



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

The Kingdom of God is not a matter of getting individuals to heaven, but of transforming the life of earth into the harmony of heaven.

Walter Rauschenbusch

PRELUDE

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

Dale Wood

PEALING OF THE BELLS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Jackson Palmer

OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus said: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.*

May the word of God be fulfilled among us.

Luke 4:18, 21

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Courtney Niederer, liturgist

Psalm 62:5-7

For God alone my soul waits in silence,

For my hope is from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation,

My fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my deliverance and my honor;

My mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY 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.

O God of every nation, of every race and land,
Redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand.
Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,
In love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.

From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
From trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,
From pride of race and station and blindness to your way,
Deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.

Lord, strengthen those who labor that all may find release
From fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase;
When hope and courage falter, your still small voice be heard;
With faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
When hatred and division give way to love and peace,
Till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign
And Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

God of grace, you came into this world proclaiming a new way, a new kingdom. Forgive us when we fail to see your kingdom being revealed in our midst. Forgive us when we place our hope and trust in the people and institutions of this world. Forgive us when we fail to hear or head your call to participate in the coming of your kingdom.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
 Who bids the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep;
 Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, for those in peril on the sea!

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard and hushed their raging at Thy word,
 Who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amidst its rage did sleep;
 Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, for those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power! Thy children shield in danger's hour;
 From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoever we go;
 Thus evermore shall rise to Thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

[Mark 1:14-20](#)

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Revealed: The Kingdom

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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

When Peace Like a River

Douglas E. Wagner

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN 772

Live into Hope

Truro

Live into hope of captive freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.
 The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity,
 Removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be,
 The right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.
 God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

Sermons are posted on the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.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.

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Worship Archive
September 29, 2013

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Richard Shephard

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore.
Amen.

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Thank you to Duncan Bryson and Leah Kilde for helping to create this morning's video. Thanks to Courtney Niederer for serving as liturgist.

The acolyte today is Jackson Palmer.

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@fpcalbemarle.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**

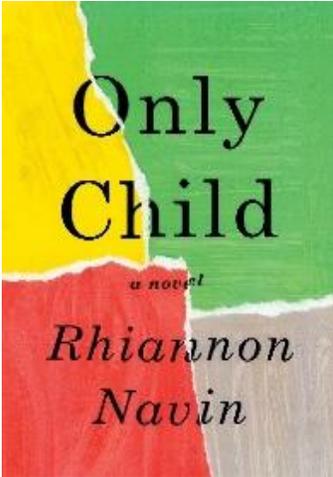
Session has set the date for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation as Sunday, January 31. The meeting will be held immediately following worship via Zoom. The purpose of the meeting is to receive annual reports and to transact other business as may properly come before the meeting. We 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

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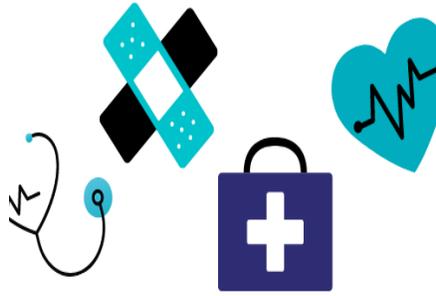


Education and Conversation

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.



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 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

Monday, January 25

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 7:00 pm Book Conversation via Zoom with Courtney Niederer
- 8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton

Tuesday, January 26

- 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Confirmation Class
- 7:00 pm Education & Conversation via Zoom

Wednesday, January 27

- 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

Thursday, January 28

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

Sunday, January 31

Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation following worship via Zoom

- 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 followed by the Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation via Zoom
- 5:00 pm Youth Group

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Thank you for your generosity.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
JANUARY**

- 24-Dennis Gower
- 26-Thomas Shedd
- 28-Kim Andrew
Gus Holbrook
Dona Lisk
- 30-Linda Anderson
- 31-Garrett Chapman

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First Presbyterian Church
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**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.