



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14, 16

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.

PRELUDE *Prelude on 'Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies'* June Nixon

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

Sing praises to God, sing praises to our King.

For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

Psalm 47

***CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

Richard Proulx

O Risen Christ, Ascended Lord

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy Lord, Father of glory, grant us a spirit of wisdom and revelation as we come to know you. With the eyes of our hearts enlightened, may we know the hope to which you have called us. Reveal to us the immeasurable greatness of your power, put to work in the resurrection of Christ from the dead. Amen.

Ephesians 1:15-23

***HYMN 645**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden zart

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

Unison

God of all time, of history, of things present and things to come, we confess our sins to you. You gave us power through your Spirit and gifts to fulfill your purposes. Yet, like the disciples, we have looked to the sky for Jesus, instead of the world and people around us. Forgive us, O God, and make us whole again. Reignite a passion within us to fulfill your charge to witness your grace and glory.

Luke 24:44-53

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

The congregation is encouraged to participate in the prayer with the children.

Ephesians 1:17-18

Sermons are posted to the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org). You can usually find the previous Sunday's sermon by Wednesday.

Adopted in 1985 by the PCUS, *A Declaration of Faith* artfully expresses the nature of many aspects of the Christian faith. These excerpts describe both God's action and our calling as Christ's disciples.

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**

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

Barbara McManus

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the children's greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.

ANTHEM

Jesus, My All, To Heaven Is Gone

Howard Helvey

Frank Poolos, Oboe

Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone, I'll never turn back no more.

He whom I fix my hopes upon, I'll never turn back no more.

No more, no more, no more, my Lord, I'll never turn back no more.

His path I see, and I'll pursue, I'll never turn back no more.

The narrow way, till Him I view, I'll never turn back no more.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, enlighten us through the reading of your Word. Grant us a measure of wisdom and trust as we participate in the good news of the gospel. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

[Luke 24:44-53](#)

Pew Bible, page 85

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Making Space

Mr. Drumheller

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

God has not taken his people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship and serve. We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord on behalf of all people. We believe that God sends us to tell all nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith, and obedience. We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and hatred, from ignorance and disease, and even from death. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now, he is Lord. Amen.

***HYMN 265**

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Duke Street

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Rich Schaefer

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

With gratitude for the Word of Life, let us offer our lives and gifts to God.

Offertory

Andante

Florence Price

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

hymnal, page 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

Psalm 90

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Benediction

Peter Angela

*POSTLUDE

Finale

Eric Thiman

*All who are able may stand.

We rejoice that you are worshiping with us today. If you are a member of this church, please seek out those who are visiting and welcome them to this family of faith. If you are visiting and would like to know more about the church and membership here, please speak with one of the ministers following worship.

The acolyte today is Elizabeth Bryson. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Ushers: Jill Niebler, captain; Steve Cumming, Heather Deese, Nancy Joines, Katherine Jolly, Ken Knight, Andy McLeod, and Shelley Shedd **Outside Ushers:** Steve Coats; Ronnie Michael **Elder Greeters:** Steve Cumming; Sandy Saunders **Nursery:** Kyle Lambert **Preschool Partners:** Michelle Cumming; Jane & Brad Boone **Nana & Papa Team:** Susan & Banks Garrison **Children’s Church:** Leah Beamon

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Liz Davis (recovering from knee replacement), Eddie Wilson (continuing health concerns; brother of Elizabeth Wilson), Kathy Miles Gordon (tumor on pancreas; friend of Ruth Goodwin). **See newsletter for complete list.**

We will receive the Pentecost Offering next Sunday, May 20. Forty percent of the offering will stay in Stanly County and has been designated, by the Mission Committee, to provide scholarships for summer day camp at the YMCA. There are usually about 60 children who require scholarship help for camp. They are often children of a working single parent or whose grandparents have custody. Your generous gift is appreciated. Envelopes for the Pentecost Offering are available at each door today – please pick up one if you don’t expect to be in worship on May 20.

The book for the May 21 conversation is *I Almost Mission You* by Jessica Strawser. Books are available for purchase (\$12.00) in the office.

MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

IN MEMORY OF:

GIVEN BY:

