



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE *Prelude on 'adoro te devote'* Everett Titcomb

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Emily Deese

PEALING OF THE CHIMES

OPENING SENTENCES

O magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt his name together.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH Ken Knight

Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

My heart exults in the Lord, my strength is exalted in my God.

There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them God has set the world.

The Lord will guard the feet of the faithful ones and judge the ends of the earth.

Let us worship God!

I Samuel 2

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, you hear our cries and honor our tears. Stir in us such a passion during worship that we might vow to give you our best for the glory of your name.

Amen.

*HYMN 403 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* Unser Herrscher

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Gracious God, who is faithful and just, we have failed to help those who have little while we have much. We are boastful and haughty and fail to appreciate the gift you have given. Our arrogance has led us away from your righteous way. Forgive us, merciful God, and lead us to a humble path. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

David Schwoebel

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 redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I've 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 from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy grace, Lord, 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.

I am bound for the kingdom, will you go to glory with me.
Hallelujah, praise the Lord.

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

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Rebekah Ayscue

Dedication of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

(Please bring Operation Christmas Child boxes forward to be dedicated.)

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Faith Sharing with Children, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, speak your word to us, and guide our feet, that we might be hearers and doers of your word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[1 Samuel 1:14-28](#)

Pew Bible, page 233

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Hannah's Hope

Reverend Cathy George

*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. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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.

*HYMN 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

From
*A Brief Statement
of Faith*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jim Sawyer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING AND PLEDGE CARDS

Offertory *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* Michael Burkhardt

Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we offer these gifts back to you. Multiply them so that they might help build up your kingdom on earth. All glory, praise, and honor are due to you, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 772 *Live into Hope* Truro

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL 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 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Dale Wood

*All that are able may stand.

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VETERAN'S DAY FLOWERS

IN MEMORY OF:

GIVEN BY:

Edward Arnold	Linda Anderson
John Jerry Earnhardt, Sr.	Sarah Earnhardt Baker
William D. Cotton (US Navy).....	Andy & Ruth Cotton and James Cotton
Fred Cumming.....	Cumming Family; Steve, Michelle, & Ella
Bill and Edith Daniels (US Army)	Roger & Joan Eudy
Sherman Eudy (US Navy)	Roger & Joan Eudy
Richard T. Forte (US Navy).....	Doris Forte
James W. Ivey, Jr. (USAF)	Margaret B. Ivey
Roy Holly Dearstyne	Tom & Holly Norwood
W.T. "Freck" Norwood.....	Tom & Holly Norwood
Robert Palmer (USAF).....	Frankie Palmer
William Barringer (US Army)	Frankie Palmer
Melvin Hatley (USAF).....	Frankie Palmer
Colonel Lee James Best	Sandy & Art Rogers
Major Luby C. Pulley, Jr.	Sandy & Art Rogers
H. Fred Sutton (US Navy).....	Ruth Ann Rogers
Forrest Gardner (USAF).....	Ruth Ann Rogers
William M. Rogers (USAF).....	Ruth Ann Rogers
Manus Mills Samples (US Army; WWII).....	Dan & Martha Sue
Malvern Palmer Harris, Sr. (US Army; WWI)	Dan & Martha Sue
Malvern Palmer Harris, Jr. (US Army; WWII).....	Dan & Martha Sue
Ron Forsman	Rich & Janet Schaefer
Robert Schaefer	Rich & Janet Schaefer

IN HONOR OF:

GIVEN BY:

Andy Cotton (US Navy/Airforce).....	Ruth Cotton and James Cotton
Fred McInturff.....	Cumming Family; Steve, Michelle, & Ella
Lindy Taylor.....	Cumming Family; Steve, Michelle, & Ella
Roger Eudy (US Army).....	Joan Eudy
Bob Gaither (US Army)	Donna Gaither
John Sharp (US Army).....	Cathy George and Shelley, Mike, Jackson, & Thomas Shedd
Nathan Harwood (USAF).....	Bill Hall
Dan Samples (USAF).....	Martha Sue
Daniel Samples (USAF/NCANG)	Martha Sue
Charles David Harris (USAF/NCANG).....	Martha Sue
David Harris (US Army-Deployed)	Martha Sue
Daniel Hall Lambert (Mst Srgt USAF)	Kyle Lambert
Donnie Ray Campbell (Petty Officer, First Class, US Navy).....	R.V. Liles, Jr.
Richard V. Liles Jr, (MD, Lt. USNR – Medical Corp).....	R.V. Liles, Jr.
Terry Morgan (US Army)	Pam, Lisa, Leslie, and the grandkids
Wade Hatley (USMC).....	Frankie Palmer
James Isenhour (US Army)	Frankie Palmer
Arthur Henry Rogers, Jr.	Sandy Rogers
Captain Luby C. Pulley, III	Sandy Rogers
Michael Smyth	Rich & Janet Schaefer

Thank you to the Chancel Choir, Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, Rebekah Ayscue, Ken Knight, and Jim Sawyer for their leadership in worship today..

