



**THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Albemarle, North Carolina

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April 17, 2022

Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Day

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**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

*Resurrection Fanfare*

John E. Carlson

Alleluia! The Lord has risen! He's alive! Alleluia!

He broke the bonds of death forever! Alleluia!

His tomb now empty, He has arisen! He's alive! Alleluia!

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Sophie Poplin

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Katherine Jolly, liturgist

Psalm 118

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to God.

**This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**We praise you, O God, for the power of your saving love revealed in the resurrection of our Lord. As you have raised Jesus from the dead, give to us the gift of everlasting life, that we may worship you forever; through Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.**

\*HYMN 245

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Llanfair

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you have made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant, given in Jesus Christ the risen 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 41, stanza 5  
Lyons

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*  
(The response will be sung by choir and congregation.)  
*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,*  
*In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;*  
*Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,*  
*Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

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.*

ANTHEM

*To the Lamb upon the Throne*

Dan Forrest

*Worthy the Lamb.*

Ye Servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name;  
The name all victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

*Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!* Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

God rules in the height, almighty to save; though hid from our sight, His presence we have,  
The great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

***Congregation and Choir***

Then let us adore and give Him His right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might;  
All honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

*Worship the Lamb!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[John 20:1-18](#)

Pew Bible, page 108

SERMON

*It's Not About the Bunny*

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 250

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

Promise

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation

Profession of Faith

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.**

Blessed are you...we bless you, God of glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Laying On of Hands and Anointing

The Baptism

Welcome

Hymn 488

*I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

Waterlife

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

Doxology

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

*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.*

Dale Wood

hymnal 675

Tallis' Canon

\*Prayer of Dedication

**We praise you, O God, and give you thanks that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let our lives be proof of that good news. Let all our words and actions, our love and service bear witness to your resurrection power; for the sake of the living Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy...Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God...Now hear us as we are bold to pray together the prayer taught to us by our Lord, saying,

**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.**

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

**Nourished at this table, O God, may we know Christ's redemptive life and live a new life in him. Give us who are fed at his hand, grace to share our bread with the hungry and with the hungry of heart. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all of your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN 246

*Christ Is Alive!*

Truro

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Again*

Philip W.J. Stopford

Christ the Lord is risen again, Christ hath broken every chain.

Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,

Is our Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy, and say Alleluia!

\*POSTLUDE

*Grand Processional on 'Lobe den Herren'*

Martin Shaw

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\*All that are able may stand.

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**Thank you** to the guest musicians (Tony Ferguson, Trumpet; Beth Poolos, Trumpet; Alexis Poolos, Trombone; Chris Wilson, Trombone; and Kurt Varney, Timpani), Chancel Choir, Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, Kristie Bryson, and Katherine Jolly for their leadership in worship today.

**The acolyte today is** Sophie Poplin.

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**Ushers for April:** Wes Eudy, captain; Cidney Eudy, Julian Eudy, Melissa Eudy, Nathaniel Eudy, Ethan Richards, Seth Richards

**Outside Ushers for April 17:** Steve Cumming; Tom Norwood      **Elder Greeters:** Ken Knight; Andy McLeod

**Sound:** Evan Sanges; Ken Knight      **Film:** Andy McLeod

**Nursery:** Kate White      **Kids Care Crew:** Liz Jolly; Katherine Jolly

**The Lord's Table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ** and those who want to trust him more.

**There is no Children's Church today.** Children in grades K-3 are encouraged to remain in worship.

**The flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ken Frazier and in honor of his wonderful Christian family and friends by his family.

