



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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Gracious  
compassionate  
Healer  
Incomprehensible  
Forgiving  
Loving  
Omnipresent  
Accepting  
FORGIVING  
powerful  
constant  
Loving

## GATHERING BEFORE GOD

Based on a  
prayer from the  
1929 Scottish  
prayer book.

### MORNING MEDITATION

*Almighty and ever-living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this congregation. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### PEALING OF THE BELLS

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

### GATHERING SONG

Hymn 175

*Seek Ye First*

all stanzas

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our refuge and strength,

**A very present help in trouble.** (repeated on cue from the leader)

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Living Christ, you walk on the waters of turmoil to meet us wherever we are. Help us to recognize your presence, remember your promise, rely on your power, and receive your peace. Amen.**

### \*HYMN 687

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

St. Anne

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

**God of past, present, and future, we confess that we live casual lives. Too often, we commit ourselves to things of little consequence and ignore what matters most to you. We are a people of many words, and yet ignorant in the ways of your Word. We are busy with many things, yet slow to respond to others with the love of Jesus Christ. Forgive us. By the power of your Holy Spirit, increase in us a faith sufficient for our time, give us hope whose roots grow deep, and enlarge our hearts so we may love others as you love us.**

### \*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.

*Romans 10:8b*  
*Psalm 91:9*

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

From the *Belonging to God* Catechisms. These catechisms were adopted by the General Assembly of the PCUSA in 1998.

### FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Melissa Eudy

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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, as we turn to your Word, may your Spirit rest upon us. Make us steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Isaiah 43:1-7](#)

Pew Bible, page 631

[Psalm 23](#)

Pew Bible, page 474

### ANTHEM

*Ain't Goin' to Study War No More*

Harry T. Burleigh

Andy Cotton, Baritone

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Romans 8:35, 37-39](#)

Pew Bible, page 148

SERMON *Does God Give Us More Than We Can Handle?* Reverend Ayscue

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

#### **What is the nature of resurrection hope?**

Resurrection hope is a hope for the transformation of this world, not a hope for escape from it. It is the hope that evil and all its forms will be utterly eradicated, that past history will be redeemed, and that all the things that ever were will be made new. It is the hope of a new creation, a new heaven, and a new earth, in which God is really honored as God, human beings are truly loving, and peace and justice reign on earth. Amen.

#### \*HYMN 39

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Faithfulness

*During the hymn, ushers will collect your prayers to be included in the Prayers of the People.*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Reverend Drumheller

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

*Bourrée*

Georg Philipp Telemann

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.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

#### \*HYMN 353

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Solid Rock

#### \*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Chorale from Cantata #22*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

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

**The flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Maude and Jim Boysworth.

**Thanks to the processional participants** this morning and to Billie Jean, Lee, and Witt Snuggs for creating the boulders.

**We will celebrate** the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper next Sunday. Use the week ahead to prepare your hearts and minds to share this meal.

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

**Ushers:** Jack Morton, captain; Kyle Barbee, Taylor Barbee, John Earnhardt, Brent Lisk, Grant Lisk, Greg Lisk, Penny Morton, Jeff Robertson, Kim Robertson **Outside Ushers:** John Howell; Stephan Kinley **Elder Greeters:** Ben Jolly; Debbie Wainwright **Nursery:** Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Chris Mabry; Greg Lisk

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Cam Rogers, Don Joines, Mark Mabry, Jane Pickler. **See newsletter for complete list.**

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**Consider this call** – We are seeking folks to serve in several areas of our Christian Education program. Would you be willing to share your faith and life experience with children or teens for a couple hours each month? Please pray about this opportunity and let Elizabeth know how you might help (eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722).  
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**Due to the painting of the GHA Autism Supports office, their parking lot is closed until further notice. The GHA staff requests that First Presbyterian Church friends and members not park in the lot until the painting is complete...this includes Sundays. We will notify you when GHA opens the parking lot.**

**Thank you.**

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*What is Youth Club?*

*An afternoon of Christian Education adventures for children K-5<sup>th</sup> Grades.*

**Youth Club begins on  
Wednesday, September 11 from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.**

**For more information,  
contact Matt (704-982-2722 or mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).**



# Central Elementary School Supplies List

## WILL YOU HELP?

Please take the list below and shop for school supplies for our partner school, Central Elementary. A designated bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

**Monetary donations for uniform shirts would be greatly appreciated.**

**Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and in the memo put: CES uniform donation**

**Your donations are needed in the pit stop by Sunday, August 18.**

**If you shop at OfficeMax/OfficeDepot, Central Elementary School will receive 5% back. At checkout, present ID number 70060235.**

### Student Supplies

Crayons – 8, 16, or 24 count Crayola brand only  
Glue Sticks  
#2 Pencils  
#2 Beginner Jumbo Pencils (for Kindergarten students)  
Composition Hard Cover Wide-Ruled books (not spiral bound)  
Scissors (child & youth sizes)  
Pink Pearl Eraser  
Card Stock Paper  
Dry Erase Markers (small size)  
Notebook Paper (wide-ruled & regular-ruled)  
Small Zipper Pencil Pouch or Pencil Box  
Dividers with pockets  
Spiral Notebooks with pockets  
Plain Solid 2-pocket folders  
Pocket folders with prongs  
2” 3-ring binders  
Pencil top erasers  
1 pk. Highlighters  
Colored Pencils  
Colored Paper  
3x5 index cards  
Ear Buds  
Ear Phones  
Small Pencil Sharpener  
Sticky Notes

### Classroom Supplies Needed Include:

Lysol or Clorox Wipes, Kleenex, Baby Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Paper Towels, Band-aids, and Ziplock Sandwich Bags (Quart and Gallon)



**Welcome Back Brunch for Matt  
Sunday, August 18 in the Gym**

Bring your favorite breakfast or brunch food, and we'll enjoy a casual meal together following worship.

