



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

MORNING MEDITATION

**Help me to trust in you, O Lord, and help me find that freedom that makes life interesting, purposeful, and generous. Be with me today in all that I do. Walk with me in the midst of my troubles and fears. And give me your peace. I pray this in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.**

Based on *Psalm 91*  
Written by  
Dr. Thomas W. Currie, III

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONGS

Hymn 664	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	stanzas 1 and 3
Hymn 462	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	stanzas 1 and 3

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hallelujah! Praise God from heaven,  
**Praise God from the mountaintops;**  
Praise God, all you his angels, praise God, all you his warriors,  
**Praise God, sun and moon, praise God, you morning stars;**  
Praise God, high heaven, praise God, heavenly rain clouds;  
**Praise, oh let them praise the name of God –**  
**God spoke the word, and there they were.**

*Psalm 148*  
adapted from  
The Message

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

**Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new. Long ago you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit to open their hearts to demonstrate such love. Give us that same spirit of openness, that we too might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation.**

*Revelation 21:5*  
*Acts 11:1-18*  
*John 13:34*

\*HYMN 240      *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*      Alleluia No. 1

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence  
**Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace.**

*Psalm 23*  
*Luke 1:79*

Glory to God hymnal  
page 582

**\*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.**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**RECOGNITION OF TEACHERS AND LEADERS Reverend Drumheller  
IN THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN**

Reverend Ayscue

*Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of Faith Sharing with Children, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.*

**ANTHEM**

*No Hands But Yours*

J. Jerome Williams

Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world,

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,

Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

**RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

Presentation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Senior Reflection

Lachlann Currie

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

[\*Revelation 21:1-6\*](#)

Pew Bible, page 244

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*All Things New*

Reverend 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.**

**\*HYMN 22**

*God of the Sparrow*

Roeder

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

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

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Dale Wood

Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* hymnal, page 609

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures high and low.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit, one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

### LEAVETAKING RITUAL

Steve Cumming, leader

Leader: Throughout Holy Scripture, from the beginning of Genesis to the ministry of Jesus and the witness of the church, accounts of holy activity are clearly set apart by rest, quiet places and time for restoration. God has given us, God's people, the Sabbath pattern as a time of renewal, a time to be reminded of whose we are and what we are called to do, a time of rest that refreshes us for life. It is a gift given to the congregation while the pastor is away...a time for leaders to step forward and share their gifts with the community. It is a time to have others lead and proclaim God's word. It is also a gift given to the pastor by the community. It is a time for our pastor to be renewed for ministry and strengthened in his sense of call. During this time of sabbatical, I ask you, the leaders of First Presbyterian Church, will you pray for this congregation and our pastor? Will you carry out your commitment to serve this community in God's name?

**Officer Response: We will with God's help.**

Leader: You have been given the gift of a sabbatical by this community. Will you pray for the members and ministry of the congregation? Do you promise to use this time faithfully in ways that will renew and strengthen you as a pastor for this congregation?

**Pastor Response: I will with God's help.**

Leader: Will you pray for our pastor, this community of faith, and for the ministry we share? Will you use this time faithfully in ways that will renew and strengthen you and this community of faith as the baptized people of God?

**Congregational Response: We will with God's help.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

Unison Prayer

**Loving and gracious God, we ask your blessing upon Matt, the officers of this congregation, and upon all of us during this sabbatical time. By your Spirit, empower us to be strengthened by the gifts you give and renewed as servants of God. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN 37

*Let All Things Now Living*

Ash Grove

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Amen*

Peter C. Lutkin

\*POSTLUDE

*If Thou But Suffer God to Guide You*

Jan Mulder

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\*All that are able may stand.

This doxology, with its *alleluias*, is especially appropriate for the Easter season.

**We are grateful for your presence 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 Leah Kilde.** 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 Steve W. Saunders by Sandy, Jennifer, and Stacey Saunders.

