



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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August 29, 2021

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

PRELUDE *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Johann Sebastian Bach

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Jordan Hesley

PEALING OF THE CHIMES

OPENING SENTENCES Ellen Snyder, liturgist

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH Ellen Snyder

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Ellen Snyder, liturgist

Leader: We gather to worship in the presence of God;

**People: As if we stood on God's holy hill.**

Leader: We gather to worship as children of God;

**People: As if we were standing in the waters of grace.**

Leader: We gather to worship the living God;

**People: For God is here among us.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY Ellen Snyder, liturgist

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth* Dix

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;  
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ellen Snyder, liturgist

Silence

**You tell us, O Lord, who may abide in your presence, who may dwell on your holy hill: those who walk blamelessly and do what is right, and who speak the truth from their heart. And yet, O Lord, we do not walk blamelessly. So often, we stumble on the path of faith. The truth makes us nervous, and we pretend not to know what is right. Have mercy, O God. Convict us by your wisdom, cleanse us by your grace, challenge us by your presence, and, by your forgiveness, free us to try again.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Ellen Snyder, liturgist

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

Reverend Larry Lyon

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

SOLO

*Steal Away*

Harry T. Burleigh

Andy Cotton, Baritone

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!  
Steal away, steal away home! I ain't got long to stay here.  
My Lord, He calls me, He calls me by the thunder!  
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul. I ain't got long to stay here.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reverend Larry Lyon

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read, and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[\*Psalm 15\*](#)

Reverend Larry Lyon

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[\*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23\*](#)

Reverend Larry Lyon

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Reverend Larry Lyon

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Reverend Larry Lyon

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him, and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

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

Philippians 2:5-11

\*HYMN 429

*As a Chalice Cast of God*

Inward Light

As a chalice cast of gold, burnished, bright and brimmed with wine,  
Make me, Lord, as fit to hold grace and truth and love divine.  
Let my praise and worship start with the cleansing of my heart.

Save me from the soothing sin of the empty cultic deed  
And the pious, babbling din of the claimed but un-lived creed.  
Let my actions, Lord, express what my tongue and lips profess.

When I bend upon my knees, clasp my hands, or bow my head,  
Let my spoken, public pleas be directly, simply said,  
Free of tangled words that mask what my soul would plainly ask.

When I dance or chant your praise, when I sing a psalm or hymn,  
When I preach your loving ways, let my heart add its Amen.  
Let each cherished outward rite thus reflect your inward light.

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Ellen Snyder, liturgist

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Reverend Larry Lyon

**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 442

*Just as I Am, without One Plea*

Woodworth

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;  
Now to be thine, yea thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Reverend Larry Lyon

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Ralph Vaughan 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.

POSTLUDE

*Beautiful Savior*

Crusader's Hymn

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**Thank you to Leah Kilde and Ken Knight** for helping with audio and visual worship production this morning. Thank you Andy Cotton, Michelle Efird, Frank Poolos, and Ellen Snyder for their leadership in worship today.

**The acolyte today is Jordan Hesley.**

**We welcome Rev. Larry Lyon to the pulpit** this morning.

**Ushers for August:** Al Andrew, Emily Andrew, Jim Ivey, and Lee Snuggs

**Outside Ushers for August 29:** John Howell; Lee Snuggs

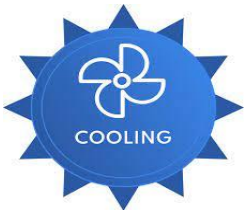
**Nursery:** Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Laura McLeod

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**Worship resumes at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, September**

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**Faith on the Fifth on Sunday, August 29**

Donations will be directed to SCCM for assistance with electrical bills associated with cooling fees in the summer.

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**Acolyte Training on Sunday, August 29 following worship**



Rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders will have the opportunity in the coming year to serve as acolytes during worship. If your child is interested in participating in worship in this way, there will be a training opportunity for them on Sunday, August 29 after worship. Children will meet with Melissa & Wes Eudy. If you'd like to sign-up, please contact the church office (704-982-2722 or [pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org)).

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**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Don Abernathy, Betty Lambert (mother of Penny Morton), Jean Rabe (recovering from surgery for broken hip; Trinity Place Room F1), Anita Gower (recovering from eye surgery), Marshall Rogers (recovering from back surgery), Gloria Bryson, Anna Hartsell (colon cancer; daughter of Janet & Gary Hartsell), Ann Snuggs, Nancy Jolly (Trinity Place), Claude Harwood, 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.



