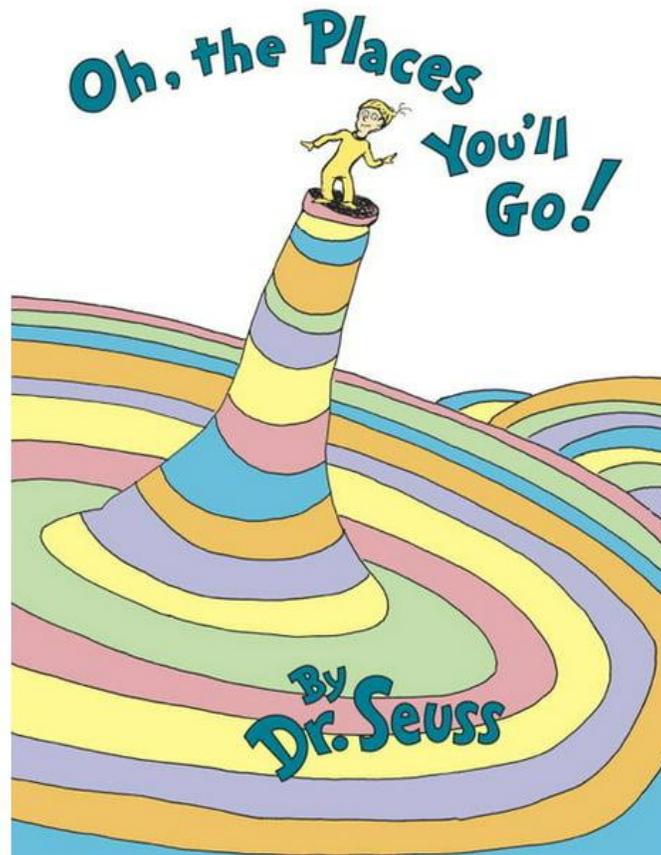


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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 28, 2022

12th Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Friendship Register and pass it on

PRELUDE

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Dale Wood

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leo McLeod, acolyte

*CALL TO WORSHIP

[Psalm 30](#)

Courtney Niederer, liturgist

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

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!

You have turned mourning into dancing, and clothed us with joy.

So that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the dawn, we arise to the hope of your redeeming grace. God of the dusk, we rest secure in the assurance that you neither slumber nor sleep. God of the noonday sun, we dwell in the midst of your unfailing mercy. You are above us, beneath us, and throughout all creation. Through the abundance of your encompassing love, we worship and praise your glorious name. Amen.

*HYMN 667

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

LAUDES DOMINI

*When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: may Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply: may Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Be this while life is mine, my canticle divine: may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence, we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ 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 AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Melissa Eudy

SOLO

“Aria from Partita No. 4”
Frank Poolos, Oboe

Georg Philipp Telemann

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Your word, O Lord, is our inspiration, our light, and our motion. Your word, O Lord, is power, is wisdom, is comfort. Guide us this day, as we listen to the Word read and proclaimed, and fill us with understanding and with the desire to change. Speak, Lord. Your people listen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Luke 10:1-11](#)

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. **2** He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. **3** Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. **4** Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. **5** Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ **6** And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. **7** Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. **8** Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; **9** cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ **10** But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, **11** ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’

SERMON

“Oh, the Places You’ll Go!”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967

The church confesses its faith when it bears present witness to God’s grace in Jesus Christ. The risen Christ is the Savior for all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as God’s reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares God’s labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world. Amen.

*HYMN 720

“Jesus Calls Us”

GALILEE

*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me!"*

*Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more!"*

*In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these!"*

*Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.*

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

“Meditation”

Peter Hurford

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Thank you to Stan Scheer, Frank Poolos, Melissa Eudy and Courtney Niederer for their leadership in worship today.

The acolyte today is Leo McLeod.

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

Outside Ushers for August 28: Wes Eudy, Jim Ivey.

Elder Greeters Sandy Rogers, Kim Marshall

Sound: TBD **Film** Jackson Palmer **Nursery:** Bailey Mitchell **Kids Care Crew:** Bailey Mitchell

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

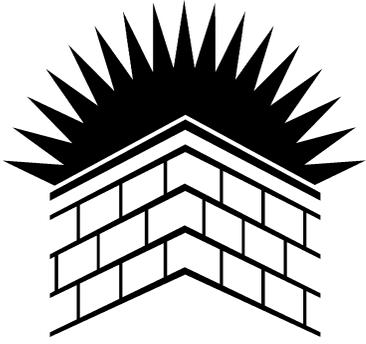
We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Ruth Cotton-surgery, Claude Harwood-surgery, Wayne Palmer-(home), Penny Welling (friend of the congregation), Gloria Bryson (Bethany Woods), Ann Byrd (Home), Banks Garrison (Home), Tim Rodgers, Doris Forte-Spring Arbor, Brayden Enzor (grandson of Gus & 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.



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!



The Christian Education Corner

If you are not on the SPOND App please download it. That is the easiest way for all of us to keep in touch.

Here is the link to join

<https://group.spond.com/LTOXZ>

There will be a Christian Education meeting after church in Session Room.

Due to schedule conflicts for children and workers, we will **NOT** have Youth Club during the month of September.

The CE committee will meet to discuss future months. Please let a member of the committee know if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions. meudy@fpcalbemarle.org

Mark your calendars for Rally Day on September 11!

Join us September 11 at 9:30 am as we kick off off our new Christian Education year:



We will have a parent/youth meeting on Sept 11 from 6-8. We will discuss the coming year and share a covered dish dinner.

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.

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____



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!

Zoom Morning Prayer

We have resumed our regular Mondays & Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Please send any prayer requests to Deb Hahn either by text (704 985-9419) or email (wolflady520@gmail.com).



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!





The Summer Splash- Beauty of Water event scheduled for Wednesday, August 31 has been cancelled.



The Mission Committee will meet today after worship in the Old Session Room.

There will be a Christian Ed meeting today after worship in the Session Room.



**Blessing of the Backpacks,
Sunday, August 28 during worship**

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 28

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Blessing of the Backpacks

10:00 am *Worship

11:00 am Usher Training

11:00 am Christian Ed Committee Meeting in Session Room

11:00 am Mission Committee Meeting in Old Session Room

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

Monday, August 29

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Wednesday, August 31

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Thursday, September 1

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

Sunday, September 4

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Ten Cents a Meal Offering for Hunger

10:00 am *Worship

*childcare provided

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September

1-Frank Poolos

2- Betty Crook

3- Wayne Palmer

4- Margaret Ivey

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

September

3-Miller & Teryn Morgan

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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