



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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February 14, 2021

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE

Intermezzo for Violin and Organ
Sarah Womack, Violin

Peter Mathews

First Presbyterian Church
Worship Archive
February 23, 2020

PEALING OF THE BELLS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Emily Deese

OPENING SENTENCES

O praise the Lord with me,
Let us exalt God's name together.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

God who said, *Out of darkness the light shall shine!*
is the same God who makes light shine in our hearts.

**Come, let us go to the holy mountain
and worship Christ with the disciples.**

We will see Christ transformed before us.

We will see our lives transformed before Christ.

Come, let us worship the Son of God.

Psalm 34:3

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, glorious and faithful, you reveal your glory to those who seek
you with a sincere heart. Strengthen us in faith and open our hearts
that we may walk the path of discipleship, sharing the good news of your
love. Amen.**

Mark 9:2-7

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

God of transformation, you make new life where there was old, dazzling light where there were shadows, peace where there was violence, and friends where there were enemies. Forgive us, O God, when we stand in the way of your transformative love. Forgive us when we do not live as people who have been changed by your grace. Call us to the mountain once more, and send us out to be witnesses of your transformative grace.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In grace and love, God claims us as beloved children. This is the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

[Mark 9:2-9](#)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

O Light of Life

Mack Wilberg

First Presbyterian Church
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June 17, 2018

O Light of Life, O pure Light Divine,
Thou art in us; our ember is Thine.
Kindle our faith, give hope when we fear;
Deepen our love Thy Fire appear.
Light of our souls, Thou spark at our birth;
Grow bright in us, shine in all the earth.

O Light of Life, O true Light of Peace,
Storms will arise, let Thy light increase.
Pierce through dark clouds, give pause to the proud;
Let Thy shafts fall, lift humble heads bowed.
Answer our pleas, melt hearts in Thy flame.
Make us as one, as one in Thy name.

O Light of Life, O sweet Life of Grace,
Thou bidst us come, we follow apace.
See the bright tree, behold the white fruit,
Feasting we weep, we witness the root.

O Light of Life, O dear Light of Love,
Come, wash us clean, send forth Thy white Dove.
Fill us with Fire, enlighten our eyes;
Help us to love this price of the prize.
Then let us come, enrobe us in white,
Cleaving to Thee, Light unto Thy Light.

SERMON

Reverend Claire George-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 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Paul Manz

First Presbyterian Church
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March 2, 2014

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

(Refrain)

*In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the
Father.
(Refrain)

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.
(Refrain)

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

Christ, Thou Art My Life

Johann Pachelbel

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.

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June 14, 2015

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November 15, 2015

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We welcome Reverend Claire George-Drumheller to the pulpit today.

Thank you to Bob Johnston and Leah Kilde for helping to create this morning’s video. Thank you to Mary Lane for serving as today’s liturgist.

The acolyte today is Emily Deese.

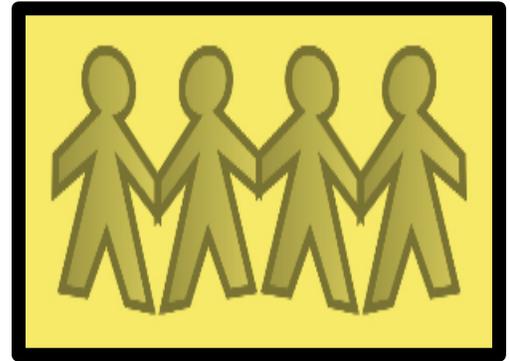
We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Cooper Hudon (grandson of Roger & Darlene Hudson; heart issues), Bede Karr, Sandy Saunders, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

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 and for Mary Lane and Craig Minkler, & Emmett. Call the church office before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).

Pfeiffer Friends

The Health Sciences Program of Pfeiffer University opened its doors in downtown Albemarle to students. Many of these students are a long way from home and they have taken a leap of faith to be in this program. Several downtown church, including First Presbyterian Church, are moving forward with a partnership with these students similar to our Silent Partner program. There are two main differences: the relationship will last about 27 months (the length of each program) and the Pfeiffer student will know who their friend is. We hope that there will be communication at least once a month between the friend and the student.



We will match a member of one of our churches with a Pfeiffer student. To support these hard-working students, the community member will send notes of encouragement, gift cards, gift boxes, or anything to support them. For your convenience, these items can be dropped off at the Pfeiffer campus in downtown Albemarle or mailed directly to your student.

For more information, please email Martha Sue at hallmsh@hotmail.com or call her at 704-985-5821.

