



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July 11, 2021

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE

The Ash Grove

Dale Wood

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Elizabeth Bryson

PEALING OF THE CHIMES

OPENING SENTENCES

Luke 10:27

You shall love the Lord your God,
And love your neighbor as yourself.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We worship God with song and dance,
Singing God's praise and shouting for joy.
We worship God with silence and sighs,
Grieving for loss and longing for comfort.
We worship God with prayers and hands,
Praying for healing and working for peace.
Let us create a sabbath space,
And worship the God who gives us life.

*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 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Lasst uns erfreuen

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are thy merices, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set not more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

We know that you call your people to lives of service and works of justice.

Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our lives just loud enough to drown out your call. Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our days just busy enough to convince ourselves that we have a righteous excuse.

We know that you work for the healing of all that is broken in the world.

Heal us, O Lord, of our blindness by your grace. Forgive us, O Lord, and free us 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

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of Faith Sharing with Children, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

ANTHEM

We Are the Lord's

Roland E. Martin

We are the Lord's; His all sufficient merit,
Sealed on the cross, to us this grace accords.
We are the Lord's and all things shall inherit;
Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

We are the Lord's; then let us gladly tender
Our souls to Him in deeds, not empty words.
Let heart and tongue and life combine to render
No doubtful witness that we are the Lord's.

We are the Lord's; no darkness brooding o'er us
Can make us tremble while this star affords
A steady light along the path before us –
Faith's full assurance that we are the Lord's

We are the Lord's; no evil can befall us
In the dread hour of life's fast loosening cords;
No pangs of death shall even then appall us.
Death we shall vanquish, for we are the Lord's.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Illuminating God, fill our minds with your Word and fill our hearts with your grace so we may reflect your light for the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

[Mark 6:14-29](#)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The congregation is encouraged to participate in the prayer with the children.

*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.

This affirmation includes language from the beginning and end of the *Brief Statement of Faith*.

*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 behold the Lamb of God.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
 Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
 Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure unbounded love thou art;
 Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
 Let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
 Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
 End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
 Suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
 Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
 Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
 Changed from glory in to glory, till in heaven we take our place,
 Till we cast our crown before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the gentle night to you, moon and stars pour light on you.

Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.

POSTLUDE

Toccata in e minor

Johann Pachelbel

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Thank you to Duncan Bryson and Leah Kilde for helping with audio and visual worship production this morning. Thank you to the members from the Chancel Choir for their leadership in worship today.

The acolyte today is Elizabeth Bryson.

Ushers for July: John Earnhardt (captain); Bob Johnston, Jim Marshall, Kim Marshall, Jack Morton, Penny Morton

Outside Usher for July 11: Wes Eudy; Tom Norwood

Nursery: Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Penny Morton

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Johnny Andrew by his family.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Fred Cumming, Jr. (father of Steve Cumming), 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 pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org) or Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or hallmsh@hotmail.com) of changes.

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, July 18. The purpose of this meeting will be to dissolve the pastoral relationship between First Presbyterian Church and Reverend Matt Drumheller. Please join us for this meeting.

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

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 the Cumming family for hosting Lemonade on the Lawn today.



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.

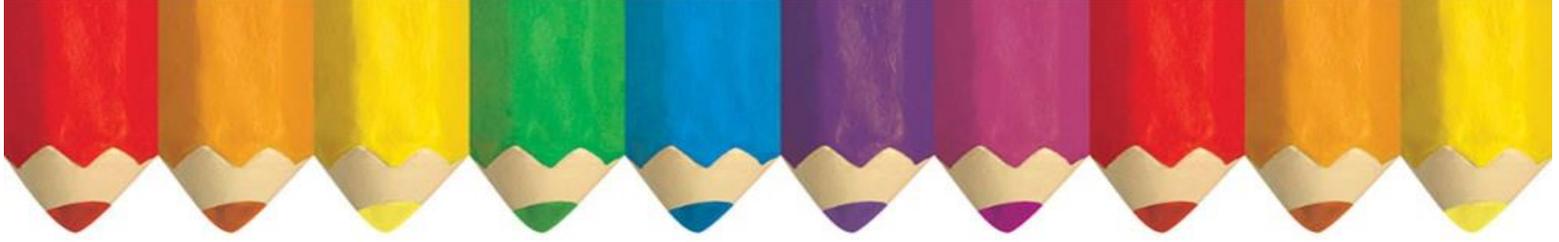
ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE GRANTS

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). 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.

**Summer Vesper Service
Sunday, July 18 at 7:00 p.m.
City Lake Park
(815 Concord Rd., Albemarle)**



You are invited to join us for worship on Sunday, July 18 at City Lake Park at 7:00 p.m. 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!



The 2021-2022 school year will be here soon and school supplies are in stores ready for purchase. Please take the list below and begin shopping for much needed supplies for our partner school, Central Elementary.

BRING YOUR DONATION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO THE CHURCH AND DROP-OFF IN THE DESIGNATED BIN IN THE PIT STOP.

Student Supplies

Crayons – 16 or 24 count Crayola brand only

Elmer's brand Glue Sticks

#2 Pencils

#2 Beginner Jumbo Pencils (for Kindergarten students)

Composition Hard Cover Wide-Ruled books (not spiral bound)

70-sheet wide-ruled 1-subject composition books

Scissors (child & youth sizes)

Playdoh brand play-doh

Pink Pearl Eraser

Card Stock Paper

Expo Dry Erase Markers (large & small size)

Notebook Paper (wide-ruled & regular-ruled)

Zipper Pencil Pouch or Plastic Pencil Box

Plain Solid 2-pocket folders

Pocket folders with prongs

Pencil top erasers

Highlighters (packs)

Crayola brand Colored Pencils

Crayola Markers

Clipboards

Ear Buds

Headphones

Small Pencil Sharpener

Sticky Notes

Classroom Supplies Needed Include:

Lysol or Clorox Wipes, Kleenex, Copy Paper, Hand Sanitizer,
Band-aids, and Ziplock Sandwich Bags (Quart and Gallon)

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 11

Circle the Sanctuary

Lemonade on the Lawn

9:00 am Diaconate

10:00 am Worship

Monday, July 12

Deadline for Endowment Applications

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt

Wednesday, July 14

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Thursday, July 15

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

Sunday, July 18

Circle the Sanctuary

Congregational Meeting

Lemonade on the Lawn

Summer Vesper Service

8:30 am Session

10:00 am Worship

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.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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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| HAPPY BIRTHDAY! |
| JULY |
| 12-Jameson Lisk |
| 17-Matt Carpenter |
| Michael Laton |
| HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! |
| JULY |
| 11-Scott & Shannon Bullard |
| 15-Wiley & Ann Crutchfield |

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

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| church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org). |
| Click on the GIVE button. |