



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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May 1, 2022

Third 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

This Joyful Eastertide

Dale Wood

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Carter Gibson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ellen Snyder, liturgist

Psalm 30

Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.

God has turned mourning into dancing; we are girded with gladness and will thank God forever.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living lord, you meet us in unexpected places and surprise us with the abundance of your love. Feed us by your word and Spirit, so that we may follow you this day and always; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Grosser Got, wir loben dich

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

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, in the light of your glory, we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow in your way and tell the good news of the gospel.

Silent Confession and Reflection

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE

Glory to God
hymnal 582, stanza 1

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Al Andrew

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.

ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever,
even the spirit of truth.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God of light, by the power of your Holy Spirit, restore our sight, that in these words of Scripture and sermon, we may see Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[John 21:1-19](#)

Pew Bible, page 109

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Feed My Sheep

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. 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!* With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN 314

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

Christ, Be Our Light

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.

From
*A Brief Statement
of Faith*

RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

Doxology

Humbly We Adore Thee

Take My Life

Robert Lau

hymnal 697, stanza 6

Hendon

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

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;

Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, 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 269

Lead On, O King Eternal!

Lancashire

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

*POSTLUDE

Festive Postlude

Paul Fey

*All that are able may stand.

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Thank you to the Chancel Choir, Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, Al Andrew, and Ellen Snyder for their leadership in worship today.

The acolyte today is Carter Gibson.

The flowers in sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Trudy Evans and Russell Levenson.

Ushers for May: John Howell, captain; Derreck Huneycutt, Ken Knight, Natalie Niederer, Chris Whitley, and David Whitley

Outside Ushers for May 1: Wes Eudy; Lee Snuggs **Elder Greeters:** Mike King; Ellen Whitley

Sound: Evan Sanges **Film:** Jackson Palmer **Nursery:** Kate White

Kids Care Crew: Becky Andrew; Emily Andrew **Children's Church:** Ella Cumming; Nathaniel Eudy

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

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Witt Snuggs, Doris Forte (Spring Arbor), Donna Lehr (sister of Connie Wallace; praise - cancer free), 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.

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-5th Graders !!!



Who can come? K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th graders
What? Gathering as friends to enjoy breakfast
When? *** May 1, 2022 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.

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

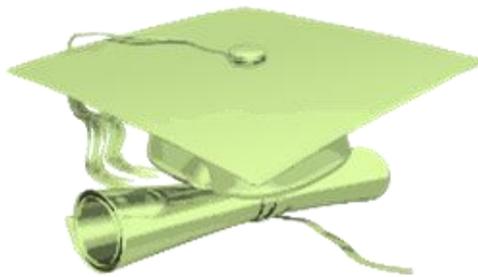
Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____



Scholarship Recognition
Sunday, May 8

Scholarship recipients will be recognized in worship on Sunday, May 9. The Scholarship Committee members are: Catherine Moeller, Chair, Shannon Bullard, Wes Eudy, Kim Marshall, and Lee McLaurin.



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 4th. If you would like a meal, please RSVP by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2nd. 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).



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!

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 14th 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).





**SNL Meal Fundraiser on Sunday, May 15
Pick-Up Following Worship
or Drive-Thru**

Menu: Chicken Bog (Chicken & Rice), Bread, Fruit

Contact Melissa (the5eudys@gmail.com or 704-439-6747) to place your order. Donations welcomed. Monies go to support youth trips to Montreat this summer.

**PrimeTimers' Boxed Lunches
PrimeTimers' Drive-Thru Luncheon
Thursday, May 19**

**Pick-up your boxed lunch
between 11:30 p.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**Menu: To Be Determined
Text or Email Laura McLeod:
704-796-0487 or mcleod2@windstream.net
by Noon on Monday, May 16**





breadfortheworld

HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

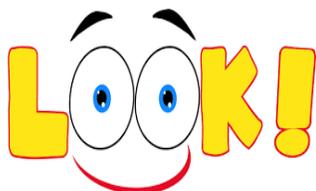
**LETTER WRITING ON SUNDAY, MAY 22 IN THE PIT STOP
9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M. AND 12:00 P.M.-1:00 P.M
OFFERING OF LETTERS ON SUNDAY, MAY 29 IN WORSHIP**



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.

Next Packing Date: May 18 at 10:30 a.m.



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

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.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

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-5th Grades – Gym)
- 9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting
- 12:00 pm-5:00 pm 3rd-8th Graders Outing to Urban Air
- 6:00 pm-8:00 pm SNL

Monday, May 2

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 2:00 pm RSVP Deadline for First Family
- 8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations

Wednesday, May 4

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm First Family Drive-Thru Meal
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 5

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

Sunday, May 8

Fourth Sunday of Easter/Youth Sunday/Graduate Sunday/

Scholarship Recognition Sunday/Mother's Day/The Presbyterian

Homes Mother's Day & Father's Day Offering

- 9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House
- 9:30 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

- 03-Carole Yost
- 04-Brad Boone
- 08-Lee Snuggs

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MAY

- 02-Bob & Donna Gaither
- 03-Kyle & Taylor Barbee

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