



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Grace and gratitude belong together like heaven and earth. Grace evokes gratitude like the voice an echo. Gratitude follows grace like thunder follows lightening.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is good.

His steadfast love endures forever.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

CHORAL INTROIT

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Karl P. Harrington

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us praise the Lord!

Let us sing for joy to God, who protects us!

Let us come before him with thanksgiving.

And sing songs of praise.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love. Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN 687**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger may be brought forward at this time.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

From
Church
Dogmatics
by Karl Barth

Psalm 100:5

Psalm 95:1-2;
from *Today's
English Version*

*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

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

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Reverend Drumheller

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Baptism, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation and Questions

*Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Introduction to the Congregation

Anthem

Feed My Lambs

Natalie Sleeth

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[*Ephesians 1:13-14*](#)

Pew Bible, page 181

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Holding the Mystery

Reverend Ayscue

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS

Leader: In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.

People: In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.

Leader: In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

People: In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.

Leader: In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

People: In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.

Leader: When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

People: When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.

Leader: When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.

People: So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us.

ANTHEM

Pie Jesu from 'Requiem'
Ann Crutchfield, Soprano

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Blessed Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant them everlasting rest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

During the prayer, a bell will toll for these saints of First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, who have entered the Church Triumphant since All Saints Day 2018.

Blue Honeycutt
Dr. Davis Fort

April 29, 2019
October 18, 2019

*HYMN 326

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

During the singing of the hymn, the congregation is invited to place a flower in the basket in memory of the saints of their lives.

TITHES AND OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

O How Blessed

Johannes Brahms

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Leader:...Remembering that we are not alone at this table, we join our voices with all the saints whom you have called, from all times and places, who forever sing your praise.

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.

Leader:... Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

Distribution and Sharing of the Elements

Anthem *O Lamb of God* Malcolm Archer

Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* Let Us Break Bread

The congregation is invited to sing the hymn while communion is being served.

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Let us drink wine together...

Let us praise God together on our knees...

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful – those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 37 *Let All Things Now Living* Ash Grove

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Peter C. Lutkin

*POSTLUDE *O Welt ich muss dich lassen* Johannes Brahms

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

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on Sunday, November 3.

There is no Children's Church today. School-aged children are encouraged to remain in worship and to participate in the Lord's Supper.

Margot Ann Johnston, daughter of Taylor and Lisa Rauch Johnston, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this morning. Elders participating in the baptism are Debby and Bob Johnston.

The Lord's Table is open to all those who trust in Jesus Christ and those who want to trust him more.

Ushers: Brett Richards, captain; Mark Donham, Judy Kilgore, Ethan Richards, Seth Richards **Outside Ushers:** John Howell; Greg Lisk **Elder Greeters:** Jim Marshall; Jacob Palmer **Nursery:** Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Becky Andrew; Angie Earnhardt **No Children's Church**

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Jane Scheer (Trinity Place- Room F-7), Catherine Johnson (niece of Elizabeth Wilson; diagnosed with breast cancer), Rinn Gannon (friend of Isabel McLeod; recovering from a stroke), Barbara Whitley (recovering from back surgery), Don Joines, Mark Mabry, Jane Pickler. **See newsletter for complete list.**

IN MEMORIAM
 Doctor Wilkinson Davis Fort
 February 11, 1926 – October 18, 2019



FIRST FAMILY GATHERING
EVENING PRAYER AT 5:45 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE GYM

November Menu: Chicken Casserole, Broccoli, Mixed Green Autumn Salad, Fruit, Rolls, Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts, Tea, Coffee, Water, and Lemonade. Healthy Meal Alternative: Mixed Green Autumn Salad and Fruit.

Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, November 4
(704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

Volunteers Needed for next First Family Gathering

- Dessert Crew: Tuesday, November 5 at 10:00 a.m.
- Side and Salad Crew: Wednesday, November 6 at 10:00 a.m.
- Set-up crew: Wednesday, November 6 at 4:30 p.m.
- Clean-up crew: Wednesday, November 6 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 😊



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes will be dedicated on Sunday, November 10. Please return your filled box by that time.

VETERANS DAY FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

On Veterans Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of veterans. **Each name is \$2.00.** Please mail, deliver or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **no later than Sunday, November 3.** Please make your check payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and designate for Veterans Day Arrangements. The names of donors and those being remembered/honored will be listed on Sunday, November 10.



VETERANS DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!

