



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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January 17, 2021

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Love is humankind's most potent weapon for personal and social transformation.

PRELUDE

Adoro te devote

Everett Titcomb

PEALING OF THE BELLS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Addison Marks

OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is about to do a new thing.

Speak, O God, for your servants are listening.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before,

And lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

It is so high that I cannot attain it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth. Amen.

From *Strength to Love*
by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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March 5, 2017

1 Samuel 3:10-11

Psalm 139

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January 29, 2017

HYMN 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

Refrain

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

John 1:43-51

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

God of mercy, you call to us, yet we are slow to respond or we do not respond at all. You give us meaning and purpose, yet we act as though our lives lack guidance. You love us and call us to love one another, but we behave as though we are unworthy and unwilling. Lord, forgive us our sins.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Glory to God

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
**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

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ANTHEM

The Best of Rooms

Hal H. Hopson

Christ, He requires still, wheresoe'er He comes
To feed or lodge, to have the best of rooms:
Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part
Of all the house: the best of all's the heart.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

[John 1:43-51](#) and [1 Samuel 3:1-20](#)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Revealed: The Caller

Reverend Drumheller

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

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.

HYMN 761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* Beecher

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

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 Frederick Handel
Prayer of Dedication

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *A Clare Benediction* John Rutter

May the Lord show his mercy upon you;
May the light of his presence be your guide:
May he guard you and uphold you;
May his spirit be ever by your side.

When you sleep, may his angels watch over you;
When you wake, may he fill you with his grace:
May you love him and serve him all your days,
Then in heaven may you see his face.

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.

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Thank you to Bob Johnston and Leah Kilde for helping to create this morning's video.

The acolyte today is Addison Marks.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: 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, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

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

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).



**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
CONGREGATION & CORPORATION
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

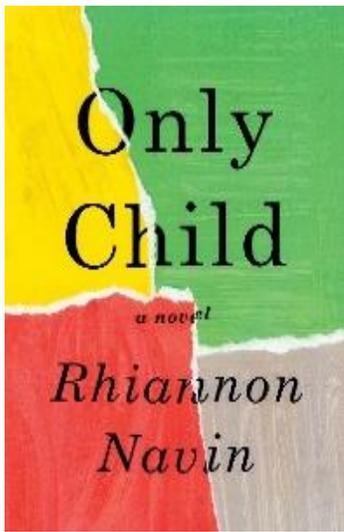
Session has set the date for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation as Sunday, January 31. The meeting will be held immediately following worship via Zoom. The purpose of the meeting is to receive annual reports and to transact other business as may properly come before the meeting. We will also review and approve the pastor's terms of call. The details for this meeting will be sent out with the worship information on Saturday, January 30. Please plan to join us for this meeting!

**January Book Conversation
Monday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Book:

***Only Child* by Rhiannon Navin**

Only Child is a dazzling, tenderhearted debut about healing, family, and the exquisite wisdom of children, narrated by a 6-year-old boy who reminds us that sometimes the littlest bodies hold the biggest hearts, and the quietest voices speak the loudest.



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76026386946>

Meeting ID: 760 2638 6946

Passcode: Z71g4D



Education and Conversation

Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Our congregation, along with many others, is continuing a challenging journey of educating ourselves about race in America. Members of the church have been gathering on Zoom to explore how we benefit from or are affected by systems of privilege, and how we might bring about a kingdom-oriented world in which, we are all one in Christ (Galatians 3:28).

Our January conversation will take place on January 26 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. For this conversation, we will be watching a series of short videos on a variety of topics around race. These videos are part of a collection called, *The 21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge*. Each video is short (under 6 minutes), and you are invited to watch several of the suggested videos in preparation for the conversation. A list of the available links will come out at the beginning of January. If you would like to join us, please email Matt at (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org). Please join us on Zoom on Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss this book.



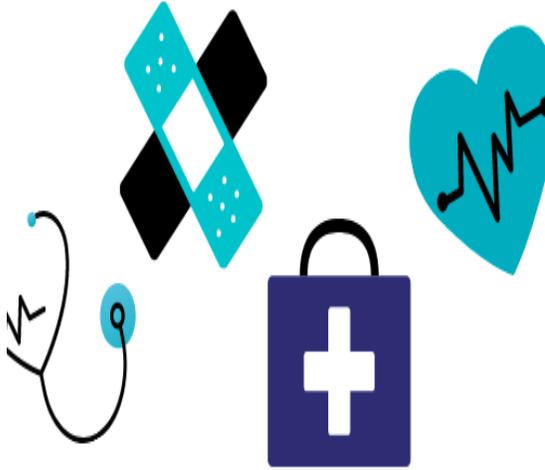
Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:

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.

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/> 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.



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

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

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

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 19

- 12:00 pm February Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, January 20

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 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

Thursday, January 21

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

Sunday, January 24

- 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
JANUARY
19-Nancy Feather
Ken Frazier
21-Drew Melone
22-Jaycee Barbee
23-Susan Garrison
Kim Marshall
Ronnie Michael
24-Dennis Gower

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.