



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

Bread of the World

Margaret R. Tucker

Youth Club Handbell Ensemble

Carter Gibson, Emma Gibson, Ayla Hahn, Melanie Hendrix,

Leni Henkenjohann, and Syndey Wilhelm

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Thora Kilde

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Katherine Jolly, liturgist

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us worship God. Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;

Let us exalt the name of the Lord together.

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our Salvation.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent Reflection

Merciful God, in baptism, you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ and claiming us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it's time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE

hymnal 119, stanza 3

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

(The response will be sung by choir and congregation.)

*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we nor more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, 'Glory to the newborn King!'*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

No Hands but Yours

J. Jerome Williams

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

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

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Melissa Eudy

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

Send us your Spirit, O God, that these words might speak to us your word, and our lives bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Isaiah 43:1-7](#)

Pew Bible, page 631

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Luke 3:15-17; 21-22](#)

Pew Bible, page 56

SERMON

The Beloved

Reverend Cathy S. George

*HYMN 488

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

Waterlife

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Invitation

Offertory *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* Johann Christoph Bach

Doxology *As With Gladness Men of Old* hymnal 150, stanza 3

(The response will be sung by choir and congregation.) Dix

As they offered gifts more rare at thy manger, rude and bare,

So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,

All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son, and through him, opened to us a way to become your children by grace. May these gifts we return to you be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Sentences of Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27

There are a variety of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination

*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 for Baptism

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious and eternal God...be all glory and honor, now and forever.

Amen.

Remember your baptism and be thankful. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious and eternal God...to the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

All those who are ordained are invited to stand where you are and extend your hand for the Laying on of Hands.

Welcome and Charge

*HYMN 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples Kingsfold

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE Sevenfold Amen John Stainer

*POSTLUDE In dulci jubilo Johann Sebastian Bach

*All that are able may stand.

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Thank you to the Chancel Choir, Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, the Youth Club Handbell Ensemble, Melissa Eudy, and Katherine Jolly for their leadership in worship today.

The acolyte today is Thora Kilde.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 95th birthday of Miriam Russell and her many years of service to various ministries of First Presbyterian Church.

Ushers for January: John Howell (captain), Duncan Bryson, Keith Bryson, and Jim Hesley

Outside Ushers for January 9: John Earnhardt; Jack Morton

Sound: Evan Sanges; TBD Film: Leah Kilde

Nursery: Kate White Kids Care Crew: Penny Morton Children's Church: Heather Kilde; Thora Kilde

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Martha Elson (sister of Sandy Rogers), Terry Morgan (home), Robin Howell, Don Abernathy, Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Gloria Bryson, Nancy Jolly, Claude Harwood, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

Deacons being ordained and installed: Shannon Bullard and Myron Lowder

Deacons being installed today are: Lillie Hancock, Wes Eudy, and Liz Jolly

Elder being ordained and installed is: Andy McLeod

Elders being installed today are: Bill Jolly, Mary Kesselman, and Chris Whitley

Please stop by the church (Pit Stop on Sundays and/or office area during the week) to sign a hymnal for Ruth Ann Rogers. The hymnal will be available thru the end of February. Call the church before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).

Faith Explorers' Movie Afternoon

Sunday, January 9, 2022 from Noon-3:00 p.m.

Bring a bag lunch, and we will provide the popcorn! YUM!

Featured movie: Disney's *Encanto*

Please let Thomas Taylor (704) 467-3777 or Terri West (704) 968-2513

know that your Faith Explorer will be able to attend.

FPC DRIVE-THRU MEAL ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

FROM 5:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.

RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 17

PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL

Drive-Thru Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, January 19! Please RSVP by Monday, January 17 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday, January 19 between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

Menu: Hugh Wainwright's Brunswick Stew with Cornbread and Texas Sheet Cake

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).

School supplies are needed for Central Elementary to finish the 2021-2022 school year. Please take the list below as you shop for much needed supplies for our partner school. BRING YOUR DONATION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO THE CHURCH AND DROP-OFF IN THE DESIGNATED BIN IN THE PIT STOP. COLLECTION WILL BE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY. If you have any questions, contact Ruth Cotton (704-942-1381 or hugawolf@hotmail.com).

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)



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

Who can come? K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th graders
What? Gathering as friends to enjoy breakfast
When? January 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Where? Stage in the gym
Why? To pray together & build strong community of faith

Please let Gina Martin (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org) or Katherine Jolly (kat6420@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us. *Muffins, yogurt, fruit and juice provided.

Gaither Endowment Grant Applications

The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until January 15. Applications are available in the church office. If you have questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

Christian Education Committee Meeting

Sunday, January 9 following worship in the Session Room

A Christian Education Committee Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 9 following worship. If you are interested in volunteering with the children at First Presbyterian Church, contact Gina Martin (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722).



