



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July 18, 2021

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

PRELUDE *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Dale Wood

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Seth Richards

PEALING OF THE CHIMES

OPENING SENTENCES

Surely the Lord is in this place!

**This is the house of God.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, you who hunger for food.

**Worship the Lord who turns wants into plenty.**

Come, you who hunger for justice.

**Worship the Lord who turns weeping into laughter.**

Come, you who hunger for life.

**Worship the Lord who is our hope and our strength.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Eternal God protector of all who put their trust in you: fill us with your mercy and your grace. With you to rule and guide, may we use the good things of this present life that we do not neglect those of life eternal. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN 645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* Mit freuden zart

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power; The God of love, the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth;  
By morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.

Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right:  
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,  
An ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,  
As with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,  
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:  
To God all praise and glory!

Genesis 28:16-17

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

**O Christ, when the crowds surrounded you, hungry for bread and for your word, you took an offering – five loaves and two fish – and made for them a feast. Still, O Lord, we doubt the abundance of your grace. Still, O Lord, we are hesitant to share the gifts we have. Still, O Lord, we wonder whether there is enough for all. Forgive us, O God, and make of us a more generous people. Empower us to share the gift of our lives, and enlighten us to see the miracles around us.**

**\*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**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

John Ness Beck

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living waters flow, thy ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never,  
Good shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Matthew 5:6

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

[John 6:1-21](#)

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*This Is a Sign*

Reverend Drumheller

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

\*HYMN 353                      *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*                      Solid Rock  
My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*(Refrain)*

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Presentation

Profession of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Welcome

### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

### 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.**

\*HYMN 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Nettleton

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me form danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Ralph Vaughn Williams

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE *How Firm a Foundation* Dale Wood

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**Thank you to** Leah Kilde and Andy McLeod 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** Seth Richards.

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

**Outside Usher for July 18:** Jim Marshall; Chris Whitley

**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.

**Nursery:** Kate White    **Kids Care Crew:** Kim Marshall

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** 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](mailto:pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org)) or Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or [hallmsh@hotmail.com](mailto:hallmsh@hotmail.com)) of changes.

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**Welcome New Member**

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**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).

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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 Joan and Roger Eudy for hosting Lemonade on the Lawn today.

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**Circle the Sanctuary  
Sundays...July 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 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.

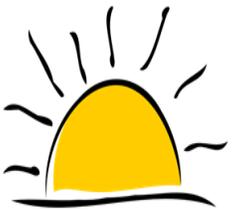


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**Summer Vesper Service**

**Sunday, July 18 at 7:00 p.m. at 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!





## Central Elementary School Supplies List

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 18**

*Circle the Sanctuary*  
*Congregational Meeting*  
*Lemonade on the Lawn*  
*Summer Vesper Service*

8:30 am Session  
10:00 am Worship

**Monday, July 19**

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt

**Wednesday, July 21**

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast  
10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
11:00 am Staff Meeting

**Thursday, July 22**

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

**Sunday, July 25**

*Circle the Sanctuary/Lemonade on the Lawn*  
10:00 am Worship

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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 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.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
**JULY**  
23-Jackson Palmer  
24-Beth Poolos  
Craig Taylor  
Walker Bullard  
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**  
**JULY**  
21-Kent & Shannon Newport

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

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