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**BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCHEON  
FOR CENTRAL SCHOOL TEACHERS & STAFF  
MONDAY, AUGUST 19 AT 11:45 A.M. IN THE CHURCH GYM**



Please sign-up to help and/or serve with food (salad and/or dessert) on the Mission bulletin board.

Food needs to be in the church kitchen by 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 19.

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**Worship Workshop for Rising 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders and Their Parents  
Sunday, August 25 from 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.  
(Childcare provided for younger siblings.)**



This workshop will prepare children and parents to experience a deeper relationship with God through regular worship. To sign-up, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or [pknighnten@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:pknighnten@fpcalbemarle.org)).

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**Would You Like To Be A Silent Partner?**

First Presbyterian Church college students will soon begin the 2019-2020 school year. We need people to serve as a Silent Partner to these college students. The Silent Partner remains anonymous to the student but maintains contact by sending cards, and/or small packages of helpful college items such as favorite snacks, small school supplies, or gift cards for fast food or coffee, etc. The feedback each year from the college students is very positive. Won't you support one of our students in this way? Contact the church office at 704-982-2722 to sign-up to be a Silent Partner.



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**Worship on Labor Day  
Sunday, September 1 at 9:00 a.m at the YMCA Park  
Breakfast Treats Provided by the Fellowship Committee  
Dress is informal. Well-behaved pets are welcome.**

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**FIRST FAMILY GATHERING  
EVENING PRAYER AT 5:45 in the Chapel  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 AT 6:00**

We are gearing up for our **FIRST FAMILY GATHERING** on Wednesday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m.! Mark your calendars for the **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH**. We will provide great meals with healthy meal choices every month. Let's have a fiesta to celebrate the start of a new season!

September Menu: Taco Bar, Mexican Rice, Black Beans, Tortilla Chips and Cheese Dip, Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts, Tea, Coffee, Water and Lemonade. Healthy Meal Alternative: Taco Salad.

**Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, September 3  
(704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)).**





**Back-to-School  
Blessing of the Backpacks  
Sunday, August 25  
during worship**



**OPIOID LUNCH & LEARN**

**Topic: Breaking Free...**

**Hope & Restoration Found Through Recovery**

**Speaker: Treena Norwood from Bridge to Recovery**

**Tuesday, August 20 from Noon-1:00 p.m. in the Pit Stop**

**Lunch provided by Bridge to Recovery.**

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# STEPPING **BOLDLY** FORWARD

**RALLY DAY**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8  
AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE GYM**

The Christian Education Committee is planning a faith-filled morning to kick-off the new year in Christian Education. Food, Games, Art, and Much More! Come for a pancake breakfast with all the trimmings!

**RALLY DAY EVENT...OLD-FASHIONED PICNIC  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8  
BEGINNING AT 5:00 P.M.  
AT THE HOME OF JOHN AND ROBIN HOWELL**

(20959 Old Aquadale Rd., Albemarle)  
Hamburgers and Hot Dogs provided.

Please bring your favorite side or dessert, a picnic blanket, chairs, towels, etc...

Fun, old-fashioned games led by our youth group! Prepare to get wet!

5:00 p.m. Games                      6:00 p.m. Dinner

This will be a family-friendly evening for the entire congregation. Don't miss a minute of it!

Please RSVP to Kyle Lambert in the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

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## GRANDPARENTS' DAY FLOWERS



On Grandparents' Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of grandparents. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Grandparents' Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Grandparents' Day, September 8**. Any money collected over the cost of the flowers will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

## GRANDPARENTS' 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, August 18**

- 8:30 am Session
- 10:00 am \*Worship
- 11:00 am Covered-dish Welcome Back Brunch for Matt (Gym)
- 11:00 am Worship Committee

**Monday, August 19**

- 11:45 am Central School Staff Luncheon (Gym)
- 6:00 pm Endowment Committee
- 8:00 pm Bible Study at Off the Square

**Tuesday, August 20**

- 12:00 pm Opioid Lunch & Learn (pit stop)
- 12:00 pm September Newsletter Deadline

**Wednesday, August 21**

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

**Sunday, August 25**

*Blessing of the Backpacks/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

- 9:00 am Personnel Committee
- 10:00 am \*Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (pit stop)
- 2:00 pm Worship Workshop (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders & parents)
- 6:00 pm-8:00 pm Youth Group Board Game Night

**\*childcare provided**

# 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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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
AUGUST**

- 18-Sarah Michael  
Brett Richards
- 19-Mark Andrew  
Don Joines
- 20-Jack Boling  
Doris Forte  
Frankie Palmer
- 21-Lainie Lentz
- 22-Hannah Domenech  
Colette Johnston

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!  
AUGUST**

- 18-Lee & Billie Jean Snuggs
- 20-Chris & Anissa Chapman
- 23-Ben & Liz Jolly  
Bill & Jane Pickler

**SCCM CHALLENGE FOR AUGUST**

Canned or Dried Beans,  
Canned Tomatoes, Rice

**Volunteers Needed for next First Family Gathering**

- Dessert Crew: Tuesday, September 3 at 10:00 a.m.
- Set up crew: Wednesday, September 4 at 11:00 a.m.
- Taco and Salad crew: Wednesday, September 4 at 1:00 p.m.
- Final Touches Crew: Wednesday, September 4 at 5:15 p.m.
- Clean-up crew: Wednesday, September 4 at 6:45 p.m.

Please call Jane Snyder at the church 704-982-2722 or on her phone 704-438-3358 if you would like to help☺