**We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering today (Sunday, April 17).** The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is the single largest way Presbyterians come together every year to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Walker Bullard, son of Shannon & Scott Bullard  
Ella Cumming, daughter of Michelle & Steve Cumming  
Nathaniel Eudy, son of Melissa & Wes Eudy

**In lieu of Easter lilies, memorial and/or honorariums were given to  
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in emergency response to the war in Ukraine.**

**In memory of:**

**Given by:**

Gil and Edna Anderson .....	Linda Anderson
Ed and Ruth Arnold.....	Linda Anderson
Daisy and Bill Cotton .....	Andy and Ruth Cotton; James Cotton
Ed and Betty Stanhope .....	Andy and Ruth Cotton, James Cotton
John, Nora, and James W. Duckwall .....	Ann Duckwall
Joan Sharp .....	Rev. Cathy George, Mike, Shelley, Jackson, and Thomas Shedd
Betty Stancik .....	Bill Hall
James W. Ivey .....	Margaret Ivey and family
Agnes and Ike Napier .....	Mary Kesselman
Ann Abbey Liles .....	Dick Liles; Abbey Campbell; Rachel Grace Campbell
Gregg Rutledge Liles.....	Dick Liles; Abbey Campbell; Rachel Grace Campbell
Wallace and Bobbye Dickens .....	Gayle D. Russell
Dr. Frank Green.....	Banks and Susan Garrison
Frank Green .....	Mary Green
Norma Forsman .....	Rich and Janet Schaefer
Ronald Forsman .....	Rich and Janet Schaefer
Robert Schaefer .....	Rich and Janet Schaefer
Virginia Schaefer.....	Rich and Janet Schaefer
Our Parents .....	Bill & Diane Stevenson
Tom Yost.....	Carole and his children

**In honor of:**

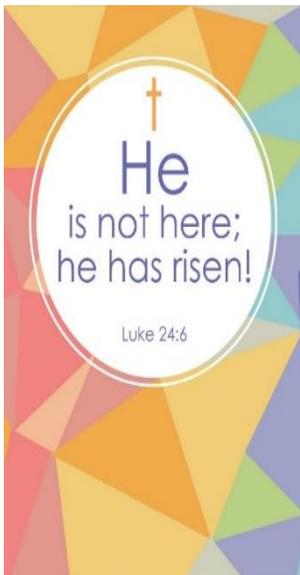
**Given by:**

The People of Ukraine.....	Jim and Leslie Carter
Mary Green.....	Banks and Susan Garrison
All Veterans.....	Terry and Pam Morgan
Will Joines and Karrie Crouse; Drew and Annie Joines Prentice; and Our Grandchildren .....	Don and Nancy Joines
Nancy and Don Joines.....	Sarah and Ronnie Michael
Ann and Joe Snuggs .....	Sarah and Ronnie Michael
The Talmadge Moose Family .....	Ruth Moose

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Witt Snuggs, Doris Forte (Forrest Oakes Healthcare Center), Donna Lehr (sister of Connie Wallace; cancer diagnosis), Brayden Enzor (grandson of Gus & Pam Holbrook; 2 brain tumors, currently undergoing chemo and then radiation), Robin Howell, Helen Melton (niece of Elizabeth Wilson), Carole Yost (Trinity Place), Tim Rodgers (friend of Thomas Hahn), Bill Cotton (brother of Andy Cotton), Debbie Hinson (mother of Melissa Eudy), Don Abernathy, Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Gloria Bryson, Nancy Jolly, Claude Harwood, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

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**Easter Sunday  
April 17**



**7:00 a.m.**

**Easter Sunrise Service at Morrow Mountain State Park**

Gather at the shelter at the top of Morrow Mountain to celebrate the risen Christ. Dress for the weather and linger for fellowship and a light breakfast following worship.

**9:45 a.m.**

**Sunday School**

Sunday School for all ages.

**11:00 a.m.**

**Easter Worship in the Sanctuary**

Worship will include the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

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**INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP  
AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?**

Are you looking for a church home? Have you been visiting for a while and think you might like to put down roots? Are you simply interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of First Presbyterian Church? We would love to talk to you about what being a member looks like! Please contact Rev. Cathy George (cgeorge@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722), or Sandy Rogers (sandyrogers119@msn.com or 704-244-1191), chair of the Membership Committee!



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**April Book Conversation**

**Monday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor**

The April book is *The Best Kind of People* by Zoe Whittall. We will meet in the parlor at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25.