**Please join us for a morning of celebration as we kick off our Christian Education year!  
Sunday, September 12th from 9:30 a.m.-10:40 a.m.**

**We can't wait to see you!**

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### **IMPORTANT COVID INFORMATION- UPDATED**

The church COVID Task Force met on Thursday, August 12. After much discussion, for the health and welfare of our members and our community, and with GREAT emphasis placed on keeping our children safe, the committee has set the following guidelines:

#### **BEGINNING SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021**

- ❖ Masks are required for all individuals, 2 years of age and up, at ALL FPC indoor functions /activities/SS/ Worship, etc.
- ❖ There is NO limit on numbers at this time. Please be thoughtful in your actions.
- ❖ Masks will always be provided at the church for adults and children in case they are needed.
- ❖ After worship, the Supply Minister will stand outside the door at the sanctuary so “crowding” will not take place.
- ❖ Hand sanitizer is available. Please use it.
- ❖ Bulletins will continue to be available.
- ❖ Singing will continue.
- ❖ Lemonade on the Lawn will continue through August.
- ❖ Communion will be given with prepackaged elements.
- ❖ Acolyte's can wear robe.
- ❖ No Elders Greeters.
- ❖ Ushers will continue their duties.
- ❖ All volunteers and paid employees involved in any children's program(s) are required to be vaccinated.
- ❖ No activity in the Education Building other than Sunday childcare & Wednesday Youth Club. and wiped clean.
- ❖ **UPDATE:** Individually packaged snacks/drinks will be provided for Youth Club children on Wednesdays.
- ❖ **UPDATE:** First Family meals will be drive-thru.
- ❖ Church Committees, Community Committees/groups are welcome to use the main building for meetings. However, any child that might accompany a parent to a meeting must stay in the same room with the parent at all times.
- ❖ All surfaces (chairs and tables and bathrooms if used) have to be wiped clean (with spray or wipes) after any committee meets.
- ❖ **NO gym use EXCEPT FOR WEDNESDAY YOUTH CLUB.**

Your patience and flexibility are appreciated as we continue to deal with the pandemic.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the church office (704-982-2722).

COVID TASK FORCE: Ellen Snyder, Debbie Bennett, Ben Jolly, Bob Johnston

# 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 Bullard family for hosting Lemonade on the Lawn today.

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**Faith Explorers...Our 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to a Pool Party & Pizza after worship on Sunday, September 12 at the home of Penny & Jack Morton**  
Text Taylor Barbee (704-796-8302) by Friday, September 10 to let her know your Faith Explorer will attend. Bring your bathing suit, towel, and sunscreen to church. We'll carpool from church to the Morton's home. Pick-up time: 3:00 p.m. at the Morton's home (40313 Hoops Court, Albemarle)



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**PrimeTimers' Boxed Lunches**  
**Drive-Thru or Delivery**  
**Thursday, September 16 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**Menu:**

**Debbie Wainwright's Chicken Salad, Croissant, Grapes, Chips, Oatmeal Cookie, Water**

**Please RSVP to Laura McLeod by Noon on Monday, September 13.**

**Call or text: 704-796-0487 Email: [mcleod2@windstream.net](mailto:mcleod2@windstream.net)**

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**Pfeiffer Pfriends...**If you are interested in participating in the Pfeiffer Pfriend program (similar to our Silent Partner program), please contact Martha Sue Hall (at [hallmsh@hotmail.com](mailto:hallmsh@hotmail.com) or call her at 704-985-5821.

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## For Your Information...

### Pastoral Emergencies

Rev. Ardy Skidmore, minister at Locust Presbyterian Church, will be our contact 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.*



**FIRST FAMILY MEAL**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.**  
**RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 30**  
**PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL**

First Family Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, September 1! Unfortunately, we are still unable to gather for First Family in September. If you would like a First Family meal, please RSVP by Monday, August 30 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday, September 1 between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, the kitchen staff wears masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

**Menu:**

**Boston Butt, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Fruit Kabob, Homemade Rolls, and choice of Sweet Potato Cake, Pound Cake, or Brownies**

**Suggested Donation:**

**\$5 per person....Maximum of \$15 per family.**

**Please come with correct change or a check written to First Presbyterian Church.**

**All we need you to do is:**

**call or email Anne Montgomery (704-796-5841 or [johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com](mailto:johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com)) and let her know how many plates you need, if you would like sweet potato cake, pound cake or brownies for each meal and if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).**

Though we will not share the meal at the same table, we will delight in the opportunity to share the same meal at our own tables. A prayer and table ritual will be included for each household. Sharing the meal and the ritual will bind us together as the one body of Christ.

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**GRANDPARENTS' DAY FLOWERS**



On Grandparents' Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of grandparents. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Grandparents' Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Grandparents' Day, September 12**.

**GRANDPARENTS' DAY FLOWERS**

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, August 29**

*Faith on the Fifth Offering for SCCM Cooling Assistance*

- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:00 am Acolyte Training (sanctuary)
- 11:00 am Sunday School Teacher Training (Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
(Session Room)
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn

**Monday, August 30**

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

**Wednesday, September 1**

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Pit Stop)
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm First Family Drive-Thru Meal

**Thursday, September 2**

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

**Friday, September 3**

*Meal for the Community Inn*

**Sunday, September 5**

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

- 11:00 am \*Worship

**\*childcare provided**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
**AUGUST**

29-Melissa Lemons  
30-Myra Land  
31-Heather Kilde

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
**SEPTEMBER**

01-Frank Poolos  
02-Betty Crook  
03-Wayne Palmer  
04-Margaret Ivey  
05-Emily Jones

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**  
**SEPTEMBER**

03-Miller & Teryn Morgan  
05-Jim & Leslie Carter

**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.

**SILENT PARTNERS 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.

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**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Worship during August will take place at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School will resume September 19.

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**Thank you for your generosity.**

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

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