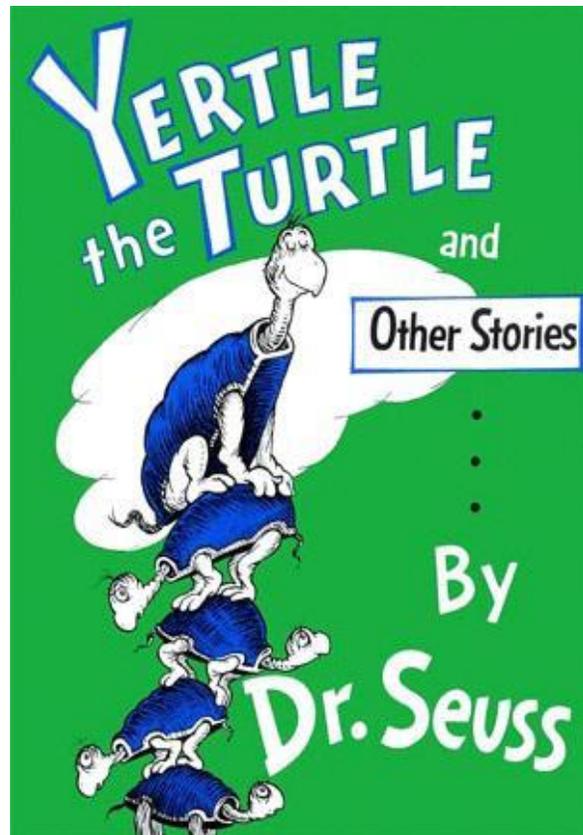


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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 21, 2022

11th Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Friendship Register and pass it on

PRELUDE

“Soliloquy”

Healey Willan

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Madelyn Taylor, acolyte

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 15

Ellen Snyder, liturgist

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right; and speak the truth from their heart.

Those who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thought of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 93

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

TRURO

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, God of love, in humbleness of heart, we confess our sins. We forget to love and serve you, and wander from your ways. We are careless of your world, and put its life in danger. We talk of our concern for others, but fail to match our words with action. Merciful God, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior.

Silent Confession and Reflection

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE 418

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” (stanza.3) SOFTLY AND TENDERLY
*O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me!
“Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home.”
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling “O sinner, come home!”*

THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Melissa Eudy

SOLO

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”
Ann Crutchfield, Soprano

Samuel Liddle

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, your blessings are abundant, and your wisdom exceeds our grasp. Fill us with your Spirit as we hear your word this day, that we may be justice seekers and peacemakers, sharing your life among those who are forgotten, weak, or persecuted, and revealing to all your glory. Amen.

SERMON

“Yertle and Jesus”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *A Brief Statement of Faith*, PC(USA)

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. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. 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!” Amen.

*HYMN 172

“Blest Are They”

BLEST ARE THEY

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

“Lamb of God”

François Couperin

* Response 708

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” (stanza #1)

SCHUMANN

*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

*Prayer of Dedication

We thank you, O God, that you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world. May this offering of our life and labor, reveal your love as we seek to share your promised reign with all creation. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN 265

“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”

DUKE STREET

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 748

“Go with Us, Lord”

TALLIS CANON

*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

“Passacaglia”

André Raison

*Please stand as you are able.

Bold print indicates places where congregation reads or sings.

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Thank you to Stan Scheer, Ann Crutchfield, Melissa Eudy and Ellen Snyder for their leadership in worship today.

The acolyte today is Madelyn Taylor.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Maude Boysworth.

Ushers for August: Wes Eudy, captain: Cidney Eudy, Julian Eudy, Melissa Eudy, Ethan Richards and Seth Richards

Outside Ushers for August 21: John Earnhardt, Lee Snuggs

Elder Greeters Sandy Rogers, Kim Marshall

Sound: TBD **Film** Elizabeth Bryson **Nursery:** Bailey Mitchell **Kids Care Crew:** Bailey Mitchell

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: Ruth Cotton-surgery, Claude Harwood-surgery, Wayne Palmer-(home), 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, starting six weeks radiation in Boston), Carole Yost (home), Don Abernathy, Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Nancy Jolly, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler, Elizabeth Wilson, Polly Moose-recovering from hip surgery. See newsletter for complete list.

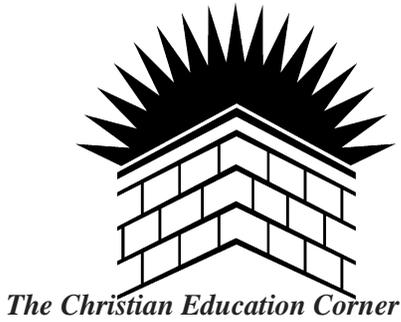


Congratulations and Welcome to our newest Members who will be received by Profession of Faith: Stella Marks, daughter of Laura Beth and Kyle Marks; Oliver Henkenjohann, son of Anna and Peter Henkenjohann; and Seth Richards, son of Brett Richards.



