



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

On that first Pentecost, the Holy Spirit truly called the people together in understanding and forgiveness and utter, wondrous joy. The early Christians, then, were known by how they loved one another. Would it not be wonderful if people could say that of us again? Not an exclusive love, shutting out the rest of the world, but a love so powerful, so brilliant, so aflame that it lights the entire universe!

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

THE SPIRIT MOVING AMONG US

Come, Holy Spirit,

Fill us.

Come, Holy Breath,

Live in us.

Come, Holy Wind,

Move through us.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again.

Where we are led by other impulses, we become slaves again, and our way of being is guided by fear.

Where we are guided by prejudice,

Fill us with love.

Where we are guided by pessimism,

Fill us with joy.

Where we are guided by misunderstanding,

Fill us with peace.

Where we are guided by superficial quick-fixes,

Fill us with patience.

Where we are guided by self-interest,

Fill us with kindness.

Where we are guided by apathy,

Fill us with goodness.

Where we are guided by convenience,

Fill us with faithfulness.

Where we are guided by complacency,

Fill us with meekness.

Where we are guided by temptation,

Fill us with self-control.

Come, Holy Spirit,

From
Glimpes of Grace
by
Madeline L'Engle

The Pentecost litany
comes from the
Christian AIDS
Bureau of South
Africa.

Romans 8:14-15a

Fill us.
Come, Holy Breath,
Live in us.
Come, Holy Wind,
Move through us. Amen.

CHORAL INTROIT AND PENTECOSTAL PROCESSION

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Harold W. Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when we humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch your garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father, break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of Thee,
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As they gathered to hear the Word proclaimed on that first Pentecost,
So too, we gather today to celebrate the coming of the Spirit.
Awe came upon the community of faith as they encountered the living Lord.
Make us aware, Holy Spirit, of the majesty and awe of God's continuing presence. Let us worship God!

*HYMN 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

Lancashire

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

God of rushing wind and dancing flames, we confess that we often resist the urging of the Spirit and turn away from those who are different. You seek to enlarge our understanding and bridge our divides, but we cling to that which is comfortable and known. We hoard our resources out of fear, rather than following the example of your earliest church and sharing with all as any have need. Forgive our lack of trust in You. Fill us with your Holy Spirit as you did the church on that first Pentecost. Make us bold to live renewed and transformed lives as disciples of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The good news and blessed truth is this: God's Spirit is already here and at work in each of us, individually and together. Even now our mistakes and pretenses have fallen away and we are claimed as God's beloved children. Friend, hear and trust 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

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.

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

ANTHEM

Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord

Indra Hughes

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Come, bow before Him now, with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;

He burns with holy fire, with splendor He is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light!

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;

He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.

No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him.

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

This anthem is based upon a hymn that rose quickly to the top of a list of favorite hymns in the United Kingdom since its composition in 1986. The text is not only appropriate for Pentecost, but also for our busy lives in a very noisy world.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

hymnal, page 451

**Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Acts 2:1-21](#)

Pew Bible, page 111

(On cue from the organ during the reading, the congregation will sing)

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,

Until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Come, Holy Spirit

Reverend Ayscue

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Doxology

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Andrew Carter

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...who forever sing to the glory of your name...

Sanctus

Congregation and Choir

Organ Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow 'er and
might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Upon direction from the ushers, the congregation will come forward to receive the elements. Gluten-free elements are available at the front of the sanctuary.

Words of Institution

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Anthem

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks
(Sung by choir and congregation)

Alleluia No. 1
hymnal, page 240

Thanksgiving

*HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

Dove of Peace

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

*POSTLUDE

Come Holy Spirit

Johann Sebastian Bach

*All that are able may stand.

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 Thora Kilde. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

There is no Children's Church in June, July, and August. School-aged children are encouraged to remain in worship. Nursery is available for newborns-preschoolers.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, June 9. Please prepare your heart to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. The table is open to all those who trust in Jesus Christ and all those who want to trust him more.

Thanks to Taylor Johnston for serving as liturgist today and to readers Leah Kilde and Ellen Snyder.

Processional participants are Hugh Carpenter, Cidney Eudy, Nathaniel Eudy, Sally Grantier, John Howell, Thora Kilde, Lee McManus, and Katie Saltzman.