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

**Ushers:** Jim Marshall, captain; Al Andrew, Robbie Beard, Duncan Bryson, Elizabeth Bryson, Keith Bryson, Mike McLeod, Chris Whitley, and David Whitley **Outside Ushers:** Mark Andrew; Jack Morton **Elder Greeters:** Steve Cumming; Sandy Saunders **Nursery:** TBD **Kids Care Crew:** Sarah & Ronnie Michael

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** The family of Gladys Benson (mother of Ann Crutchfield), Anna Wainwright (traveling to Zambia, Africa with members of University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill), Rita Morgan (recovering from an appendectomy), Jane Pickler (pancreatic cancer); Caroline Morton Chisholm (chemotherapy); Elaine Coats, Davis Fort, Terry Morgan. **See newsletter for complete list.**  
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### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

<b>Lee Boone</b> , son of Jane & Brad Boone	Gray Stone Day School
<b>Lachlann Currie</b> , daughter of Lisa & Patrick Currie	Carolina Christian School
<b>Peyton Hatley</b> , daughter of Jill & Mike Hatley	Gray Stone Day School
<b>Witt Snuggs</b> , son of Billie Jean & Lee Snuggs	School Without Walls High School

### COLLEGE GRADUATES

<b>Jay Andrew</b> , son of Becky & Al Andrew	B.A. in Economics with a minor in History from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
<b>Jake Davis</b> , son of Liz & Sam Davis	B.S. in Psychology and B.A. in Spanish from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte
<b>Morgan Smet</b> , daughter of Ellen Snyder	B.S. in Commerce with a concentration in Finance & Marketing from the University of Virginia

### GRADUATE SCHOOL

<b>Frank Poolos</b>	Master of Arts in Music Education from Liberty University
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# IN GRATITUDE FOR OUR TEACHERS & LEADERS

**Teachers & Leaders of the Christian Education Program Recognition on Sunday, May 19**

Thank you for sharing your time, your talents, and your creativity with our church and community through your work within our Christian Education programs this year. The participation of our volunteers is the lifeblood of our Christian Education programs. Their love reflects God's unmeasurable love for all of us. With deepest gratitude, we humbly thank our Sunday School teachers and substitutes for both children and adult classes, Children's Church volunteers, Youth Club volunteers, Kids' Crew Members, Youth Group volunteers, Faith Explorer teachers and field trip coordinators and chaperones, nursery volunteers, children's music leaders, and the Christian Education committee members.



**Central Elementary School Brunch  
Friday, June 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the church gym**

Need Casseroles & More!

Sign-up on the Mission Bulletin Board.

Food items need to be in the church kitchen by 9:00 a.m. on June 7.

For more information, contact Ruth Cotton  
(704-983-2481 or hugawolf@hotmail.com).

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**AROUND THE CLOCK CLASSIC  
SOFTBALL FUNDRAISER**

**MAY 31-JUNE 1**

Join Team Captain, Lee Snuggs, and the softball team from First Presbyterian Church as they battle it out on the field to raise money for the John P. Murray Community Care Clinic and Albemarle Parks & Recreation. The tournament begins Friday, May 31 at 6:00 p.m. with hotdogs, popcorn, drinks, candy apples available for purchase. The FPC team plays their first game at 12 midnight, then again at 2:00 a.m. on June 1, and last at 4:00 a.m. on June 1! Night-owl and insomniac spectators and cheerleaders welcome!



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**FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS**

On Father's Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of fathers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, JUNE 9.** Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Father's Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Father's Day, June 16.**

**FATHER'S 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: \_\_\_\_\_



# First Presbyterian Church Music & Arts Camp June 9-13, 2019

## FOR WHOM?

For you if you are age 4 (must turn 4 before June 30) or older - - all the way through completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade AND if you love to create, sing, and have fun with others. Everyone is welcome.

## WHAT WILL WE DO?

We'll sing and dance, create sets, play percussion instruments, study the Bible in new ways, act, and play. It will be a full and exciting week.