**Save the date for
Blessing of the Backpacks,
Sunday, August 28 during worship**





As the summer begins to wind down, plans for a new year are in the works. We would love your input on how to make this year the best possible for you and your family. Think through these questions and email Melissa (meudy@fpcalbemarle.org) or text (704-439-6747) your ideas!

- What kind of Sunday School class would YOU like to have?
- How can we make our children's ministry on Wednesdays the most effective?
- What is something you have always wanted to see done at FPC Albemarle?
- Do you have an awesome idea for the youth group to participate service or fun?
- Would you be interested in a small group that meets year-round? (cooking, hiking, dinner out, etc.)
- Would you like to provide a meal or host the youth one Sunday night?

Mark your calendars for Rally Day on September 11! If you would like to help be on the planning committee, let Melissa or Kim Marshall (bookworm284@live.com or 980-621-6577) know.

Zoom Morning Prayer

There will be no Zoom Morning Prayer on August 17th. We will resume our regular Mondays & Wednesdays at 10:00 am starting on Monday August 22nd. Please send any prayer requests to Deb Hahn either by text (704 985-9419) or email (wolflady520@gmail.com).

GRANDPARENTS' DAY FLOWERS



On Grandparents' Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of grandparents. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Grandparents' Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Grandparents' Day, September 11**.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY FLOWERS

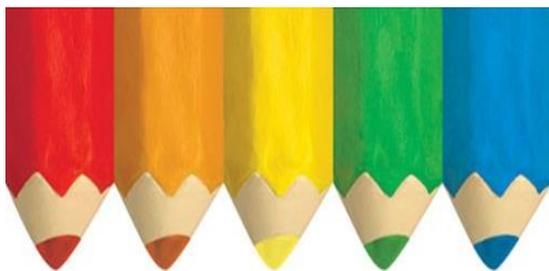
Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

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Central Elementary School Supplies List

The 2022-2023 school year will be here soon and school supplies are in stores ready for purchase. Please take the list below and begin shopping for much needed supplies for our partner school, Central Elementary.

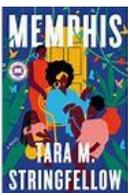
BRING YOUR DONATION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO THE CHURCH AND DROP-OFF IN THE DESIGNATED BIN IN THE PIT STOP.

The following items are greatly needed as students are required to have
Crayola Markers for kids
1” Binders - they will be using for data notebooks



Acolyte Training

Being an acolyte is an opportunity for 5th-8th grade students to participate in worship. The responsibility of the acolyte is to bring the light of Christ into the sanctuary and to send the people out with the light at the end of service. Youth interested in serving as acolyte for the coming year are invited to attend acolyte training and refresher course on Sunday, August 21 after worship. Following training, we will have pizza and travel to play laser tag together for fun and fellowship. Bring \$20 to help cover costs. Please contact Melissa (meudy@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-439-6747) to sign up.



The Monday Night Book Discussion Group is now a part of the Sunday School Sharing Knowledge Through Stories class. We hope you will join us on Rally Day and pick up our first book, Memphis by Tara M. Stringfellow. If you are unable to attend on Rally Day, books will be available in the church office. Our discussion of Memphis will begin September 18. If you have questions, please contact Courtney Niederer (980-622-7435 or ccniederer@yahoo.com) or Kim Marshall (980-621-6577 or bookworm284@live.com).

Hope to see you there!

CENTRAL SCHOOL BOX LUNCH FOR TEACHERS & STAFF ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

We will be providing box lunches to Central Schools Staff on Thursday, August 25th at noon. We need volunteers to make 17 salads and 10 desserts. If you would like to help provide either, please call/ text Ruth Cotton (704-942-1381 or hugawolf@hotmail.com).

USHERS

There will be usher training today, August 21 following worship.

IN-PERSON FIRST FAMILY GATHERING:



WEDNESDAY, September 7 at 6:00 in the Gym.

Menu: Taco Bar. Contact the church office 704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org by noon on Tuesday, Tuesday, September 6 to say you're coming. Please call Jane Snyder at 704-438-3358 or email her at jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org if you would like to help.

Detailed info will be in the September newsletter.

SNL Back to School BASH!

Join First Presbyterian, Central Methodist, First Baptist, and First Lutheran Churches on Sunday, August 28 from 6-8 pm in the YMCA park for music, games, and food trucks! Bring money for the food trucks and bring friends!



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 21

11th Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 am Session Meeting

10:00 am *Worship

11:00 am Usher Training

11:00 am Acolyte Training & Outing

Monday, August 22

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Tuesday, August 23

12:00 pm September Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, August 24

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Staff Meeting

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Thursday, August 25

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

12:00 pm Box Lunch for Central Staff

Sunday, August 28

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Blessing of the Backpacks

10:00 am *Worship

11:00 am Usher Training

11:00 am Christian Education Committee Meeting

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm SNL Kickoff YMCA Park

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August

24-Adrienne Averette

Ruth Moose

31-Heather Kilde

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

August

23-Ben & Liz Jolly

Bill & Jane Pickler

26-John & Angie Earnhardt

28-Stephan & Leslie Kinley

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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