2022 Committee Reorganization

Each year in January, committees reorganize and every member of the congregation has an opportunity to be part of the work of the church by saying **YES, I want to help.**

Contact Cathy George (704-982-2722 or cgeorge@fpcalbemarle.org)

to learn more about the Diaconate and Session Committees and engage in the work of one or more.

Diaconate Committees which need you!

- Congregational Care
- Fellowship
- Ushering

Session Committees which need you!

- Christian Education
- Mission
- Property
- Stewardship
- Worship



Central 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

Donations may be dropped off in the Pit Stop at the church.

Next Packing Date: Wednesday, January 19 at 10:30 a.m.



**New Sunday School Class
Faith, Fellowship, & Food
Every Sunday at GloryBeans Coffee House
(134 West Main Street, Albemarle)**

GloryBeans has graciously offered to open the coffee shop for us every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for Faith, Fellowship, and Food. We would love you to join us! Please enter through the back alley. Text Melissa Eudy if you have questions (704-439-6747).

Other Adult Sunday School class offerings (meet at 9:45 a.m. at the church):

Hard Sayings of Jesus led by Dr. Bill Jolly (Location: Old Session Room-Basement)

The Wired Word led by various facilitators (Location: Church Parlor)

Book Study led by Kim Marshall and Courtney Niederer (Location: Classroom 2-Basement)

Sunday School for Children (meet at 9:45 a.m.):

<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
Preschool (3-5 yr olds)	Preschool Room	Becky Andrew; Hannah Domenech; Angie Earnhardt
Grades K-3rd	Children's Church Room	Kim Andrew; Adrienne Averette
Grades 4th-5th	2 nd Floor Classroom	Heather Hatley; Penny Morton; Jill Niebler
Grades 6th-12th	Teen Room	Al Andrew; Emily Andrew

Church Staff Opening...Facilities Maintenance Coordinator



The church is in great need of a Facilities Maintenance Coordinator. This position recently received a pay upgrade and requires approximately 10 hours per week. The ideal person would be able to open/prepare and close the church on Sundays and as needed for scheduled events. The position involves operating and assisting in routine maintenance of the building systems including lighting, heating, air conditioning,

plumbing, etc. The coordinator will work closely with the Property Committee chair, minister, and office manager to determine long-term maintenance needs. A job description for this position can be requested from the church office. If you know someone who might be interested, please contact the church office (704-982-2722).



Due to the increase in Stanly County's positivity COVID rate, and for your protection and for the protection of the church staff, please take the following steps:

- (1) When you come into the church office, wear a mask and conduct your church business from the office counter.
- (2) If at all possible, conduct church business by phone or email. We will respond as quickly as possible.

The office phone number is 704-982-2722.

To email staff:

- Cathy George (cgeorge@fpcalbemarle.org)
- Kyle Lambert (klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)
- Pam Knighten (pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org)
- Jane Snyder (jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org)
- Gina Martin (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org)
- Stan Scheer (sscheer@fpcalbemarle.org)
- Frank Poolos (fpoolos@fpcalbemarle.org)

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 9

The Baptism of the Lord/Ordination & Installation of Officers

- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch for K-5th Graders (Gym)
- 9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House
(134 West Main Street, Albemarle)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting (Session Room)
- 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers' Movie Afternoon
- 6:00 pm-8:00 pm SNL Youth

Monday, January 10

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations at the home of Debby Johnston
(1212 Heritage Dr., Albemarle)

Wednesday, January 12

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer
- 1:30 pm Circle #5 meets in the Pit Stop
- 3:30 pm-5:30 pm Youth Club (K-5th Graders)
- 5:30 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club Handbells with Frank Poolos
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, January 13

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Saturday, January 15

Deadline for Gaither Endowment Grant Applications

Sunday, January 16

- 8:45 am Diaconate Meeting
- 9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House (134 West Main Street, Albemarle)
- 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!
JANUARY

09-Isabel McIntyre
10-Rita Morgan
 Jacob Palmer
12-Ruth Ann Rogers
15-Julian Eudy
16-Debbie Hahn

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mailed to:
First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578
Albemarle, NC 28002

Online giving can be done
through the church's website
(www.fpcalbemarle.org).
Click on the GIVE button.

!!! Pfeiffer Pfriends Are Needed !!!

 The Health Sciences Program of Pfeiffer University continues its presence in downtown Albemarle as students are working on a degree in the Physician's Assistant or Occupational Therapy Programs. Your willingness to be a Pfeiffer Pfriend would be a blessing. For more information on Pfeiffer Pfriends, please email Martha Sue at hallmsh@hotmail.com or call her at 704-985-5821.