The acolyte today is Emily Deese.

Users for November: John Earnhardt (captain), Bob Johnston, Jim Marshall, Kim Marshall, Jack Morton and Penny Morton

Elder Greeters: Mike King; Ellen Whitley

Outside Ushers for November 14: Steve Cumming; Ronnie Michael

Sound: Evan Sanges; Leah Kilde **Film:** Andy McLeod

Nursery: Kate White

Kids Care Crew: Penny Morton

Children's Church: Kristie Bryson; Elizabeth Bryson

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Bill Rogers (husband of Ruth Ann Rogers), Lindsey Clark (wife of Mark Clark, friend of Debbie Hahn; metastatic breast cancer), Banks Garrison, Robin Howell (chemotherapy for return of lymphoma), Don Abernathy (multiple myeloma), Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Gloria Bryson, Ann Snuggs, Nancy Jolly (Trinity Place), Claude Harwood, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.



NAME TAG ALERT! Upon entering the sanctuary, we are requesting that everyone make a name tag. Stick-on name tags are available at both entrances to the sanctuary. Thank you!



**Christian Education Intergenerational Event
Sunday, November 14
9:45 a.m. in the Pit Stop**

When people of all ages (6th-12th graders and adults) have the opportunity to share time together, wonderful things happen . . . friendships are formed, busy families spend quality time together through faith, and generation gaps narrow. The Christian Education Committee is planning an Intergenerational Event on Sunday, November 14 at 9:45 a.m. in the pit stop. Please plan to join us for this enjoyable time of fellowship! Light refreshments will be available.



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY
SHOEBOX DEDICATION
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14
PLEASE RETURN YOUR FILLED SHOEBOXES.
THANK YOU.**

Please Return Your Pledge Card

If you have not already returned your pledge card, you mail or drop them off at the church. Pledge cards are also available in the narthex to both entrances to the sanctuary.



**3rd WEDNESDAY DRIVE-THRU MEAL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 FROM 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15
PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL**

Drive-Thru Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, November 17! Please RSVP by Monday, November 15 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday, November 17 between 5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. For your safety, the kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

Menu: Black Bean Cake with Yogurt Lime Sauce (on the side), Homemade Salsa, Mixed Green Salad, Tortilla Chips, and Blondie 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 Anne Montgomery at 704-796-5841 or email Anne at johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com

and let her know how many plates you need, and if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).

!!! Hurray For Breakfast Bunch for K-5th Graders !!!

Who can come? UPDATED FOR ANYONE IN KINDERGARTEN-5TH GRADE

What? Gathering as Friends to Enjoy Breakfast

When? Sunday, November 14 at 9:00 a.m.

Where? Media Room

Why? To pray together & build strong community of faith

Please let Rebekah Ayscue (rebekah.ayscue@gmail.com) or Katherine Jolly (kat6420@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us. Muffins, yogurt, and fruit provided.



New Children's Artwork in the Education Building...Children at Youth Club had opportunity recently to create original works of art with a focus on *Creation*. Each group has used a different medium to imagine something unique. The kindergartners and first graders used crayons and colored pencils to draw their idea of one of the days of creation. Some chose to create the land and animals, while others created the sea and sea life. The second and third graders painted their version of the first day of Creation, entitled *Darkness to Light*, using acrylic and watercolor paints. The fourth and fifth graders combined all the days of Creation using acrylics and markers. Their finished works are hanging in the gallery hallway in the Education Building. A special *thank you* goes out to Barbara Lindley for leading the children and displaying their wonderful works of art.



Alternative Christmas Gifts Available in the Pit Stop

Sundays, November 21 & 28 and Sundays, December 5 & 12

On Sundays, November 21 & 28, December 5 & 12, there will be opportunities to purchase alternative gifts in the Pit Stop. You will be able to select from among both local and international recipients. For each purchase, you will receive one of several holiday-themed acknowledgement cards. The charities are: John P. Murray Community Care Clinic, Mwandu Milk Formula, OASIS, and Will's Place.

Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 21 at 6:00 p.m. at Main Street United Methodist Church

(1100 West Main Street, Albemarle)

Worship Only – No Food due to COVID 19





Central Elementary School

Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:

Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper, Cans of Tuna, Chicken Helper, Cans of Chicken, Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups

Faith Explorers Sunday Outing on November 14 following worship

Take A Hike



Our 4th & 5th graders are invited to join in the outdoor fun at Morrow Mountain for an afternoon of hiking and exploring God’s beautiful creation. Bring a bag lunch, and we will eat at Morrow Mountain before we hike. Transportation to Morrow Mountain provided, along with bottled water. Bring a bag lunch, comfortable hiking/walking shoes and a water bottle. RSVP to Kate Gibson (katherine.e.gibson@gmail.com or 336-301-4564 or Thomas Taylor (thomastaylor7@gmail.com or 704-467-3777) to let them know that your Faith

Explorer will attend. Parents: Pick up time: 3:30 p.m. at the church.



PrimeTimers’ Drive-Thru Luncheon

Thursday, November 18

Pick-up your boxed lunch between 12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m.

Menu:

Wes Eudy’s BBQ, Slaw, Chips, Fruit, & Dessert

Text or Email Laura McLeod: 704-796-0487 or mcleod2@windstream.net

by Noon on Monday, November 15.

Book Conversation

Monday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

Book: *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell

The book for November will be *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell. We will meet November 15 (please note the date change) at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor. Please wear your mask. The Book Discussion Group will not meet in December.



Hanging of the Christmas Greenery

Saturday, November 27 from 10:00 a.m.-Noon

On Saturday, November 27, we will decorate the church for the season. Plan to spend the morning decorating the chrismon tree and other areas of our church. The church will look beautiful for the first Sunday of Advent (November 28)!

IMPORTANT COVID UPDATED INFORMATION
as of November 7

For the health and welfare of our members and our community, the COVID Task Force Committee has set the following guidelines with the following updates:

- ❖ **UPDATE:** Masks are **optional** for ALL FPC **indoor** functions/activities/SS/Worship, etc.
- ❖ **UPDATE:** Masks are **strongly encouraged** for unvaccinated individuals.
- ❖ Masks will always be provided at the church for adults and children in case they are needed.
- ❖ After worship, Rev. George will stand outside the door at the sanctuary so “crowding” will not take place.
- ❖ Hand sanitizer is available. Please use it.
- ❖ **UPDATE: Bibles, Hymnals, and Friendship Registers will be returned to pews.**
- ❖ Singing will continue.
- ❖ Communion will be given with prepackaged elements.
- ❖ **UPDATE: Elder greeters will resume.**
- ❖ **UPDATE: Ushers will resume passing offering plates during Worship.**
- ❖ All volunteers and paid employees involved in any children’s program(s) are required to be vaccinated.
- ❖ **UPDATE: Church building and GYM will be available for outside groups (meetings, rentals, pickleball, basketball, etc.).**
- ❖ **UPDATE: Meals may resume for SNL.**
- ❖ All toys, chairs, tables and bathrooms, (used that day) are to be wiped clean with a Clorox wipe or sprayed and wiped clean.
- ❖ 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.

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

**The COVID Task Force and Session continue to assess the COVID situation
and return to church activities with the safety of the congregation in mind.**

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

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 14

Dedication of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

- 8:45 am Diaconate Meeting In-Person
- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch (K-5th Graders – Media Room)
- 9:30 am The Wired Word Sunday School Class via Zoom
- 9:45 am *Sunday School & Intergenerational Event (Gym)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Faith Explorers Hike at Morrow Mountain State Park with pick-up at the church at 3:30 p.m.
- 6:30 pm-8:30 pm SNL Youth at FPC, Albemarle

Monday, November 15

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 2:00 pm RSVP for 3rd Wednesday Drive-Thru Meal
- 7:00 pm Book Conversation (Pit Stop)
- 8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations at the home of Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr., Albemarle)

Tuesday, November 16

- 12:00 pm December Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, November 17

- 6:45 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 3:30 pm-5:30 pm Youth Club (K-5th Graders)
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm 3rd Wednesday Drive-Thru Meal
- 5:30 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club Handbells with Frank Poolos
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, November 18

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm-12:30 pm PrimeTimers’ Drive-Thru Lunch
- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Sunday, November 21 *Christ the King Sunday/Thanksgiving Offering for Children’s Hope Alliance (formerly Barium Springs Home for Children)/Alternative Gifts/SNL Youth Friendsgiving*

- 8:30 am Session Meeting In-Person
- 9:30 am The Wired Word Sunday School Class via Zoom
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship

***childcare provided**

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!
NOVEMBER**

- 14-Carol Sasser
- 17-Taylor Johnston
- 19-Gus Feather
- 21-Debbie Wainwright

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
NOVEMBER**

- 17-Steve & Michelle Cumming
- Richard & Joyce Lambert



**You’re Invited
to view the
First Presbyterian Church
Fall Art Gallery Exhibit
Featuring the artwork of
John Williams,
Jack Williams, and
Eli Williams
Located in the
Basement Office Hallway**

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First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578
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church’s website (www.fpcalbemarle.org).
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