The Fellowship Committee would like to share with you a special Valentine's Day treat. If you signed up to receive a Valentine's treat, please plan to drive through the church parking lot on Sunday, February 14 between 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. to pick-up your bag. We will also deliver bags locally to those who cannot come to the church for pick-up (or can drop-off at assisted living or nursing homes).

Updated Address for Lindsey (Whitley) Harward
Lindsey Harward
c/o Carolyn & Mel Whitley
30 Cumberland Terrace Drive, #1F
Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

Daily Scripture Readings during Lent

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| February 17 | Mark 1:1-13 |
| February 18 | Mark 1:14-34 |
| February 19 | Mark 1:35-45 |
| February 20 | Mark 2:1-17 |
| February 21 | Mark 2:18-28 |



**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Drive-Through
Tuesday, February 16 from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
RSVP by 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 15**

Unfortunately, we are unable to safely gather together this year for Shrove Tuesday. If you would like a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Meal, please RSVP by Monday, February 15 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Tuesday, February 16 between 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while packaging your plates. Keith Bryson is coordinating the cooking, so call him if you want to help (704-984-0254). All proceeds will be used to fund the *10-Cents-a-Meal* program.

**Menu:
Pancakes and Syrup, Link Sausage. and Fruit**

**Suggested Donation: \$5 per person....Maximum of \$15 per family.
Please come with correct change or a check written to First Presbyterian Church.**

**All we need you to do is:
call Anne Montgomery at 704-796-5841 or email Anne at johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com
and let her know how many plates you need, and
if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).**

**Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 17**

Due to COVID, our normal Ash Wednesday schedule will change slightly this year. You have two opportunities to obtain supplies to observe this important holiday.

Noon Ash & Communion Elements Drive-Thru

At 12:00 p.m., you are invited to come drive through the church parking lot to receive a container with ashes. You can take this container with you and place ashes on your own head in observance of the holiday and in recognition of our need for God's forgiveness. Communion elements will also be available in preparation for evening worship.

**5:30 p.m. Ash & Communion Elements Drive-Thru
and**

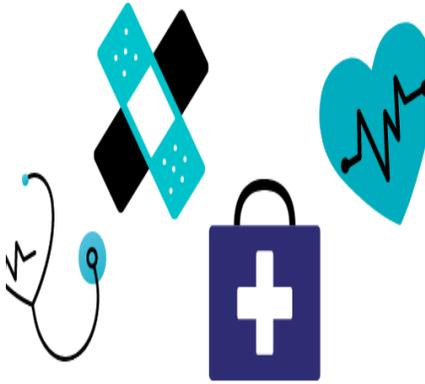
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Online Worship

If you are unable to come get ashes during the day, come drive through the church parking lot before the evening worship service. There will also be communion elements available.

Join us online at 6:30 p.m. for a time of contemplative worship together. This service will include music, Scripture, prayer, the invocation of ashes, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.



2021 Community Health Assessment Survey



Do you have an opinion about health issues and community concerns? Do you want to make a difference? 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. 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



ITEMS NEEDED

- PANCAKE SYRUP
- CANNED LIMA BEANS
- GREAT NORTHERN BEANS
- CANNED NAVY BEANS
- CANNED BLACK BEANS
- CANNED BLACK EYED PEAS
- CANNED MIXED VEGETABLES

PLEASE BRING
DONATIONS TO
506 S. FIRST ST.
MONDAY - THURSDAY
9AM - 4PM

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 14 *Transfiguration Sunday*

- 9:00 am Diaconate Meeting via Zoom
- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship
- 11:30 am-12:30 pm Valentine’s Day Treat Drive-Thru
- 5:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, February 15

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 2:00 pm Deadline to RSVP Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- 8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton

Tuesday, February 16 *Shrove Tuesday*

- 12:00 pm March Newsletter Deadline
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner Drive-Thru
- 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Confirmation Class via Zoom

Wednesday, February 17 *Ash Wednesday*

- 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
- 12:00 pm Ash & Communion Elements Drive-Thru
- 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
- 5:30 pm Ash & Communion Elements Drive-Thru
- 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Online Worship

Thursday, February 18

- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller
- 7:00 pm Youth Group Virtual Game Night

Sunday, February 21 *First Sunday in Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper*

- 8:30 am Session Meeting 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
- 5:00 pm Youth Group

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
FEBRUARY
14-Hunter Matthews
15-Emily Deese
16-Miller Morgan
17-Lily Snyder
20-Ashley Deese
Peter Henkenjohann
21-Nora Carpenter

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.