



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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January 10, 2021

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

You are my Beloved Son, with you I am well pleased.

Mark 1:11

PRELUDE

Gentle Praises

Dale Wood

Handbell Ensemble

Ann Crutchfield, Wiley Crutchfield, Martha Sue Hall,
Courtney Niederer, Natalie Niederer, and Beth Poolos

Piano: Frank Poolos

Psalm 96

PEALING OF THE BELLS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Natalie Niederer

OPENING SENTENCES

Sing, and bless God's name;

Tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

Psalm 29

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

The glory of God thunders;

The Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful;

The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The saving grace of Jesus Christ is for all.

Genesis 1:1-3

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come they 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.

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HYMN 163

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

Aberystwyth

Wild and lone the prophet's voice echoes through the desert still,

Calling us to make a choice, bidding us to do God's will:

Turn from sin and be baptized; cleanse your heart and mind and soul.

Quitting all the sins you prized, yield your life to God's control.

Bear the fruit repentance sows: lives of justice, truth, and love.

Trust no other claim than those; set your heart on things above.

Soon the Lord will come in power, burning clean the threshing floor:

Then will flames the chaff devour; wheat alone shall fill God's store.

With such preaching, stark and bold, John proclaimed salvation near,
And his timeless warnings hold words of hope to all who hear.

So we dare to journey on, led by faith through ways untrod,

Till we come at last like John to hold the Lamb of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

God of mercy, you reveal to us in the waters of baptism your deep and abiding love, yet we often choose to ignore that love. Rather than accepting your abundant love, we live as though love is a finite resource. Rather than recognizing your claim on our lives, we behave as though we belong to ourselves. Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to recognize your Spirit descending upon 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 Glory to God

**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

At the conclusion of Faith Sharing with Children, children in grades K-2nd are encouraged to join Gina Martin for Children's Church via Zoom. The link for the Zoom call can be found in yesterday's worship email.

ANTHEM

No Hands But Yours

J. Jerome Williams

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

[Isaiah 61:1-4](#)

[Mark 1:4-11](#)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Revealed: The Beloved Son of God

Reverend Drumheller

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Amen.

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

This is an excerpt from the Brief Statement of Faith, written in 1983. We use this affirmation in the season of Epiphany as we celebrate the revelation of who Jesus was.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS

Litany of gifts

Leader: There are different gifts,

People: But it is the same spirit who gives them.

Leader: There are different ways of serving God.

People: But it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through different people in different ways.

People: But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

Leader: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

People: To use it for the common good.

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ.

People: And individually members of the body.

Leader: Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make his church useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father.

People: Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free.

Questions to the deacons and elders

Questions to the congregation

Laying on of hands

Installation prayer

Charge

Unison Prayer

God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

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Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory *If You But Trust God to Guide You*

Georg Böhm

Prayer of Dedication

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Mark Schweizer

Frank Poolos, Oboe

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make His face to shine upon you,
the Lord lift up His eyes to you and be gracious unto you.
And give you peace, Amen.

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Thank you to James Cotton and Wiley Crutchfield for helping to create this morning's video.

The acolyte today is Natalie Niederer

Officer being ordained: Katherine Jolly

Those being installed are deacons Keith Bryson, Michelle Cumming, Jim Hesley, and Laura McLeod, **and elders** Al Andrew, Katherine Jolly, Mike King, Kim Marshall, and Ellen Whitley.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Jan Forte (daughter-in-law of Doris Forte), the family of Donna R. King (mother of Mike King), Jim Forbis (brother of Judy Kilgore; being treated for Covid19 at hospital in Spartanburg, SC), Mary Kratz (diagnosis of breast and ovarian cancer), Bailey Long (serious snowboarding accident), Lindsey (Whitley) Harward (Myeloid Lukemia; admitted to Medical University of South Carolina-Charleston), Dick Liles, Bede Karr, Sandy Saunders, Ann Upchurch, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

Please stop by the church and sign a hymnal for Susan Pandich. Call the church office before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).

In an effort to keep the newsletter prayer list updated, please notify the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org) or Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or hallmsh@hotmail.com) of changes.

Gaither Endowment Grant Applications...The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until January 15. Applications are available in the church office. If you have questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

Youth Club resumes Wednesday, January 13.



Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:

Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies,
Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper,
Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups
Donations may be dropped off at the church.
Packing Date: Wednesday, January 20 at 10:30 a.m.



SCCM FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

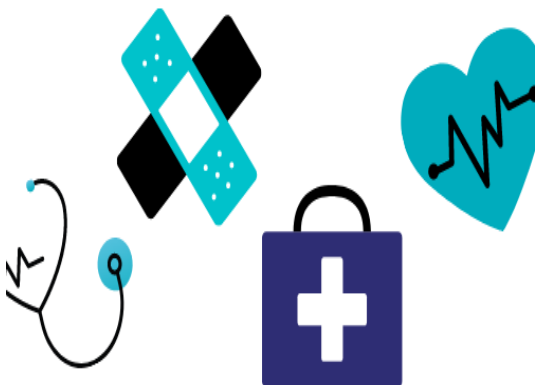
Immediate Needs

Spaghetti Sauce
Mashed Potatoes
Chef Boyardee or other canned pasta
Cereal
Jelly

Ongoing Needs

Canned Carrots
Canned Potatoes
Canned Mixed Vegetables

2021 Community Health Assessment Survey



Do you have an opinion about health issues and community concerns? Do you want to make a difference? If you answered yes to one or both of these questions, here is your opportunity to be heard. The Stanly County Health Department and Atrium Health Stanly are jointly conducting the 2021 Community Health Assessment. A public opinion survey is a key component of this assessment. Stanly County residents 15 years old and older are being asked to complete this survey. The

survey can be accessed at the Stanly County Health Department's website <http://health.stanlycountync.gov/> or Stanly County's website <https://www.stanlycountync.gov/> from January 14 through February 17, 2021. It will only take 15-20 minutes to complete a survey.

Why should you complete a survey?

1. Your input makes a difference as the results from the survey are used by the hospital and health department to help determine their priorities and develop action plans.
2. You help bring funds to Stanly County as this report is used by county municipalities, agencies, organizations and others to obtain grants. Most grantors request a community health assessment when writing grants. This community health assessment report can be used to meet that requirement.

If you would like more information about this community health assessment, please contact Debbie Bennett at 704-986-3016 or dbennett@stanlycountync.gov.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 10

Ordination & Installation of New Officers

- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship
- 5:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, January 11

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton
at the home of Debby & Bob Johnston (1212 Heritage Drive, Albemarle)

Wednesday, January 13

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 3:30 pm-4:00 pm Youth Club Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders) via Zoom
- 4:00 pm-4:30 pm Youth Club Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders) via Zoom
- 7:00 pm Youth Group Virtual Game Night

Thursday, January 14

- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Friday, January 15

Deadline for Gaither Endowment Grant Applications

Sunday, January 17

- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship

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).
 Click on the GIVE button.**

All staff members are working at home whenever possible to limit the risk of COVID exposure. While there is often someone present at the church, the building will be open sporadically. If you need to come by the church, please call first to make sure the building is open. The church's answering machine is being checked periodically; however, in case of an emergency, please contact Matt (540.449.5319) directly.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
JANUARY
 16-Rita Morgan
 Jacob Palmer
 12-Ruth Ann Rogers
 15-Julian Eudy
 16-Debbie Hahn