



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July 25, 2021

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

PRELUDE *Voluntary on 'Jefferson'* Dale Wood

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Emily Deese

PEALING OF THE CHIMES

OPENING SENTENCES

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rebekah Ayscue, liturgist

Psalm 122:1

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 12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

St. Denio

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

**You are the Bread of Life, O God, and you promise that we will never hunger again, but we do hunger, O Lord, and often for the wrong things. You feed us with grace, but we hunger for achievements. You offer us peace, but we hunger for control. You bless us with plenty to share, but we are quick to hoard the gifts we call ours. Forgive us, O Bread of Life, and by your forgiveness teach us to hunger for things that you do: to hunger for justice, to long for equality, to work for the common good until none of your children have to hunger for bread.**

\*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.*

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

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Prayer

Anthem

*Feed My Lambs*

Natalie Sleeth

Feed my lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;  
In My name lead them forth gently as a shepherd.  
When they wander, when they stray, their protector be.  
As ye do unto my flock, thus ye do to me.

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;  
In My name lead them forth gently as a shepherd.  
Unto all who lose the way Hope and comfort be.  
As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to Me.

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;  
In My name lead them forth gently as a loving shepherd of the Lord.

## 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

[Psalm 121](#)

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*Psalm 121*

Scottish Psalter  
arr. S.R. Scheer

I to the hills will lift my eyes; O whence shall come my aid?  
My help is from the Lord alone, who heaven and earth has made.

He will not let thy foot be moved, thy Guardian never sleeps.  
With watchful and unslumbering care, His own He safely keeps.

Thy faithful keeper is the Lord, thy shelter and thy shade.  
'Neath sun or moon, by day or night, thou shall not be afraid.

From evil He will keep you safe, for thee He will provide;  
Thy going out, thy coming in, forever He will guide.

## SERMON

*Coming In and Going Out*

Reverend Drumheller

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide, who through all changes faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future surely as the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord;  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN 821

*My Life Flows On*

How Can I Keep From Singing

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

**(Refrain)**

**No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. (Refrain)

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace.  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.  
Amen.

POSTLUDE

*Hymn Improvisation on 'God of Grace'*

Maurice C. Whitney

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**Thank you to James Cotton and Ken Knight** for helping with audio and visual worship production this morning. Thank you Rebekah Ayscue for serving as liturgist and to the Chancel Choir for their leadership in worship today.

**The acolyte today is Emily Deese.**

**Daniel Ollie Samples**, son of Teresa and Daniel Samples, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Martha Sue Hall is assisting as Elder.

**The flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jackson Palmer’s 14<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

**Outside Usher for July 25:** John Howell; Lee Snuggs

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

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** The family of David Sanges (brother of Nathan Sanges), Gloria Bryson (rehab for broken hip; Trinity Place Room F9), Anna Hartsell (colon cancer; daughter of Janet & Gary Hartsell), Ann Snuggs, 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](mailto:pknighnten@fpcalbeamarle.org)) or Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or [hallmsh@hotmail.com](mailto:hallmsh@hotmail.com)) of changes.

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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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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 Morton family for hosting *Lemonade on the Lawn* today.

**This is the last Sunday for Circle the Sanctuary.**

Please bring non-perishable food items to the designated areas in the sanctuary during on Sunday, July 25. Thank you for thinking of our neighbors as you do your 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.



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**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 25**

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

**Monday, July 26**

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

**Wednesday, July 28**

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

**Thursday, July 29**

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

**Sunday, August 1**

*Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger*  
*Lemonade on the Lawn*  
9:00 am Diaconate Meeting In-Person & via Zoom  
10:00 am Worship

<p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!</b> <b>JULY</b> 26-William Ivey Adam Jolly 27-Chris Chapman John Hahn Ellen Whitley 29-Marlene Sanges 31-James Cotton Dick Liles</p> <p><b>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!</b> <b>JULY</b> 28-Matt &amp; Claire George Drumheller John &amp; Heather Kilde Jim &amp; Mary Louise Sawyer</p> <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!</b> <b>AUGUST</b> 01-Michelle Cumming Madelyn Taylor</p>
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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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**Thank you for your generosity.**

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