



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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## GATHERING BEFORE GOD

### MORNING MEDITATION

*Just for today, what does it matter, O Lord, if the future is dark? To pray now for tomorrow I am not able. Keep my heart only for today, grant me your light just for today. Amen.*

Teresa of Lisieux  
(1873-1897)

### PEALING OF THE BELLS

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### OPENING SENTENCES

If God is for us, who can be against us?

**Nothing can separate us from God's love.**

Romans 8:31, 39

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

**Make God's deeds known to all people!**

Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord;

**Dwell on all God's wondrous works!**

Give praise to God's holy name!

**Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the Lord!**

Pursue the Lord's strength; seek God's face always!

**Remember the wondrous works our God has done.**

Reverend Ayscue

Psalm 105

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**We gather together to worship, knowing that God is already among us; knowing that there is nothing that separates us from the presence of our Lord. Wherever we are, wherever we go, God is near. So let us worship with confidence and hope, knowing that God is already with us. Amen.**

Hebrews 10:19-22

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

**Merciful God, you challenge our assumptions about right living, and stretch our understanding of what holds worth. You reverse our expectations and reorder our priorities until they reflect your vision of well-being for all. But we cling to the values of this world, which privilege products over people, success over service, and competition for resources over the common good. Open us to new ways of living that embody your desire for creation and contribute to a common-wealth marked by justice and joy.**

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

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RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS *Gloria Patri* Meineke  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN Melissa Eudy

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING [\*Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52\*](#) Rose Saltzman, reader

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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ANTHEM *Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing* Gordon Young

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise,

That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.

Sing Alleluia, sing alleluia.

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

All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever,  
Sing Jehovah's mighty power, praise Him forever.  
Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever.

SERMON *Kingdom of Heaven* Rev. Drumheller

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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. Amen.**

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HYMN 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* St. Anne

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

*Air from 'Water Music'*

George F. Handel

Prayer of Dedication

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* John Rutter

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**Thank you to** Skeet Ayscue, James Cotton, and Katherine Jolly for helping to create this morning's video. Thank you to Melissa Eudy, Nathaniel Eudy, and Rose Saltzman for helping with worship.

**This week's worship video** will become available at 10:00 a.m. To access the worship video, go to the church's website ([www.fpcalbemarle.org](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)) and click on the worship banner or search for the church on *YouTube* and click on the appropriate video.

**Worship continues to take place at 10:00 a.m. during the summer months.**

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Banks Garrison, Yoder Whitley, Linda Richards (physical therapy at Forrest Oakes), Tom Bonekemper (cousin of Linda Anderson; pancreatic cancer), Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

**On Mondays and Wednesdays, Matt and Elizabeth will lead Morning Prayer** at 10:00 a.m. through Zoom. To access the meeting, go to the church's website ([www.fpcalbemarle.org](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)) and click on the *Morning Prayer* banner. You can also find the link through the Facebook event.

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**Digital Devotionals**, based on the Psalms, are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. If you have a Psalm you would like to have read, contact Elizabeth ([eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-982-2722).

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**Kim and Jeff Robertson will soon leave our community and move to the Chattanooga, TN area.** Since we will not be together in worship before their departure, you are encouraged to stop by the church and sign the hymnal for them. Call before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).

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**First Presbyterian Church Storytime for Children  
Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. for PreK-Kindergarten  
via YouTube livestream video**

Matt or Elizabeth will livestream a video reading a children's book. To access the video, go to the First Presbyterian Church website ([www.fpcalbemarle.org](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)) and click on the Storytime banner.

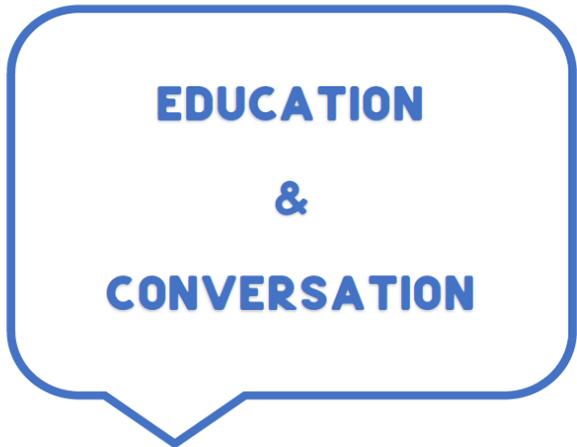


As we, as a congregation, educate ourselves about systemic racism, you are invited to participate in the following zoom conversations:

**Monday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m.**

We will discuss the book *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving

In order to participate in this conversation, you will need to contact the office to express interest (704-982-2722 or [mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)). Information regarding the link to the zoom call will then be emailed to you.



