



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The SNEETCHES



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 10, 2022

5th Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Friendship Register

PRELUDE

Voluntary

John Stanley

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Nathaniel Eudy, acolyte

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 113

Kim Marshall, liturgist

Blessed be the name of the Lord now and evermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the Lord's name be praised.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our Creator, your love is at work in all that you have made. Son of God, in your likeness, we are made new. Holy Spirit, you touch our lives with hope. Receive our worship, claim us for your service, and set us free to honor you this day. Amen.

*HYMN 301
Twin Oaks

Let Us Build a House

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Creator, your love is at work in all that you have made. Son of God, in your likeness, we are made new. Holy Spirit, you touch our lives with hope. Receive our worship, claim us for your service, and set us free to honor you this day. Amen.

Silent Confession and Reflection

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE
Hymn 188

Jesus Loves Me!

Jesus loves me! This I know; for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong.

They are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Melissa Eudy

ANTHEM

The Gift of Love

Hal H. Hopson

Ann Crutchfield, Soprano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you promised never to break covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen .

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Ephesians 2:11-22](#)

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SERMON

“The Gospel According to the Sneetches”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the *Confession of Belhar*

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is...both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ; that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

*HYMN 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

Baronita

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

Offertory

* Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Hymn 609

(Tune: All Creatures of Our God and King)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Prayer of Dedication

In glad thanksgiving for your goodness, we offer you our gifts; and pray for the power to offer and present our very selves to you, a living sacrifice, dedicated and fit for your acceptance; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN 321
Aurelia

The Church's One Foundation

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*All that are able may stand.

SERMON NOTES

PERMISSIONS: Prelude

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Offertory

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Benediction

Postlude

Thank you to the Chancel Choir, Frank Poolos, Ann Crutchfield and Kim Marshall for their leadership in worship today.

The acolyte today is Nathaniel Eudy

Ushers for July: Myron Lowder, captain: Al Andrew, Emily Andrew, Ella Cumming, Steve Cumming and Jack Morton

Outside Ushers for July 10: John Earnhardt, Ronnie Michael

Elder Greeters John Earnhardt, Mike King

Sound: TBD **Film:** Katherine Jolly **Nursery:** Bailey Mitchell

Kids Care Crew: Gayle & Ned Russell

There is no Children's Church during the summer. Children are encouraged to remain in worship.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Johnny Andrew by his family.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Tom Bonekemper (cousin of Linda Anderson), Wayne Palmer-Atrium Health, Penny Welling (friend of the congregation), Gloria Bryson (Bethany Woods), Ann Byrd (Home), Banks Garrison (Home), Tim Rogers (friend of Lee and Billie Jean Snuggs,cancer), Doris Forte-Spring Arbor, Brayden Enzor (grandson of Gus & Pam Holbrook; 2 brain tumors, currently undergoing chemo and then radiation), Carole Yost (home), Bill Cotton (brother of Andy Cotton), Don Abernathy, Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Nancy Jolly, Claude Harwood, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Worship during the months of June, July, and August will take place at 10:00 a.m.

There will be no Sunday School during the summer months.

**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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Let Your Voice Be Heard

The Congregational Surveys are here and we would like for each member and regular visitor to complete one. They surveys are available in the Pit Stop and can be completed there and dropped in the box. The surveys can be completed online at <https://surveys.pcusa.org/s3/USCVS-Care-Generations>

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Lemonade on the Lawn Volunteers Needed



We need volunteers to sign-up for Lemonade on the Lawn. Lemonade on the Lawn hosts provide a nice refreshment following worship during the summer months. If you are interested in hosting with cookies and lemonade, contact Michelle Cumming (704-984-4035 or michellecumming85@yahoo.com) and sign-up in the Pit Stop on the Bulletin Board next to the Church Parlor.



Everyone is invited to join us on the first and last Wednesday of each month for a *splashing* good time in Christian Education this summer!

Water is such a powerful substance. It keeps us alive, helps grow foods we eat, and allows us times of enjoyment. What better theme for a summer of growth in Christian Education. As we enjoy the ability to come back together as a unified church family, please make note of the events in your Summer Newsletter.

Circle the Sanctuary

We will circle the sanctuary for the SCCM Food Pantry again this summer. You may bring non-perishable food items to the designated areas in the sanctuary during the weeks of July 10th, 17th, and 24th.

Requested items are: jelly and jams, canned fruits (in lite syrup), canned meats, canned vegetables (navy beans, limas, mixed vegetables, carrots), 2 lb. bags of flour and sugar, condiments (mayo, mustard, catsup), toiletries, diapers, feminine hygiene products, toilet tissue and paper towels.

Pop top cans are helpful for those who are homeless. **No Ramen Noodles at this time.**

Thank you for thinking of our neighbors as you do your own shopping.

Lunch Out

Join us for lunch at *Sweet Meadows Cafe* for some yummy food. and fellowship on **Thursday, July 14.** Sweet Meadows Café is a farm to fork, eclectic bistro located in **Historic Downtown Salisbury.** After lunch feel free to stroll through nearby Bell Tower Green at Stanback Square, Salisbury’s newest downtown park and historic bell tower. Meet in the church parking lot at 11:00 am to carpool. Please let Gina Martin (704-244-0186) or Stan Scheer (704-322-0455) know if you will attend.

Special Thanks

Thank you to the people who helped with the Community Inn meal on July 1st.

Janet Schaffer, Marlene and Nathan Sanges, Carol Sasser, Nancy Joines, they all made food for the Inn. Thanks to Andy Cotton, Peggy Finley, and Ruth Cotton for serving the meal. It was very well received.



GAITHER ENDOWMENT GRANTS APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 12

The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until July 12. Applications are available in the church office. If you have

questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

Applications may be submitted by individual church members or committee chairpersons.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 10

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Circle the Sanctuary

10:00 am *Worship

Monday, July 11

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY

17-Matt Carpenter

Michael Laton

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JULY

10-Don and Janice Abernathy

11-Scott & Shannon Bullard

16-Wiley & Ann Crutchfield

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Tuesday, July 12

Deadline for Gaither Endowment Grant Applications

Wednesday, July 13

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Thursday, July 14

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

Sunday, July 17

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Circle the Sanctuary

10:00am *Worship

***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

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and to the well-being of our ministry partners, locally and globally. Thank you for your generosity.

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