A local schoolteacher is arrested, leaving his family to wrestle with the possibility of his guilt, in this exquisite novel about loyalty, truth, and happiness.

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**First Presbyterian Church is in need of a Part-Time Secretary.** Must be proficient in Word, Publisher, Google Docs, and Google Sheets. The job is 20 hours per week (Monday-Thursday) from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. If interested, please contact the church office (704-982-2722)



First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle  
Amazingly Created Kid's Camp  
Dates: Monday, June 20-Friday, June 24, 2022  
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Ages 4 years old – Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Please complete a form for each child.

Visit Link to Pre-Register: <https://tinyurl.com/bdetda4t>

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**Central School Backpack Food Program Donations Needed**

Breakfast Bars, Peanut Butter Crackers, Individual Packs of Goldfish,  
Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers

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

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**SCCM Pantry Needs (updated 03/22/2022)**



**Food Items Needed:**

Mixed Vegetables, sliced carrots, Black Eye Peas, Lima Beans,  
Great Northern Beans, Navy Beans, Whole or Sliced Potatoes, Diced Tomatoes,  
Hamburger Helper, Beef Stew, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup

**Cleaning Supplies:**

Dish Detergent, Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, All-Purpose Spray Cleaner

**Items Not Needed at this time:**

Canned Whole Kernel Corn, Canned Cut Green Beans, Pinto Beans, Sweet Peas,  
Spaghetti Noodles & other pasta noodles, Tomato Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Canned Pasta, Mac & Cheese

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**For Sale in the Pit Stop Freezer (please leave money in the freezer):**

- \$5.00 Chicken Pot Pies
- \$5.00 pint Homemade Salsa
- \$8.00 quart Homemade Salsa
- \$5.00 Marinara

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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](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)). Click on the GIVE button.

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, April 17

*Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/One Great Hour of Sharing Offering*

- 7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service at Morrow Mountain State Park
- 9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship

### Monday, April 18

*Easter Monday*

*Church Office Closed*

### Tuesday, April 19

- 12:00 pm May Newsletter Deadline

### Wednesday, April 20

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 21

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

### Friday, April 22

*Earth Day*

### Sunday, April 24

*Second Sunday of Easter*

- 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 Mission Committee Meeting (Session Room)
- 6:00 pm-8:00 pm SNL Youth

**\*childcare provided**

#### Elders

Al Andrew, John Earnhardt, Bill Jolly, Mary Kesselman,  
Mike King, Ken Knight, Kim Marshall,  
Andy McLeod, Catherine Moeller, Sandy Rogers,  
Ellen Snyder, Chris Whitley, Ellen Whitley

#### Deacons

Emily Andrew, Keith Bryson, Shannon Bullard,  
Michelle Cumming, Wes Eudy, Martha Sue Hall,  
Lillie Hancock, Jim Hesley, Liz Jolly, Myron Lowder,  
Laura McLeod, Lee Snuggs

**The Wired Word**  
Sunday School Class will  
not meet on Sunday, April  
17 (Easter).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### APRIL

- 17-David Kilde
- 18-Elizabeth Wilson
- 19-Cooper Atwater
- 20-Peggy Finley
- 22-Marshall Rogers
- 23-Emma Gibson  
Polly Moose
- 24-Liz Davis  
Anita Gower  
Alexis Poolos  
Jacqueline Poolos Hart  
Nicole Poolos

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### APRIL

- 19-Robert & Myra Land
- 22-Jim & Lori Ivey
- 24-Robin & Melissa Lemons



**First Presbyterian Church  
Lunch Outing to Gold Hill  
Friday, April 29**

**Carpool Departure at 11:00 a.m.**  
We all had so much fun getting together for our Lent classes! Let's get together for lunch – Dutch Treat! We will meet at the church on Friday, April 29 at 11:00 a.m. and carpool over to Gold Hill to eat (and shop if you'd like!). Let us know if you can join us! Jane Snyder 704-438-3358.