



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

**MORNING MEDITATION**

*God, in God's unending beauty and love, can appear unexpectedly in our lives. Just a glimpse can keep us going. The eternal love of God comes to us in brief moments, hanging on the broken doors of our lives.*

From  
Sanctuary  
by  
Becca Stevens.

**PEALING OF THE BELLS**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

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

**GATHERING SONGS**

Hymn 338	<i>O Beautiful for Spacious Skies</i>	all stanzas
Hymn 321	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	stanzas 1 and 2

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is mighty in word and deed.  
**God's mercy is everlasting.**  
Blessed be the one holy and living God.  
**Glory to God forever.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 370**

*This Is My Father's World* Terra Beata  
*The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger may be brought forward at this time.*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence  
**O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation.**

*Psalm 91:2*  
*Luke 4:4, 10*  
*Romans 10:10-11*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news.  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**



\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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\*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 Jackson Palmer.** 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 Johnny Andrew by his family.

**We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering** for hunger today.

**Welcome to Michelle Efird** as our organist today.

**Thanks to Andy Cotton,** soloist, for sharing his musical talent with us.

**Thanks to Dorothy Hart,** Youth Director, for serving as liturgist today.

**We are delighted to hear the Word proclaimed by Dr. Kevin Taylor.** He is the Associate Professor in the Department of Religion and Practical Theology at Pfeiffer University.

**There is no Children’s Church in the summer.** School-aged children are encouraged to remain in worship. Nursery is available for newborns-preschoolers.

**Thanks to Martha Sue Hall and Karlyn Cox** for hosting lemonade on the lawn today.

**Ushers:** Brett Richards, captain; Mark Donham, Judy Kilgore, Ethan Richards, Grace Richards, Danny Saltzman **Outside Ushers:** Jim Marshall; Chris Whitley **Elder Greeters:** Debbie Bennett; Jim Sawyer **Nursery:** Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Barbara & Chris Whitley

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Jordan Andrew (daughter of Bo & Lauren Andrew), Jane Pickler (pancreatic cancer), Caroline Morton Chisholm (chemotherapy), Elaine Coats, Davis Fort. **See newsletter for complete list.**

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**ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE GRANTS**

The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until **July 12**. Applications are available in the church office. If you have questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)). Applications may be submitted by individual church members or committee chairpersons. Once funding requests are received, the Endowment Committee will review the applications and determine funding. If you have questions about the application process, please contact the office. Endowment Committee members include: Lee McLaurin, chair; Debbie Bennett, Patrick Currie, Bob Gaither, and Nathan Sanges.

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**Thank You**

Thank you for all the support and compassion shown me and Jeff during my father’s illness and passing. We are blessed to be part of a warm, welcoming, and loving church family. Your kindnesses eased the sadness during a difficult time.

Kim Robertson



We will Circle the Sanctuary for the SCCM food pantry again this summer. You may bring non-perishable food items to designated areas in the sanctuary during the weeks of July 7, 14, and 21.

**Most Needed Items Are:**

**Canned Fruit (No Sugar Added), Canned Vegetables (Low Sodium), Canned Meats, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Macaroni & Cheese, Oatmeal/Grits, 1lb bag of rice**

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**LEMONADE ON THE LAWN  
SUNDAYS FOLLOWING WORSHIP  
IN THE PIT STOP**

Stop by to connect with your church family  
over lemonade and tasty treats!

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**Gardening for SCCM**

If you have extra garden produce, consider sharing it at the designated table in the Pit Stop. Church members who need it can take some for a donation. Contributions and extra produce will be donated to SCCM.

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**DINNERS FOR 7**

Dinners for 7 will return in the fall. These dinner groups will gather (in home, restaurants, or around a picnic table in the park) once a month through the fall. Sign-up to be part of one and make new connections.



# Wish List

## ***For Montaña de Luz***

Our group is leaving for Montaña de Luz on Wednesday, July 24.  
Your donation(s) of the following supplies would be greatly appreciated:

### **Toiletries**

Shampoo (for men & women)  
Conditioner  
Lice Shampoo/Lice kits  
Body wash (for men & women)  
Feminine pads (no tampons)  
Razors (for men & women)  
Deodorant (for men & women)  
Hair gel  
Body lotion  
Toothbrush  
Toothpaste  
Baby wipes

### **Education**

Dry erase markers  
Composition notebooks  
Pencils (no mechanical pencils)  
Pencil sharpeners  
Blue, black and red pens  
Printer paper

### **Other**

Flip flops/Crocs (men & women ages 9-20)

### **Games**

Interactive games for kids ages 1 & 2, Puzzles, Child and young adult coloring books,  
Jenga, Uno card game, Sidewalk chalk, Friendship bracelet materials, Paint materials for art projects

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### **Sunday, July 7**

*Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger/Circle the Sanctuary*

10:00 am \*Worship

11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (pit stop)

11:00 am Mission Committee

### **Monday, July 8**

8:00 pm Bible Study at Off the Square

### **Wednesday, July 10**

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

### **Thursday, July 11**

8:00 am-Noon Youth Volunteer at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Food Pantry  
(111 East Church Street, Richfield)

### **Friday, July 12**

*Deadline for Gaither Endowment Grant form*

### **Sunday, July 14**

*Circle the Sanctuary*

10:00 am \*Worship

11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (pit stop)

**\*childcare provided**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

#### **JULY**

07-Barbara Lindley

Stella Marks

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

#### **JULY**

10-Don & Janice Abernathy

### **SCCM CHALLENGE FOR**

#### **JULY**

Staple Items...

Flour

Sugar

Vegetable Oil

Broth

Cooking Spray