



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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February 6, 2022

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

Gabriel's Oboe
Frank Poolos, Oboe

Ennio Morricone

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Madelyn Taylor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Cumming, liturgist

Psalm 138

I bow down and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and faithfulness.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you stretch out your hand and deliver me.

Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

You are high and lifted up, O God of hosts; the seraphim sing of your glory. Holy, holy, holy, you are the one we adore. The whole earth is full of your splendor; we see all about us signs of your grace. You are God of steadfast love and faithfulness; hear us as with our hearts, we give you our thanks. Amen.

*HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger may be brought forward at this time.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve and deliver us. Though our lips are not clean and our hearts are not pure, you call us. Forgive us, we pray, when we wander away from you, lost and at risk. Forgive us when our lives do not reflect your glory and the purposes you intend. Help us to comprehend your ways in the world. We long to feel your grace and glory, for in you, we can be healed and set free.

Silent Confession and Reflection

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE

hymnal 475, stanza 3

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

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

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now, 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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Katherine Jolly

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-3 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, you have exalted your name and your word above everything. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to hear your word with understanding, that in our speech and actions, we may exalt your name above all things; in Jesus name we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

If I Have Not Love

Mark Schweizer

Frank Poolos, Oboe

Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels,
Though my faith is a faith that can move a mountain;
Though I give all I possess, all is for nothing if I have not love.

Though I give myself to be broken,
And prophesy with understanding, and have all knowledge and power,
All is for nothing if I have not love.

Love is patient, love is kind, Love rejoices ever in truth.
Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never dies.

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
The Lord lift up his eyes to you and be gracious unto you.
And give you peace, Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Luke 5:1-11](#)

Pew Bible, page 58

SERMON

Papaw's Guide to Fishing

Reverend Cathy S. George

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*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. We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. 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!* Amen.

*HYMN 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Pescador de Hombres

From
*A Brief Statement
of Faith*

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

Christ, Thou Art My Life

Johann Pachelbel

Doxology

We Give Thee but Thine Own

hymnal 708, stanza 1

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

Schumann

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, we give you thanks for your generosity to us. Bless these gifts and multiply them, for the sake of those in need around us; in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

Kelvingrove

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Mark Schweizer

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you,

The Lord lift up His eyes to you and be gracious unto you.

And give you peace, Amen.

*POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

André Campra

*All that are able may stand.

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Thank you to the Chancel Choir, Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, Steve Cumming, and Katherine Jolly for their leadership in worship today.

The acolyte today is Madelyn Taylor.

Ushers for February: Jim Hesley (captain), Elizabeth Bryson, Ella Cumming, Jim Ivey, Myron Lowder, and Lee Snuggs

Outside Ushers for February 6: John Howell; Tom Norwood

Sound: Evan Sanges **Film:** Leah Kilde

Nursery: Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Kristie Bryson **Children's Church:** Lillie Hancock

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger today.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Debbie Hinson (mother of Melissa Eudy), Ross Holshouser, Terry Morgan, 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.

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).

Many thanks to all who donated school supplies to help students and teachers finish the school year.

NEW ADDRESS

Polly Moose
Harbor Chase Riverwalk
749 Dunkins Ferry Road
Apt. 2136
Rock Hill, SC 29730



**Youth Club Trusty Travelers and Faith Explorers
Sing in worship on Sunday, February 13.**

Children will gather in the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. for practice that morning. Then, the children will go to their respective Sunday School classes. We are looking forward to hearing the children sing in worship.

!!! 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? February 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Where? Stage in the gym – We can spread out for eating.
Why? To pray together & build strong community of faith



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



The Postal Service is delivering one shipment of 4 COVID tests per residential address.
Enter your name, address and email at www.usps.com/covidtest to request a shipment.
The website is live now. If you do not own a computer and would like to have a COVID test shipment mailed to your home, please contact Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821).

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Class is the process by which youth have the option to publicly profess their faith before the congregation and become individual members of First Presbyterian Church. Confirmation Class will be for 7th and 8th grade young people and lead by Rev. George. **The group will meet from 4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons:**

**February 23;
March 16; March 23; March 30;
April 6; and April 13.**



Young people who decide they want to become Active Members of First Presbyterian Church will meet with the Session to be examined and received into membership on Easter Sunday (April 17). **Let Cathy know by Sunday, February 13 if your young person is interested.**

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING DRIVE-THRU MONETARY DONATIONS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 FOLLOWING WORSHIP & WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 AT THE 3rd WEDNESDAY DRIVE-THRU MEAL



On Sunday, February 13 following worship and Wednesday, February 16 at the 3rd Wednesday Drive-Thru Meal, please join with us in the Souper Bowl of Caring! Our congregation will be supporting those facing food insecurity this winter by making a monetary donation to SCCM.

3rd WEDNESDAY DRIVE-THRU MEAL WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 FROM 5:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.

**RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14
PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL**

Drive-Thru Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, February 16! Please RSVP by Monday, February 14 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday, February 16 between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.



Menu: Barbeque Chicken Taco, Rice, Black Beans, and Strawberry Cheesecake Cookie

Suggested Donation: \$5 per person....Maximum of \$15 per family.

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

**PLEASE BRING SOUPER BOWL MONETARY DONATION TO
DROP-OFF AS YOU DRIVE-THRU TO PICK-UP YOUR MEAL.**

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).**



Quarter Ministry for The Mary & Martha Center for Women & Community Care

The Mary & Martha Center for Women & Community Care is collecting quarters to assist women with laundromat expenses. Your donation of quarters can be dropped in jars located at the sanctuary entrances. Your quarters make a difference!

**First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery Open Now
(Located in the Church Basement)**

**GHA Autism Supports Creative Arts Program Presents
POP ART**



Do you like looking at bold images of everyday items painted in bright colors? This type of art is called *Pop Art*, and it began in the 1950s. Pop Art is a style of art based on simple, bold images of everyday items, such as soup cans, painted in bright colors.

This year, the GHA Creative Arts students are exploring this artistic medium by using simple images and adding bright bold colors in a comic

book style. Our courageous students have expressed themselves through their artworks more than words can express.



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.

We need people willing to donate non-perishable food items and cleaning supplies to our Faith Explorers' Scavenger Hunt for the Backpack Food Program and SCCM. Please contact Kate Gibson (336-301-4564 or katherine.e.gibson@gmail.com) to let her know if you want the 4th & 5th graders to make their way to your home to pick-up the items on Sunday, February 20. Front porch pick-up is available if you are not going to be home.

Here are the items needed:

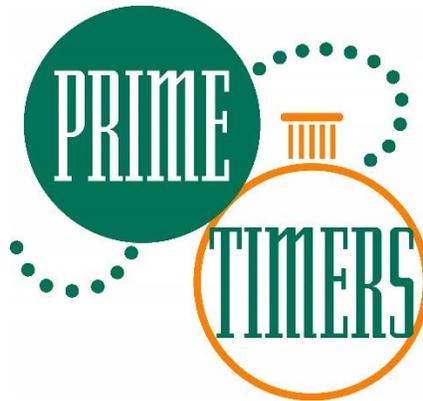
Backpack Program

Oatmeal Packs, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Packs of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Saltines, Tuna Helper, Cans of Tuna, Chicken Helper, Cans of Chicken, Snack Crackers, & Fruit Cups

SCCM

Peanut Butter and Jelly, Cleaning Supplies, Lysol Wipes

Thank you for helping us make this a success!



**PRIMETIMERS DRIVE-THRU LUNCHEON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17 FROM NOON-12:30 P.M.**

Menu:

**From 2nd Street Sundries - Chili Beans, Toasted Pimento Cheese Sandwich, & Fruit Cup
Dessert provided by the Senior Care Committee**

Suggested Donation: \$5.00

**RSVP to Laura McLeod (text/call 704-796-0487 or email mcleod2@windstream.net)
by noon on Monday, February 14.**



**SNL CHILI FUNDRAISER
IN THE PIT STOP FOLLOWING WORSHIP
OR DRIVE-THRU
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20
12:15 P.M.-12:45 P.M.**

MENU: CHILI, CORNBREAD, & DESSERT

Contact Melissa Eudy at 704-439-6747 to place an order.
Proceeds benefit SNL summer mission trips.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 6 *5th Sunday after Epiphany*

Ten Cents a Meal Offering for Hunger

9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House
(134 West Main Street, Albemarle)

9:45 am-10:30 am The Wired Word Sunday School Class via Zoom

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

6:00 pm-8:00 pm SNL

Monday, February 7

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, February 9

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

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, February 10

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

Sunday, February 13

6th Sunday after Epiphany/Youth Club Trusty Travelers & Faith Explorers sing in worship/

Souper Bowl of Caring Offering

8:45 am Diaconate Meeting

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-10:30 am The Wired Word Sunday School Class via Zoom

9:45 am Youth Club Trusty Travelers & Faith Explorers rehearse in the Sanctuary

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Christian Education Meeting

6:00 pm-8:00 pm SNL Youth

***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!

FEBRUARY

06-Melissa Eudy

Bob Johnston

08-Mellanie Morgan

09-Debbie Bennett

10-Susan Pandich

11-Katherine Jolly

12-Karen Hinkle

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

FEBRUARY

09-Bill & Diane Stevenson

The Wired Word Sunday

School Class will meet via

Zoom on Sunday mornings

from 9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

until further notice. For the

Zoom link information,

contact Rich Schaefer

(richard.schaefer@gmail.com)

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mailed to:

First Presbyterian Church

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Albemarle, NC 28002

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through the church's website

(www.fpcalbemarle.org).

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