



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of your promises. Where we have been weak, grant us strength; where we have been confused, grant us your guidance; where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort; where we have been dead, grant us your life. Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing, in and with you, we can do all things. Amen.

Excerpted from
the
*Book of Common
Worship.*

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

*CHORAL INTROIT *O Risen Christ, Ascended Lord* Richard Proulx

*CALL TO WORSHIP Steve Cumming, liturgist

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Psalm 67

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, as you cause the sun to rise, bring the light of Christ to dawn in our souls and dispel all darkness. Give us grace to reflect Christ's glory; and let his love show in our deeds, his peace shine in our words, and his healing in our touch, that all may give him praise, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 394 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* Westminster Abbey

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray.

John 14:23, 24

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

Acts 11:16
Revelation 21:5

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

A Brief Statement of Faith, written to be used in worship, speaks much more about the life and earthly ministry of Jesus than many earlier confessions.

***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

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. Children in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.

ANTHEM

Jesus, My All, to Heaven Is Gone
Frank Poolos, Oboe

Howard Helvey

Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone, I'll never turn back no more.
He whom I fix my hopes upon, I'll never turn back no more.

Refrain:

*No more, no more, no more, my Lord,
I'll never turn back no more.*

His path I see, and I'll pursue, I'll never turn back no more.
The narrow way, till Him I view, I'll never turn back no more.
(Refrain)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God of promise, your word made flesh in Jesus Christ is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may it rise up in us this day like a gift from the spring of the water of life to refresh our thirsty souls. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

[John 5:1-9](#)

Pew Bible, page 90

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Sabbath Time

Reverend Ayscue

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God; preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN 716**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Response

Lord, send out your Spirit,
And renew the face of the earth.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Aria

William Lloyd Webber

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

*HYMN 541

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Randolph

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

*POSTLUDE

Processional

Martin Shaw

*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 Andy McLeod. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thanks to elder Steve Cumming for serving as liturgist today.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bob Palmer.

Ushers: Jim Marshall, captain; Al Andrew, Robbie Beard, Duncan Bryson, Elizabeth Bryson, Keith Bryson, Mike McLeod, Chris Whitley, and David Whitley **Outside Ushers:** Steve Coats; Stephan Kinley **Elder Greeters:** Steve Cumming; Sandy Saunders **Nursery:** Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Debby Johnston; Carol Sasser **Children's Church:** Lynn Poplin

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Eddie Wilson (brother of Elizabeth Wilson), Anna Wainwright (traveling to Zambia, Africa with members of University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill), Jane Pickler (pancreatic cancer), Caroline Morton Chisholm (chemotherapy), Elaine Coats, Davis Fort. **See newsletter for complete list.**

Thanks A Brunch

Central Elementary School Brunch

Friday, June 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Need Muffins & Fruit!

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).

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!

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: _____



JOIN US ON JUNE 2 FOR A DAY OF CELEBRATION

Worship at 10:00 a.m. will be a celebration of God's gifts through the membership of our congregation.

50 year members will be recognized. Brunch for everyone will follow.

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

Rev. David Sutton will preach.

David Sutton is an honorably retired Presbyterian minister and member of the Presbytery of Charlotte. He is the son of Ruth Ann Rogers and grew up in First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle. He and his wife, Finley, reside on Lake Tillery in Norwood. A graduate of St. Andrews Presbyterian College and Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, David served four PC(USA) congregations over thirty-eight years as an ordained pastor. The Suttons have two sons and daughters-in-law and three grandsons.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS

(COMPLETED 4th – 6th Grades)

June 17-20, 2019 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$40.00 per child

Camp Limit of 12 children

!!! Attention...1 spot available !!!

!!! Volunteers Needed for Cooking Camp !!!

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

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





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

1. _____
2. _____
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.



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

***Sign-up Deadline is Wednesday, May 29.**

FOR WHOM?

For you if you are age 4 (must turn 4 before June 30) or older - - all the way through completed 6th 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).

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 26

Ascension Sunday

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day/Church Office Closed

Wednesday, May 29

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 30

10:30 am Staff Meeting

Saturday, June 1

Around the Clock Softball Tournament

Sunday, June 2

Membership Celebration

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am *Worship

11:00 am Membership Celebration Brunch

11:00 am Mission Committee

***childcare provided**

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR MAY

Canned or Dried Beans

Canned Tomatoes

Rice

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR JUNE

Paper Goods...

Toilet Tissue

Paper Towels

Facial Tissue

Cleaning Supplies

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

26-Chris McLaurin

27-Gerald Poplin

28-Rebekah Ayscue

30-Jackson Lisk

31-David Holbrook

John Palmer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MAY

29-Lenny & Rose Saltzman

30-Al & Becky Andrew

Dan Samples & Martha Sue Hall

31-Aaron & Alison Whisnant

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JUNE

01-Barbara Whitley

02-Iris Coggins

Ben Jolly

Martha Wolf

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JUNE

02-Ross & Peggy Finley

Jim & Kim Marshall