



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE *O God Beyond All Praising* Gustav Holst

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Stella Marks

PEALING OF THE CHIMES

OPENING SENTENCES Ben Jolly, liturgist

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, *Let us go to the house of the Lord!*

People: This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it!

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to Jesus, all who are weary and heavy laden,

People: We will find rest and renewal here.

Leader: Come to Jesus, all you who have been worn out and tired,

People: We will find strength and refreshment in the Spirit.

Leader: Come to Jesus, all you who feel the weight of the world on your shoulders,

People: We will be filled with Christ, who renews our spirits.

Leader: Come and worship, and be raised up in Christ.

People; Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Your mercy is fresh every morning, O God, and we praise you as we gather in this sacred space. In your presence, we find our assurance, knowing that we can bring to you all our weaknesses and troubles, even while you pour out your Spirit to renew us. Accept our thankful worship this day, and send us forth as your ambassadors, in the name of Christ. Amen.

*HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;

Join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been

Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again;

Gladly for aye we adore him.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

**Forgiving God, we confess that blindness that is not even aware of sinning:
the pride that dares not admit that it is wrong;
the selfishness that can see nothing but its own will;
the righteousness that knows no fault;
the callousness that has ceased to care;
the defiance that does not regret its own sins;
the evasion that always tries to make excuses;
the coldness of heart that is too hardened to repent.**

God, we are sinners. Be merciful to us, in Christ's name. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: 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.

SOLO

Gabriel's Oboe
Frank Poolos, Oboe
Michelle Efird, Piano

Ennio Morricone
arr. Shigeo Ida

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our ears and prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that we may hear with joy and obey your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[*Ephesians 4:25-5:2*](#)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[*Philippians 3:12-17, 4:8-9*](#)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

People of Influence

Reverend Feild Russell

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives of pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

*HYMN 722 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* Canonbury

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'er flow
In kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

O use me, Lord, us even me, just as you will, and when, and where
Until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory* Cwm Rhondda

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the host of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.

Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory ever more.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
Serving thee whom we adore.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* Ralph Vaughan 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.

POSTLUDE

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

The Ash Grove

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Thank you to Adam Jolly and Andy McLeod for helping with audio and visual worship production this morning. Thank you Michelle Efird, Ben Jolly, and Frank Poolos for their leadership in worship today.

We welcome Reverend Feild Russell to the pulpit today.

The acolyte today is Stella Marks.

Ushers for August: Lori Ivey and Lee Snuggs

Outside Ushers for August 8: Wes Eudy; Tom Norwood

Nursery: Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Lillie Hancock

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Matt & Claire-George Drumheller (moving), Mellanie Morgan, Marshall Rogers (back surgery), Everett Hudson, Judy Hudson, Debra Barnard, David Bryson, Susan & John Prevatte, Beverly Burchett, 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) or Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or hallmsh@hotmail.com) of changes.



The COVID Task Force will be meeting Tuesday, August 10, but until then and in light of new CDC recommendations, all worshippers are encouraged to wear masks while in the sanctuary. Thank you.



**Save the Date for
Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, August 22 during worship**



CENTRAL SCHOOL BOXED LUNCHES FOR TEACHERS & STAFF ON MONDAY, AUGUST 16

We will be serving lunch to Central Schools Staff on Monday, August 16 at 12:00 p.m.. We are asking for donations of food to make the boxed lunches. Please bring your donations to the church on Sunday, August 15 by 11:15 a.m. If you would like to donate, please call/ text Ruth Cotton (704-942-1381 or hugawolf@hotmail.com).

Food Items Needed:

40 chicken salad sandwiches – already made
40 pimento cheese sandwiches – already made
6 large seedless cucumbers
6 pasta salad to serve 10 people – meatless
Dessert – 4 pound cakes with no icing

We will need help on Monday, August 16 at 10:00 a.m. to get the boxes ready. If you can help, please contact Jane Snyder (704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org).

From the Transitional Pastor Nominating Committee...

What happens next?

Last week, Jan Edmiston, Charlotte General Presbyter, gave a brief overview of what this transitional time will look like for First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle. Through September, Matt Drumheller organized supply pastors for our congregation. (This is not typical, and we are grateful!) If we do not have a Transitional Pastor in place by the end of the September, the Worship Committee will help fill the pulpit weekly.

The Transitional Pastor Search Committee began meeting July 27. This committee is tasked with creating a job description, organizing the salary package, reviewing resumes, and identifying our Transitional Pastor. After that pastor is in place, the pastor and committee will work together to conduct a mission study. We will use the mission study to identify our priorities as a congregation, so we can call the pastor that is the best fit for us going forward.

If you have questions, please reach out to one of the committee members: Rebekah Ayscue, Peggy Finley, John Howell, Andy McLeod, Art Rogers, and Barbara Whitley.

Pastoral Emergencies

Though we are without a minister, we are not alone. Charlotte Presbytery is providing us a minister, Ardy Skidmore, Locust Presbyterian Church, for pastoral emergencies. Please call Laura McLeod, 704-796-0487 or Martha Sue Hall, 704-985-5821, and they will contact Rev. Skidmore.