Ushers: Jill Niebler, captain; Ella Cumming, Steve Cumming, Heather Deese, Katherine Jolly, and Dona Lisk

Outside Ushers: Mark Andrew; Jack Morton **Elder Greeters:** Taylor Johnston; Joyce Lambert **Nursery:**

Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Laura Beth & Kyle Marks

PENTECOST SUNDAY, June 9! The liturgical color for the day is RED! Plan to wear red as we celebrate the coming of the Spirit into the church. **We will receive the Pentecost Offering** which supports programs for at-risk children and youth, locally and nationally. A portion of this offering will be given to the Crisis Assistance Fund in Stanly County and will be used for the benefit of at-risk children and youth.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Al Andrew, Ann Duckwall, Jane Pickler (pancreatic cancer), Caroline Morton Chisholm (chemotherapy), Elaine Coats, Davis Fort. **See newsletter for complete list.**



HONDURAS LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Cost: Donation (to support Montaña de Luz trip participants)

Menu:

Honduran Soup (Beef, Potatoes, Carrots), Corn Tortillas, Shredded Queso Cheese, Salsa, Black Bean & Corn Salsa, Fruit Display, Churros & Cookies, Tea, Lemonade, and Water

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: _____



LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

SUNDAYS FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN THE PIT STOP

JUNE 9, 16, & 30 JULY 7, 14, 21, & 28 AUGUST 4, 11, 18, & 25

The Fellowship Committee invites you to the pit stop following worship this summer for lemonade and a special treat. Come beat the heat, quench your thirst, and fellowship with friends!



Gardening for SCCM Begins Sunday, June 16

We will start Gardening for SCCM on Sunday, June 16. A table will be set-up in the pit stop before and after worship throughout the summer for donated garden produce to be sold with proceeds to benefit Stanly Community Christian Ministry (SCCM). Extra produce not sold will be donated to SCCM. Please bring your fresh garden fruits and vegetables to help with this program.



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.

Currently Serving Officers are:

Deacons

Wiley Crutchfield	Jill Niebler
Melissa Eudy	Courtney Niederer
Kate Gibson	Tom Norwood
John Howell	Brett Richards
Jack Morton	Jeff Robertson
Penny Morton	Rose Saltzman

Elders

Debbie Bennett	Jim Marshall	Rich Schaefer
Steve Coats	Lee McLaurin	Debbie Wainwright
Steve Cumming	Jacob Palmer	David Whitley
Taylor Johnston	Gayle Russell	
Ben Jolly	Sandy Saunders	
Joyce Lambert	Jim Sawyer	

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 9

Pentecost/Pentecost Offering

Deadline for Father's Day flower form

- 8:45 am Diaconate
- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (Pit Stop)

Monday, June 10

- 8:00 pm Bible Study at Off the Square

Tuesday, June 11

- 3:00 pm Youth Afternoon Mission at the Mary & Martha Center

Wednesday, June 12

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

Sunday, June 16

Father's Day/Gardening for SCCM

- 8:30 am Session
- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (Pit Stop)

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JUNE

- 10-John Earnhardt
Jessica Palmer
- 12-Merrin Kinley
Rich Schaefer
- 13-John Howell
Laura Beth Marks
- 15-Jordan Hesley
- 16-Janet Schaefer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

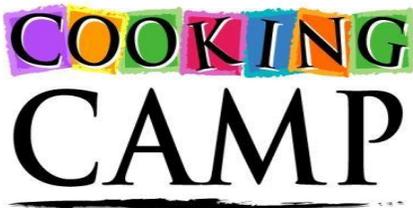
JUNE

- 12-Jack & Joan Boling
- 14-Frank & Mary Green
Sam & Kay Griffin
Marshall & Cam Rogers
Bill & Barbara Lindley
- 15-Hugh & Debbie Wainwright
- 16-Jeff & Kim Robertson

SCCM CHALLENGE

FOR JUNE

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



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

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

Need Clean-Up Crew for Cooking Camp

Monday – Thursday (June 17-20) from 11 am-2 pm

You can help all days or as many as possible.

Contact Jane Snyder (704-982-2722/704-438-3358) or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org