Who can come? 2nd & 3rd graders
What? Breakfast...muffins, fruit, yogurt, milk, juice, etc.
When? Sunday, November 3 at 9:00 a.m.
Where? Media Room
Why? To pray together & build strong community of faith
Please let Jill Niebler (jlniebler@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us.





Time for Homes of Hope's Fall...

HEARTY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Friday, November 8th from 6:30 am – 9:30 am

Central United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (172 N. Second Street, Albemarle)

Donations Accepted!

Enjoy a Hearty Breakfast of:

Scrambled Eggs, Cereal, Bacon, Biscuits, Pancakes, Fruit, Grits, Gravy, Sausage, Juice, & Coffee



United Way
of Stanly County

Food for the Spirit

Sunday, November 10

9:45 a.m. in the Church Gym

The Christian Education Committee is hosting Food for the Spirit on Sunday, November 10 at 9:45 a.m. in the gym for all adults. Our goal is to get more people involved in sharing faith with one another. Please bring your favorite breakfast casserole or other breakfast item and make this truly *food for the spirit!* We hope to see you there!



**Community Table
Saturday, November 9
9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

First Presbyterian Church will host the Saturday lunch at the Community Table on Saturday, November 9. Volunteers are needed to help serve and provide food. Spend some time as neighbors helping neighbors! Please sign-up on the Mission Bulletin Board in the pit stop area to say you can help.

**PrimeTimers' Luncheon
Thursday, November 14**

**Speaker: Mayor Ronnie Michael
Program: Economic Development**

Menu: Turkey, Baked Potatoes, Salad, and Desserts



Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, November 11 to say you're coming and/or if you need transportation (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).



**SERRV
Fair Trade Bazaar
Sunday, November 10**

This is the place to find...

- ❖ **Gifts with meaning – helps children go to school, helps with community development**
- ❖ **Environmentally sensitive gifts – some organic or shade grown products which are shipped in recyclables**
- ❖ **Fair trade gifts – artisan's and farmer's cooperatives have input in setting a fair price for their products**
- ❖ **Gifts for under \$10.00 – coffee, tea, chocolates, baking cocoa, soup mix, jams, mango chutney, spice mixes, olive oil, and other food items**

Question:

Why do we at First Presbyterian Church support this mission?

Answer:

Small cooperatives who receive even a small, but steady income through fair trade have more food to eat, develop their communities, and send their children to school. It makes a huge difference in their lives – whether their cooperative is located in the United States or in a developing nation.

Women in areas where SERRV works often suffer astonishing degrees of discrimination and lack of opportunity. By supporting this mission, we emphasize the empowerment of women artisans and support for their development in leadership skills, self-sufficiency, and independence.

**Will you help support this mission?
We'll be in the pit stop from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
and
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 10.
Bring your Christmas shopping list!**

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 3

All Saints Day/Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger/

Deadline for Veterans Day flower form/Daylight Saving Time Ends

9:00 am Breakfast Bunch (2nd & 3rd Graders in Media Room)

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm-4:00 pm Women's Retreat at the home of Lynn Poplin

5:00 pm-6:30 pm Youth Group – Middle School

6:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group – High School

Monday, November 4

7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Gloria Bryson
(811 Smith Street, Albemarle)

8:00 pm Bible Study with Matt

8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's
(1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

Tuesday, November 5

10:00 am First Family Dessert Crew

Wednesday, November 6

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am First Family Sides & Salad Crew

12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)

4:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club

4:30 pm First Family Set-Up Crew

5:45 pm Evening Prayer (Chapel)

6:00 pm First Family Dinner

6:45 pm First Family Clean-Up Crew

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 7

10:30 am Staff Meeting

Friday, November 8

6:30 am-9:30 am Homes of Hope Breakfast Fundraiser at Central United Methodist Church
(172 North 2nd Street, Albemarle)

Saturday, November 9

9:30 am-1:00 pm Community Table

Sunday, November 10

Shoebboxes for Operation Christmas Child Due/SERRV Sale in the Pit Stop

9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Sale in the Pit Stop

9:45 am *Sunday School/Food for the Spirit

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Mission Committee

12:00 pm-1:00 pm SERRV Sale in the Pit Stop

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! NOVEMBER

03-Barbara Overcash

04-Connie Wallace

06-Shannon Newport

08-Leni Henkenjohann

Nancy Joines

Mary Louise Sawyer

09-Ann Duckwall

Ross Holshouser

Sarah Newport

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR NOVEMBER

Canned Vegetables...

Green Beans, Corn, Carrots, Peas, Beans,

Mixed Vegetables (Vegall),

Canned Tomatoes