



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Albemarle, North Carolina

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February 13, 2022
The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

MORNING MEDITATION

Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their patience, the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend: Jesus is Lord; he has championed the unwanted; in him injustice confronts its timely end.

John L. Bell

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

Prelude

William H. Harris

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leo McLeod

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Natalie Niederer, liturgist

Psalm 1

Happy are those who take delight in the law of the Lord.

They are like trees planted by streams of water. In all that they do, they prosper.

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

May God number us with the righteous as we worship the Lord.

Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of life, in Christ you resurrect all things. Raise us from death to life, that our transformation may bear witness to the power of your grace in our lives through Jesus Christ, the first born from the dead. Amen.

*HYMN 363

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Darwall's 148th

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding. You call us to reorder our lives by the kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ. Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice: people who are poor and hungry; people who weep. We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, excluded. Comfortable with the way things are, we are too complacent, even complicit with injustice and prejudice. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel. We pray for this now, for our sake, and for the sake of your world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

ANTHEM

O Look and Wonder

Pablo D. Sosa

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace

Youth Club Trusty Travelers and Faith Explorers

Ella Averette, Julian Eudy, Carter Gibson, Emma Gibson, Melanie Hendrix,

Will Lentz, Drew Melone, Maggie Melone, Madelyn Taylor,

Eston West, and Sydney Wilhelm

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Kristie Bryson

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

Gracious God, whose word is like water to the root of the tree, let your word now flow into us, that we might flourish—bearing gospel fruit for a hungry world. In the name of Jesus, the Loving Word, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Luke 6:17-26](#)

Pew Bible, page 60

SERMON

Blessed are the Cheesemakers

Reverend Cathy S. George

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION 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.

*HYMN 172

Blest Are They

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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

Doxology

Chorale

We Give Thee but Thine Own

Johann Gottfried Walther

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, bless and multiply these gifts we give as tokens of our trust in you. Use them to bless the poor, feed the hungry, and comfort those who weep. Amen.

*HYMN 546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Sicilian Mariners

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Fourfold Amen

John Stainer

*POSTLUDE

Epilogue on 'Dix'

William H. Harris

*All that are able may stand.

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Thank you to the Chancel Choir, Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, the Youth Club Trusty Travelers and Faith Explorers, Kristie Bryson, and Natalie Niederer for their leadership in worship today.

The acolyte today is Leo McLeod.

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

Outside Ushers for February 13: John Earnhardt; Jack Morton

Sound: Evan Sanges; Bob Johnston **Film:** Katherine Jolly

Nursery: Kyle Lambert **Kids Care Crew:** Melissa Eudy; Cidney Eudy **Children's Church:** Lillie Hancock

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Jeff Hartsell (husband of Jane Hartsell), 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).



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



**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.



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 led 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 TODAY if your young person is interested.**

**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).

!!! CARE CAFÉ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!!



The Care Café adult respite day program is looking for volunteers. Volunteers provide support, encouragement, and companionship to program participants. Volunteer training is provided.

We are committed to the safety of our volunteers and participants. Measures are taken to minimize the risk of COVID transmission.

We have immediate openings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m. If you are interested in sharing your time and talent with us, please contact Sandra Nance (704-986-2273 or carecafe@windstream).

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.

**Tithes and offerings may be 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.

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)

by noon on Monday, February 14.

**SNL CHILI FUNDRAISER
IN THE PIT STOP FOLLOWING WORSHIP
OR DRIVE-THRU
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20 FROM 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.





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.



**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Drive-Thru
 Tuesday, March 1 from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
 RSVP by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28**

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner Pick-up or Delivery is on Tuesday, March 1! If you would like a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Meal, please RSVP by Monday, February 28 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Tuesday, March 1 between 5:00 p.m.-6:00pm. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while packaging your plates. Keith Bryson is coordinating the cooking – contact Keith if you want to help (704-984-0254). All proceeds will go toward the *10-Cents-a-Meal* program.

Menu: Pancakes and Syrup, Link Sausage and Fruit

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

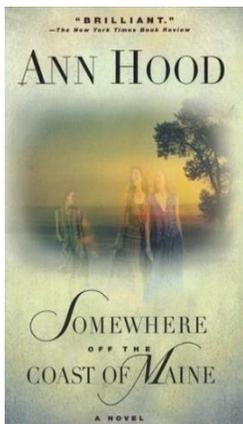
Please come with correct change or a check written to First Presbyterian Church.

All we need you to do is:

call Anne Montgomery at 704-982-7823 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).



February Book Conversation on Monday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

The February book is *Somewhere Off the Coast of Maine* by Ann Hood. We will meet in the parlor at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28.

In 1969, as Peter, Paul and Mary croon on the radio and poster paints splash the latest antiwar slogans, three young friends find love. Suzanne, a poet, lives in a Maine beach house awaiting the birth of a child she will call Sparrow. Claudia, who weds a farmer during college, plans to raise three strong sons. Elizabeth and her husband marry, organize protests, and try to rear two children with their hippie values. By 1985, things have changed: Suzanne, now with an MBA, calls Sparrow "Susan." Claudia spirals backward into her sixties world—and madness. And Elizabeth, fatally ill, watches despairingly as her children yearn for a split-level house and a gleaming station wagon.

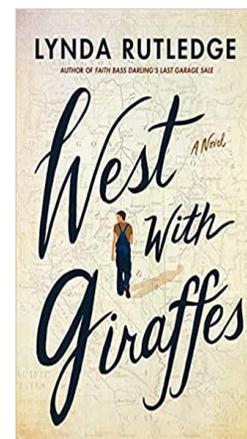
Somewhere Off the Coast of Maine is Ann Hood's stunning debut novel about the choices we make when we are young, and the changes brought about by the passing of time.

March Book Conversation on Monday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

The March book is *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. We will meet in the parlor at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 28.

Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, feels his life ebbing away. But when he learns giraffes are going extinct, he finds himself recalling the unforgettable experience he cannot take to his grave.

It's 1938. The Great Depression lingers. Hitler is threatening Europe, and world-weary Americans long for wonder. They find it in two giraffes who miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. What follows is a twelve-day road trip in a custom truck to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Behind the wheel is the young Dust Bowl rowdy Woodrow. Inspired by true events, the tale weaves real-life figures with fictional ones, including the world's first female zoo director, a crusty old man with a past, a young female photographer with a secret, and assorted reprobates as spotty as the giraffes. Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, *West with Giraffes* explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it's too late.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

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

Monday, February 14 *Valentine's Day*

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 2:00 pm RSVP 3rd Wednesday Drive-Thru Meal
- 8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations at the home of Debby Johnston

Tuesday, February 15

- 12:00 pm March Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, February 16 *Souper Bowl of Caring Offering at 3rd Wednesday Drive-Thru*

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 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, February 17

- 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, February 20 *7th Sunday after Epiphany/Ordination & Installation of Officer*

- 8:30 am Session Meeting
- 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
- 12:00 pm Lenten Planning Committee
- 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers Scavenger Hunt for Food
- 12:15 pm-12:45 pm SNL Chili Fundraiser (pick-up or drive-thru)
- 6:00 pm-8:00 pm SNL

***childcare provided**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
FEBRUARY**

14-Hunter Matthews
15-Emily Deese
16-Miller Morgan
17-Lily Snyder
20-Ashley Deese
Peter Henkenjohann

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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