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**!!! It's Back !!!**

**Beginning August 6...Bible Study and Conversation with Catherine & Matt Moeller  
Thursdays from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Join Catherine and Matt Moeller for fellowship and biblical reflection. The material for this online discussion will be selected devotionals that our congregational members have written over the last few months. Each Monday, you will receive an email with the selected devotional for the week. Discussion will focus on the significance and application of the scripture. If you need help with Zoom, contact the church office (704-982-2722). Please email Matt Drumheller ([mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)) or Catherine Moeller ([mattandcatherine@hotmail.com](mailto:mattandcatherine@hotmail.com)) to say you are interested or need more information. Please join us!

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**BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCHEON FOR CENTRAL SCHOOL TEACHERS & STAFF**

**BOXED LUNCH DONATIONS TO BE RECEIVED ON MONDAY, AUGUST 10**

Boxed lunch items needed:

- 40 Chicken Salad Sandwiches – already made
- 40 Pimento Cheese Sandwiches – already made
- 4 Big Plastic Tubs of Salad
- 2 Bags of Romaine Salad
- 5 Containers of Grape Tomatoes
- 2 Bags of Shredded Carrots
- 6 Large Seedless Cucumbers
- 2 Bottles of Ranch Dressing
- 2 Bottles of Italian Dressing
- 2 Bottles of Vinaigrette Dressing
- 8 Pasta Salads to serve 10 people – Meatless
- Dessert – 6 Pound Cakes with No Icing

If you would like to donate, contact Anne Montgomery ([johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com](mailto:johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com) or 704-982-7823).

**WE WILL DELIVER LUNCH TO THE CENTRAL SCHOOL TEACHERS & STAFF  
ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11.**

Help is needed on Monday, August 10 **and** Tuesday morning, August 11 to assemble lunch boxes. If you can help either or both of the days, contact Ruth Cotton (704-942-1381 or [hugawolf@hotmail.com](mailto:hugawolf@hotmail.com)).



# Central Elementary School Supplies List

The 2020-2021 school year will be here soon and school supplies are in stores ready for purchase. Please take the list below and begin shopping for much needed supplies for our partner school, Central Elementary.

**ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, BRING YOUR DONATION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO THE CHURCH AND DROP-OFF AT THE ELEVATOR (BACK PARKING LOT). A TEAM OF PEOPLE WILL CHECK ON SUPPLIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY TO TAKE INTO THE CHURCH.**

## 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  
Plain Solid 2-pocket folders  
Pocket folders with prongs  
2” 3-ring binders  
Pencil top erasers  
Highlighters (packs)  
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)

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, July 26**

10:00 am Online Worship followed by  
Lemonade on the Lawn via Zoom

**Monday, July 27**

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
7:00 pm Conversation via Zoom on  
*Waking Up White and Finding Myself  
in the Story of Race*

**Tuesday, July 28**

10:00 am Digital Devotional  
1:00 pm Online Story Time (PreK-Kindergarten)

**Wednesday, July 29**

6:45 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast via Zoom  
10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
7:00 pm Youth Group Virtual Game Night

**Thursday, July 30**

10:00 am Digital Devotional

**Sunday, August 2**

*Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger*

10:00 am Online Worship followed by  
Lemonade on the Lawn via Zoom

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**JULY**

26-William Ivey  
Adam Jolly  
27-Chris Chapman  
John Hahn  
Ellen Whitley  
29-Marlene Sanges  
31-James Cotton  
Dick Liles

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**JULY**

28-Matt & Claire George Drumheller  
John & Heather Kilde  
Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**AUGUST**

01-Michelle Cumming  
Emmett Minkler  
Madelyn Taylor

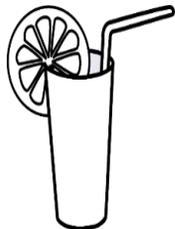
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**Your on-going support of First Presbyterian Church is essential to the mission and ministry of the church and to the well-being of our ministry partners, locally and globally.  
Thank you for your generosity.**

**Tithes and offerings may be mailed to:  
First Presbyterian Church  
P.O. Box 1578  
Albemarle, NC 28002**

**Online giving can be done through the  
church’s website ([www.fpcalbemarle.org](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)).  
Click on the GIVE button.**

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**All staff members are working at home whenever possible, and the church building is closed most of the time.** The church's answering machine is being checked periodically; however, in case of an emergency, please contact Elizabeth (704.985.2945) or Matt (540.449.5319) directly.  
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**Lemonade on the Lawn via Zoom**

Join your friends in the summer tradition of Lemonade on the Lawn (online) immediately following worship. You are invited to bring your own lemonade or beverage of your choice and join others for conversation. Gathering will be simple. Along with the information regarding access to Sunday worship, you will receive the zoom link to gain entry to Lemonade on the Lawn. We hope to see you following worship on Sundays.