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Albemarle, North Carolina*

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 17, 2022

6th Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Friendship Register

PRELUDE

“Christ, Thou Art My Life”

Johann Pachelbel

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Seth Richards, Acolyte

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119

Duncan Bryson, Liturgist

Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, O Lord, and your law is the truth.

Your decrees are righteous forever, O God; give me understanding that I may live.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

You are our hiding place. O God; you preserve us from trouble and deliver us from death. You teach us your wisdom and show us your grace by honoring the weak and forgiving the wicked. All glory and praise be to you, for justice and mercy meet in you, through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you promise that all who faithfully confess to you will be forgiven and preserved from trouble. Trusting in your mercy, we acknowledge the harm that we have done, and the good we have failed to do. Forgive us, we pray; guide us in your truth, and teach us the way to go, that we may love and serve you well, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Silent Confession and Reflection

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE 188

“Jesus Loves Me!”

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

Youth from Montreat

ANTHEM

“Amazing Grace”

TRADITIONAL

Craig Taylor, Bass

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, through the power of your Holy Spirit, open to us your Word, that we would hear what you would say to us this day; through Jesus Christ, who invites us to welcome him in, even before we're ready or worthy. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Luke 19:1-10](#)

SERMON

“The Heart of the Grinch”

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 729

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

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

“Lied”

Louis Vierne

* Response 609

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

(Tune: *All Creatures of Our God and King*, LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

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

Holy God, we ask you to bless these tithes and offerings, that our gifts may embody your vision of the kingdom and bless those who are vulnerable, oppressed, and seeking justice; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN 694

“Great God of Every Blessing”

AURELIA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 748

“Go with Us, Lord”

Go with us Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day

That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

*POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

John Stanley

*Please stand as you are able.

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Thank you to Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, Craig Taylor and Duncan Bryson for their leadership in worship today.

The acolyte today is Seth Richards.

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

Outside Ushers for July 17: Wes Eudy, John Howell

Elder Greeters John Earnhardt, Mike King

Sound: TBD **Film:** Andy McLeod **Nursery:** Kate White

Kids Care Crew: TBD

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

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Wayne Palmer-Atrium Health, Penny Welling (friend of the congregation), Gloria Bryson (Bethany Woods), Ann Byrd (Home), Banks Garrison (Home), Tim Rodgers 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!

Survey Deadline – July 31st

The Congregational Surveys' deadline is quickly approaching and we would like for each member and regular visitor to complete one. The surveys are available in the Pit Stop and can be completed there and dropped in the box OR the surveys can be completed online at <https://surveys.pcusa.org/s3/USCVS-Care-Generations>. Let your voice be heard!!

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.

Congregational Gathering

There will be a Congregational Gathering on Sunday, July 24th following worship. The purpose of the meeting is for members and regular visitors to discuss how God's church is perceived and how we would like to advance and grow in the future. This gathering is different from the previous gathering and all members are encouraged to attend. Please indicate that you will attend by adding the number in the Friendship Register next to your name so that we will know a number for lunch.

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.



Pantry Wish List

- Canned Pasta W/O Meat
- Mustard
- Mayonnaise
- Ketchup
- Canned Meats
 - i.e. Chicken, Ham ,Tuna
- Skillet Meals
 - i.e. Hamburger Helper
- Canned Lima beans
- Canned Black eye peas
- Salad Dressing
- Cooking Oil
- Household Goods
 - Tooth Paste
 - Tooth Brushes
 - Floss
 - Bars of soap
 - Shampoo
 - Paper towels
 - Bathroom Tissue
 - Cookbooks/Recipes
 - Laundry soap
 - Dish soap

Sunday, July 17

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Circle the Sanctuary

10:00am *Worship

Monday, July 18

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Wednesday, July 20

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Thursday, July 21

10:00 am Staff Meeting

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

Sunday, July 24

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Circle the Sanctuary

10:00 am *Worship

11:00 am Congregational Gathering with the
Mission Study Team with a light lunch (Gym)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
JULY**

17-Matt Carpenter

Michael Laton

23-Jackson Palmer

24-Beth Poolos

Craig Taylor

Walker Bullard

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
JULY**

21-Kent and Shannon Newport

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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