Who do I contact now that we don't have a Head of Staff?

Pastoral Care & Pastoral Emergencies:

Laura McLeod, 704-796-0487 or Martha Sue Hall, 704-985-5821

Prayer Concerns for the Bulletin:

704-982-2722, share the information with a church volunteer or Pam Knighten

General Christian Education Questions & Kids Crew:

Kim Marshall, 980-621-6577 or Gayle Russell, 704-438-2779

Sunday School & Youth Club: Gina Martin, 704-982-2722 or 704-244-0186

Youth Group: Melissa Eudy, 704-439-6747

Morning Prayer (Monday and Wednesday): Debbie Hahn, 704-985-9419

Signing up to be a Silent Partner: Emily Andrew, 704-322-5510

As a reminder, Kyle Lambert is now our only full-time staff member. Pam Knighten, Gina Martin, and Jane Snyder continue their work for our church part time. Please be mindful of asks of our staff during this time of transition.

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 Ann & Wiley Crutchfield and Beth & Frank Poolos for hosting Lemonade on the Lawn today.



Summer Vesper Service Sunday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the YMCA Park (115 CB Crook Drive, Albemarle)

You are invited to join us for worship on Sunday, August 15
at the YMCA 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!

Food Pantry

Needs for SCCM

Food Items

- Black Eyed Peas
- Navy Beans
- Mixed Vegetables
- Lima Beans
- Kidney Beans (light or dark)
- Sliced Carrots
- 2 lb. bags of sugar
- 2 lb. bags of flour (all-purpose & self-rising)
- Saltine crackers
- Pancake syrup
- Mustard
- Ketchup
- Mayonnaise
- Breakfast Cereal (Plain & Sweetened)
- Ramen Noodles (all flavors)
- Small bottles of ground pepper

Non Food Items

- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent

Items Not Needed At This Time

- Canned Corn or Canned Green Beans
- Canned Sweet Peas
- Chickpeas
- Soups
- Whole & Sliced Potatoes

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	Zipper Pencil Pouch or Plastic Pencil Box
Elmer’s brand Glue Sticks	Plain Solid 2-pocket folders
#2 Pencils	Pocket folders with prongs
#2 Beginner Jumbo Pencils (for Kindergarten students)	Pencil top erasers
Composition Hard Cover Wide-Ruled books (not spiral bound)	Highlighters (packs)
70-sheet wide-ruled 1-subject composition books	Crayola brand Colored Pencils
Scissors (child & youth sizes)	Crayola Markers
Playdoh brand play-doh	Clipboards
Pink Pearl Eraser	Ear Buds
Card Stock Paper	Headphones
Expo Dry Erase Markers (large & small size)	Small Pencil Sharpener
Notebook Paper (wide-ruled & regular-ruled)	Sticky Notes

Classroom Supplies Needed Include:

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

Morning Prayer on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

Members of FPC have been gathering on Zoom each Monday and Wednesday morning to share joys and concerns, to pray, and to spend time *together*. This has become an important way to see and speak with one another. We invite you to join us in these regular meetings. The Zoom link can be accessed through the church’s website Morning Prayer banner (www.fpcalbemarle.org).



Bible Study and Conversation

Meets via Zoom on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Join Catherine and Matt Moeller for fellowship and biblical reflection. The material for this online discussion will be selected from pieces of scripture. Each Monday, you will receive an email with the selected devotional for the week. Discussion will focus on the significance and application of the scripture. This is a great opportunity for Bible study and connecting with a cross-section of our church family. Contact Catherine Moeller (mattandcatherine@hotmail.com) to say you are interested or need more information. Please join us!



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 8

- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn
- 11:00 am Christian Education Committee (Session Room)

Monday, August 9

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 10

- 5:30 pm COVID Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, August 11

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Thursday, August 12

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

Sunday, August 15

Lemonade on the Lawn

- 8:30 am Session Meeting In-Person & via Zoom
- 8:45 am Diaconate Meeting In-Person & via Zoom
- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn
- 11:00 am Faith Explorers Parent Planning Meeting (Session Room)
- 7:00 pm Summer Vesper Service at the YMCA Park

***childcare provided**

Attention College Students & Parents... Please contact Emily Andrew (em.andrew21@gmail.com or 704-322-5510) with your college mailing address and email address. Thank you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

AUGUST

- 08-Leslie Carter
- Martha Sue Hall
- Melanie Hendrix
- 09-Hugh Wainwright
- 10-Judy Murrell
- 11-Kevin Averette
- 12-Banks Garrison
- 13-Dan Samples
- 14-Salem Taylor
- 15-Sheryl Stewart

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

AUGUST

- 11-Bob & Debby Johnston
- 13-Tommy & Judy Murrell
- 15-Bubba & Jennifer Hesley

SILENT ARTNERS NEEDED

First Presbyterian Church college students will begin the 2021-2022 school year soon. We need people to serve as a Silent Partner to these college students. Contact Emily Andrew (em.andrew21@gmail.com or 704-322-5510) to sign-up to be a Silent Partner.

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 August will take place at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School will resume in September.

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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