



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

PRELUDE *This Is My Father's World* Dale Wood

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Jordan Hesley

PEALING OF THE CHIMES

OPENING SENTENCES

O give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Psalm 136:1

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Katherine Jolly, liturgist

Sing praises to the Lord and give thanks to God's holy name.

**For the Lord our God has healed us when we cried for help and restored us in times of despair.**

The Lord has turned our sorrow into dancing.

**Taken our sackcloth from us and clothed us with joy.**

Sing to the Lord without end,

**And give thanks to the Lord forever.**

\*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.**

HYMN 26 *Earth and All Stars!* Earth and All Stars

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!

Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!

Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!

Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

You shower us with blessings, with chances to know your grace.

**Still, O Lord, we twist your promises and pray for blessings we can own.**

You call us to leave our selfish ways and follow your call to compassion.

**Still, O Lord, we choose shallow belief over transformative faith.**

You have told us that your love is enough, that the waters of mercy will not run dry.

**Still, O Lord, we choose fear instead of trust, hiding behind the illusion that we can survive on our own.**

Forgive us, Holy One,

**And by your forgiveness, offer us a chance to try again.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

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

## RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE

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

### ANTHEM

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Maurice Bevan

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in Heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

But we make God's love too narrow by false limits of our own;  
And we magnify his strictness with a zeal he would not own.

There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.  
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple, we would take him at his Word;  
And our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable and pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our rock, and our redeemer. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

[Mark 5:21-43](#)

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Healing Touch*

Reverend 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. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* Ralph Vaughn Williams

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

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**Thank you to James Cotton and Bob Johnston for helping with audio and visual worship production this morning. Thank you to Katherine Jolly and members from the Chancel Choir for their leadership in worship today.**

**The acolyte today is Jordan Hesley.**

**If you have any clear small vases you are willing to donate to the church, please feel free to drop them off in the church office. Thank you.**

**Ushers for June:** Melissa Eudy (captain); Campbell Bullard, Desmond Bullard, Judson Bullard, Scott Bullard, Shannon Bullard, Walker Bullard, Wes Eudy, Cidney Eudy, Julian Eudy, Nathaniel Eudy, Ella Cumming, and Steve Cumming, and Leo McLeod.

**Outside Usher for June 27:** John Howell; Lee Snuggs

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** The family of Brad Johnston (brother of Bob Johnston), Ann Snuggs, Leslie Kinley, Mary Troutman, Nancy Jolly (Trinity Place), Claude Harwood, 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 pknighnten@fpcalbeamarle.org) or Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or hallmsh@hotmail.com) of changes.

**Please stop by the Pit Stop and sign a hymnal for Mark & Paula Donham and Sam Shepherd.** Call the church office before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).

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## Lemonade on the Lawn



Join us for *Lemonade on the Lawn* following 10:00 a.m. worship during the summer. We will meet outside under the tree on the corner of First & North Streets. Thank you to Emily Andrew for hosting Lemonade on the Lawn today.

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### Summer Vesper Service on Sunday, June 27 at 7:00 p.m. YMCA Park (115 C.B. Crook Dr., Albemarle)

You are invited to join us for the first of three summer vesper services. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 27 at the YMCA Park. Bring your lawn chair! If you would like, you are also invited to bring a favorite dessert or ice cream to share. We'll spend time outdoors enjoying God's creation!



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*Sundays July 11, 18, and 25*

We will circle the sanctuary for the SCCM Food Pantry again this summer. You may bring non-perishable food items to the designated areas in the sanctuary during the weeks of July 11, 18, and 25. Thank you for thinking of our neighbors as you do your own shopping. Requested items are: Canned Fruit (in lite syrup), Canned Ham, Canned Chicken, Jelly/Jams, Spaghetti Sauce (no pasta), 2 lb. bags of Flour and Sugar, Cereal/Oatmeal/Grits, Toothpaste and Individually Wrapped Toothbrushes, Dishwashing Detergent, and Paper Towels.



First Presbyterian Church continues to provide dinner on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at the Community Inn. We usually plan to feed around 10 guests. The next date to serve is Friday, July 2. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Ruth Cotton ([hugawolf@hotmail.com](mailto:hugawolf@hotmail.com)),

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# ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE GRANTS

The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until July 12. Applications are available in the church office. If you have questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)). Applications may be submitted by individual church members or committee chairpersons. Once funding requests are received, the Endowment Committee will review the applications and determine which requests will be funded. Personal interviews may be requested if further information is needed regarding a funding request. If you have questions about the application process, please contact the office. Endowment Committee members include: Debbie Bennett, Chair, Bob Gaither, ex-officio, Matt Drumheller, ex-officio, Al Andrew, John Earnhardt, and Nathan Sanges.

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## UPDATED PANTRY NEEDS FOR SCCM

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|---|---------------------------|
| Saltine Crackers                                | Toothpaste & Toothbrushes |
| Instant Potatoes (small packages)               | Bars of Soap              |
| Ramen Noodle                                    | Shampoo                   |
| Hamburger Helper                                | Deodorant                 |
| Sugar (1 & 2 pound bags)                        | Toilet Paper              |
| Mayo (small jars)                               |                           |
| Jelly (small jars)                              |                           |
| Mustard (small container)                       |                           |
| Canned Chicken (small cans)                     |                           |
| Canned Pasta (Spaghettios, Chef Boyardee, etc.) |                           |

### Items not needed:

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| Canned Corn or Canned Green Beans | Soups       |
| Canned Sweet Peas                 | Dry Pasta   |
| Pork & Beans                      | Baked Beans |

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, June 27**

*Lemonade on the Lawn*

10:00 am Worship

7:00 pm Summer Vesper Service at the YMCA Park

**Monday, June 28**

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt

**Wednesday, June 30**

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

**Thursday, July 1**

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

**Friday, July 2**

*Meal for the Community Inn*

**Sunday, July 4**

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

*Lemonade on the Lawn*

*Independence Day*

10:00 am Worship

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**JUNE**

27-Elizabeth Bryson

Keith Bryson

Patrick Martin

28-Maddox Jolly

Sophie Poplin

Robin Lemons

30-Anna Wainwright

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**JUNE**

27-Mike & Laura McLeod

Frank & Beth Poolos

28-Wes & Melissa Eudy

29-Ken Knight & Connie Wallace

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**JULY**

01-Gina Martin

Ben McLeod

03-Addison Marks

04-Don Abernathy

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**2021 Flower Calendar**

The 2021 flower calendar is posted in the pit stop. If you wish to put flowers in the church in honor or memory of someone or just to provide beauty to the service, please sign up on the calendar. **Flowers may be ordered from any local florist.** Contact Emily Andrew (704-322-5510 or em.andrew21@gmail.com) for more information.

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**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Worship during the months of June, July, and August will take place at 10:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday School during the summer months.

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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.**

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First Presbyterian Church  
P.O. Box 1578  
Albemarle, NC 28002**

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church's website ([www.fpcalbemarle.org](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)).  
Click on the GIVE button.**