversation and set a date to talk about the Presbyterian Church and this congregation specifically after worship on Sunday, September 23 in the parlor.

RESCHEDULED...

FAITH EXPLORERS' POOL & PIZZA PARTY ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

All 4th & 5th graders are invited to our post-hurricane pool & pizza party on Sunday, September 23. We will carpool from the church following worship and travel to the home of Penny & Jack Morton for some pool fun & pizza! Please bring a swimsuit, towel, and sunscreen to church. Pick-up will be at 3:00 p.m. at the Morton home (40313 Hoops Ct., Albemarle).

Habitat for Humanity Presbyterian Build

Presbyterian churches from around Stanly County are teaming up this fall to work with Stanly County Habitat for Humanity on their next build. First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, Norwood First Presbyterian Church, and Locust Presbyterian Church are going to be pulling together their resources to support this project. Our Faith on the Fifth offering on Sunday, September 30 will go toward this build project. Please give generously.

Communion Workshop for Children on Sunday, September 30...Noon-2:30 p.m.

We will have our annual communion workshop for children grades K-2 and their parents on September 30 after worship. Children and families will learn more about the Lord's Supper and symbols of this sacrament. Please plan to stay for lunch and conversation!



The Stanly County Family YMCA and Albemarle Rotary, along with the help of Crook Motors and Honeycutt Trucking, are collecting relief supplies for people on the NC East Coast. Through September 25, there will be a truck located at the Y. Items Needed: Bottled Water, Cleaning Supplies, Non perishable foods, Diapers/Wipes, Hygiene Kits. If the truck is not open, please bring your items into the Y. Volunteers are needed as well. Questions or to sign-up to volunteer, please contact Jennifer McSwain at (704)982-1916.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 23

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Prospective Members (parlor)
- 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers' Pool Party at the home of Penny & Jack Morton (40313 Hoops Ct., Albemarle)

Monday, September 24

- 7:00 pm Book Conversation (Parlor)

Tuesday, September 25

- 11:15 am Stretch Exercise (Gym)

Wednesday, September 26

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 3:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 27

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:15 am Stretch Exercise (Gym)

Friday, September 28

Women's Retreat at William Black Lodge (Montreat, NC)

Saturday, September 29

Women's Retreat at William Black Lodge (Montreat, NC)
8:00 am Greater Albemarle Ministerial Association
Community Workday

Sunday, September 30

Women's Retreat at William Black Lodge (Montreat, NC)
Faith on the Fifth Offering for Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm-2:30 pm Communion Workshop (K-2nd & Parents)
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Group (Middle Schoolers)
- 6:00 pm-6:30 pm Youth Group Dinner (All Youth)
- 6:30 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group (High Schoolers)

***childcare provided**



Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:

Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish,
Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper,
Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups
A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! SEPTEMBER

- 25-Kristie Bryson
- 27-Carter Gibson
Caroline West
- 28-Ruth Goforth
- 30-Kennady Atwater
Hannah Martin
Jordan Morgan

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! SEPTEMBER

- 26-Joe & Ann Snuggs
- 27-John & Jessica Palmer

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR SEPTEMBER

- Paper Goods...
- Toilet Tissue
- Paper Towels
- Facial Tissue
- Cleaning Supplies



**First Presbyterian
Church presents
the Fall Art Exhibit
Face Off 2018
featuring works by
GHA Autism Supports
Creative Arts Program**