## WHEN WILL WE DO IT?

It all begins on Sunday, June 9 at 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. On June 10-13, these are the hours:

Ages 4-5	9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Grades K-6 (completed)	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

## WHAT ELSE?

**Early Bird Registration Fee** is only \$40.00 (by May 23). **Late Registration Fee** is \$45.00 (after May 23).

Children who have completed grades K-6 should bring a lunch each day. Drinks will be provided.

**The camp's grand finale will be a performance of *Once Upon a Parable*  
on Thursday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m.  
(Ice Cream follows)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ & Grade Completed (as of June 9) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact during hours of Music & Arts Camp \_\_\_\_\_

Food or other allergies \_\_\_\_\_

T Shirt Size: YX-Small (2-4) YSmall (6-8) YMedium(10-12) YLarge (14-16) YXLarge(18-20)

Adult S M L XL

Other things we should know about this child \_\_\_\_\_

**Permission to Use Photograph:** I grant to First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, the right to take photographs of my child/children during the 2019 Music & Arts Camp and to use such photographs for any purpose.

**I have read and understand the above:**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

of parent or guardian (if under age 18)

**Return registration form to:**

**First Presbyterian Church**

**P.O. Box 1578**

**126 West North Street**

**Albemarle, NC 28002**

**Questions? Contact the church office at (704) 982-2722  
or email Pam Knighten (pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org).**

**OPIOID LUNCH & LEARN**  
**A CONTINUING CONVERSATION ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 21 FROM NOON-1:00 P.M.**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE PIT STOP**  
**(126 WEST NORTH STREET, ALBEMARLE)**

**Speaker: Judith Chappell of Monarch**

**Topic: Medical Rehabilitation**

**Bring your lunch! Drinks and dessert provided!**



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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS**  
**(COMPLETED 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades)**  
**June 17-20, 2019 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**  
**Cost: \$40.00 per child**  
**Camp Limit of 12 children**  
**(Wait-list only)**

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**!!! Volunteers Needed for Cooking Camp !!!**

**!!! Contact Jane Snyder to say you can help !!!**

**704-982-2722/704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org**



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**JOIN US ON JUNE 2 FOR A DAY OF CELEBRATION**  
**10:00 a.m. Worship will be a celebration of God's gifts through the**  
**membership of our congregation.**  
**Reverend David Sutton will preach.**  
**50 year members will be recognized.**  
**Brunch for everyone will follow.**



**Invite your family and friends to share the day with us.**

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The 2019 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. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions for Ruling Elder

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3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Please return suggestions to the church office or to Ben Jolly, Nominating Committee Chair, by June 9. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Bob Johnston, Nancy Joines, Morgan Kinley, Ben Jolly, Barbara McManus, Jack Morton, and David Whitley.

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, May 19

*High School Graduate Recognition/Recognition of Teachers & Leaders in the Christian Education Program*

- 8:30 am Session
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 6:30 pm Youth Group End-of-the-Year Party at East Coast Wings  
(780 Leonard Ave., Albemarle)

### Monday, May 20

- 7:00 pm May Book Conversation (Parlor)
- 8:00 pm Bible Study
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

### Tuesday, May 21

- 5:30 pm Membership Committee
- 12:00 pm Summer Newsletter Deadline

### Wednesday, May 22

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 23

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

### Sunday, May 26

*Ascension Sunday*

- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship

**\*childcare provided**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### MAY

- 19-Piper Campbell  
Tucker Moses  
Jim Sawyer  
Natalie Taylor
- 20-Jim Ivey, III  
Bill Lindley
- 21-Kristen Laton  
Quinton Wainwright
- 22-Richard Lambert
- 23-Laura Mittendorf
- 26-Chris McLaurin

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### MAY

- 21-Brett & Sherrie Richards
- 24-Josh & Stephanie Campbell

## SCCM CHALLENGE FOR MAY

- Canned or Dried Beans
- Canned Tomatoes
- Rice