



THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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Website: [www.fpcalbemarle.org](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)

April 24, 2022

Second Sunday of Easter

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

June Nixon

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Thora Kilde

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Emily Andrew, liturgist

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

**We will praise you for your mighty deeds, O God, according to your surpassing greatness!**

Praise the Lord with the sounds of the trumpet, with tambourine and the dance!

**We will praise you with strings and pipe and loud clashing cymbals.**

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN 232

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Easter Hymn

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we're afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we're afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we're afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we're confined by our own hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we're locked behind our doubts and fear, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace.**

*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

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*  
(The response will be sung by choir and congregation.)

Lyons

*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

Ann Crutchfield

*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

**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 20:19-31](#)

Pew Bible, page 108

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*This Joyful Eastertide*  
Frank Poolos, Oboe

Vernon Hoyle

This joyful Eastertide, away with care and sorrow!  
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

(Refrain)

Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber,  
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. (Refrain)

Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. (Refrain)

SERMON

*Signs of the Resurrection*

Reverend Cathy S. George

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN 817

*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

Dunlap's Creek

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER BY PROFESSION OF FAITH

Presentation

Profession of Faith

Questions

*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.**

Welcome

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 Has Broken the Bonds of Death*

Georg Philip Telemann

Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

hymnal 675

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

Tallis' Canon

*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

**Holy One, bless our offerings and transform them into healing for the wounded, hope for the disheartened, courage for the frightened, and faith for the embittered. In the name of Jesus Christ, your faithful witness, the first resurrected, and ruler of the sovereigns of the earth. Amen.**

\*HYMN 238

*Thine Is the Glory*

Judas Maccabeus

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Amen*

Peter C. Lutkin

\*POSTLUDE

*Processional in G Major*

George Frederick Handel

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\*All that are able may stand.

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**Thank you** to the Chancel Choir, Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, Emily Andrew, and Ann Crutchfield for their leadership in worship today.

**The acolyte today is** Thora Kilde.

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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 24:** John Howell; Jim Marshall    **Elder Greeters:** Ken Knight; Andy McLeod

**Sound:** Evan Sanges; Ken Knight    **Film:** James Cotton    **Nursery:** Kate White

**Kids Care Crew:** Gayle & Ned Russell    **Children's Church:** Kyle Lambert; Katie Carpenter

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 CONFIRMAND**

Natalie Niederer, daughter of Courtney & Eric Niederer

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**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Witt Snuggs, Doris Forte (Spring Arbor), 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 (home), 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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**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.

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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).





**!!! Hurray For Breakfast Bunch for K-5<sup>th</sup> Graders !!!**

Who can come? K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders  
What? Gathering as friends to enjoy breakfast  
When? \*\*\* May 1 at 9:00 a.m. \*\*\*Note change of date!  
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.

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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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**Attention Kids:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited to join us for a Springtime Outing to Urban Air Adventure and Trampoline Park in Mint Hill, NC.**

**Sunday, May 1 from Noon-5:00 p.m.**

**Needed: \$26 for the pass into Urban Air.**

**Please add an extra \$5.00 in case they do not include the special socks in the admission price and snack money.**

**Bring a bag lunch to eat at the church, and then we will head over to Mint Hill. Please RSVP to Kate Gibson by Monday, April 25 so she can book the time online. (336-301-4564 or katherine.e.gibson@gmail.com)**

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**MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS**



On Mother's Day, the arrangements in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of mothers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MAY 1**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Mother's Day Arrangements*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Mother's Day, May 8**. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

**MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS**

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_



**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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**Community Table on Saturday, May 14**

On Saturday, May 14th, First Presbyterian Church will host lunch at the Community Table. Volunteers are needed for the following:

- 1) to provide a pasta salad to serve 15-20 people;
- 2) to provide a dessert (pound cakes, cookies, or brownies);
- 3) to help serve and clean up on the 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

At this time, meals are takeout only, but this could possibly change to dining in building. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Linda Anderson (lmaanderson1949@gmail.com or 704-982-3723).

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**LAST FIRST FAMILY DRIVE-THRU**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4TH**

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

**RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 2ND**



Our last First Family Drive-Thru Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. If you would like a meal, please RSVP by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

**Menu:**

**Grilled Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, and Mixed Green Salad**

**with a choice of Sweet Potato Cake, Pound Cake or Brownie**

**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, your dessert choice**

**and**

**if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).**



**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 24

*Second Sunday of Easter*

*Reception of Confirmand into Membership*

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

### Monday, April 25

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

4:00 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting

5:30 pm OASIS Meeting

7:00 pm Book Conversation (Church Parlor)

8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations

### Wednesday, April 27

*Administrative Professionals Day*

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 28

10:00 am Staff Meeting

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

### Friday, April 29

11:00 am Departure - FPC Lunch Outing to Gold Hill

### Sunday, May 1

*Third Sunday of Easter/Ten Cents a Meal Offering for Hunger/*

*Deadline for the Mother's Day Flower Form*

9:00 am Breakfast Bunch (K-5<sup>th</sup> Grades – Gym)

9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm-5:00 pm 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders Outing to Urban Air

12:00 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting

**\*childcare provided**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### APRIL

24-Liz Davis

Anita Gower

Alexis Poolos

Jacqueline Poolos Hart

Nicole Poolos

25-Emma Grace Lemons

Tommy Murrell

26-Ella Averette

John Kilde

27-Ethan Richards

28-Aaron Whisnant

29-Harold Sharpe

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### APRIL

24-Robin & Melissa Lemons

25-Steve & Kate Melone

28-Kevin & Adrienne Averette

29-Steve & Elaine Coats

### 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