Edna Anderson	Linda Anderson
Ruth Arnold	Linda Anderson
Betty Long	Al, Becky, Emily & Jay
Mary Lou Andrew	Mark & Kim
Madge Spence Ayscue	Skeet & Elizabeth
Martha Fowler McNair	Skeet & Elizabeth
Mildred Hellke Gibbs	Robbie Beard
Susan Green	Kristie & Keith Bryson
Daisy Cotton	James Cotton, Ruth & Andy Cotton
Betty Stanhope	James Cotton, Ruth & Andy Cotton
Nora Wood Duckwall	Ann Duckwall
Betsy Earnhardt	John & Angie Earnhardt
Ruth Huneycutt	John & Angie Earnhardt
Frances Breerwood Gaither	Bob & Donna Gaither
Julia Killian King	Donna & Bob Gaither
Marjorie Green	Mary & Frank Green
Louise Downtin	Mary & Frank Green
Lucille Downtin	Mary & Frank Green
Mary Horne Hardin	Mary & Frank Green
Myrtle Hall	Martha Sue Hall
Beverly High	Martha Sue Hall
Mary Ratchford	Martha Sue Hall
Katie Boyette	Pam & Gus Holbrook
Betty Holbrook	Pam & Gus Holbrook
Ellen Parker	Pam & Gus Holbrook
Betsy H. Underwood	Pam & Gus Holbrook
Dennie Carpenter	Kyle Lambert
Rita Whitley	Kyle, Laura Beth, Addison & Stella Marks; Amy Whitley
Virginia Marshall	Jim & Kim Marshall
Patricia Ridenhour	Jim & Kim Marshall
Ruth Alexander Boone	Lee & Barbara McManus
Sue Page Boyer	Lee & Barbara McManus
Joyce Boone Burris	Lee & Barbara McManus
Nell Brinson McManus	Lee & Barbara McManus
Inez Smith Burris	Polly Moose
Eloise Morgan	Rita & Rodney Morgan
Otis Morris	Rita & Rodney Morgan
Katie Dearstyne	Holly & Tom Norwood
Oleta Norwood	Holly & Tom Norwood
Dortha Hatley	Frankie Palmer
Jeanette Isenhour	Frankie Palmer
Beulah Palmer	Frankie Palmer
Juanita Murrell	Bill & Jane Pickler
Frances Pickler	Bill & Jane Pickler
Patra Hall Goad	Jean Rabe
Marguerite Morrow Rabe	Tom Rabe
Vista Robertson	Jeff & Kim Robertson
Bobbye Dickens	Gayle & Ned Russell
Lillian Russell	Gayle & Ned Russell
Juanita Vandever	Dan Samples & Martha Sue Hall
Louise Ritchie	Dan Samples & Martha Sue Hall

MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

IN HONOR OF:

GIVEN BY:

Elizabeth McNair Ayscue	Rebekah Ayscue & Spencer Ayscue
Mildred Andrew	Her Family
Becky Andrew	Emily Andrew & Jay Andrew
Peggy Smith	Mark & Kim
Blue Honeycutt.....	Wanda & Bill Brannon
Gloria Bryson	Debra, David, Ellen, Donna, Keith, and Sheila
Kristie Bryson	Duncan and Elizabeth
Katie Carpenter	Hugh, Russ, and Nora
Ruth Cotton	James Cotton
Adrienne Averette	John & Angie Earnhardt
Kelly Lentz.....	John & Angie Earnhardt
Anita Gower	Chris Gower
Pam Holbrook	Gus Holbrook
Jennifer Holbrook Enzor	Pam & Gus Holbrook
Liz Jolly.....	Adam Jolly & Katherine Jolly
Nancy Jolly.....	Adam, Katherine, Ben, & Liz Jolly
Nelda Staton	Adam, Katherine, Liz, & Ben Jolly
Pam Morgan	Leslie Kinley & Lisa Carter
Kellyn Luna.....	Mike & Kris Laton
Judy Murrell	Mike & Kris Laton
Jane Pickler	Mike & Kris Laton
Sheryl Stewart	Mike & Kris Laton
Diane Marks	Kyle, Laura Beth, Addison & Stella Marks
Kimberly Marshall, Brittany Mallory, Ashley Maust	Jim Marshall, Olivia, Greta, James, & Grace
Patsy McLaurin	Lee McLaurin
Anne Montgomery	John, Jo, Ax, Mada
Nana	The Magnificent 7 plus 3
Frankie Palmer	John, Jessica, Jacob, & Jackson
Annie Barringer.....	Frankie Palmer
Kellie Cole.....	Frankie Palmer
Jessica Palmer	Frankie Palmer
Jane Pickler	Kris & Jennifer Pickler
Jane Pickler	Lee, Melanie, Mary, & Theresa Pickler
Jean Rabe.....	Lynn Poplin
Lynn Poplin	Dustin & Carla Poplin
Doris Beachum.....	Jeff & Kim Robertson
Martha Sue Hall	Dan Samples
Martha Sue Hall	Daniel & Teresa
Morgan Hall Schultz	Palmer Jacob Schultz



Welcome to Summer Luncheon for College Students on Sunday, May 20 in the Pit Stop following Worship

The College & Military Committee invites all college students to a *Welcome to Summer* luncheon on Sunday, May 20 in the pit stop following worship. A variety of salads will be served with chips and other refreshments. Come talk with other students about their year in college and reconnect with friends. Please RSVP by text to Kate Gibson (336-301-4564).

Graduate Information Needed by May 14 for Graduate Recognition on Sunday, June 3



During worship on June 3, we will recognize First Presbyterian Church's high school graduates. If you have a family (or are graduating) member graduating from high school, college, or graduate school in the spring of 2018, please contact the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighnten@fpcalbeamarle.org) by **May 14** with pertinent information.

Mental Health First Aid classes will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, May 22 and Thursday, May 24 from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the pit stop. This is open to anyone, but the class is limited to 30 people. It is free and lunch will be served both days. You must attend both classes. With Mental Health First Aid, you'll be prepared when a mental crisis happens, and you'll have a chance to be there for someone who needs you. RSVP: laura.emery@carolinashealthcare.org or phone: 704-403-4742.

Backpack Food Program

UPDATED LIST OF DONATIONS NEEDED: Large Cans of Soup

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Next Packing Date: Wednesday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m.

We Need You...To Volunteer at Music & Arts Camp June 10-14

If you have some time the week of June 10-14, come join us as we sing, dance, teach, paint and move with a group of 100 children! For more information, contact Leah Beamon (lbeamon@fpcalbeamarle.org).

Musical & artistic ability NOT required

!!! Central Elementary Needs Your Help !!!

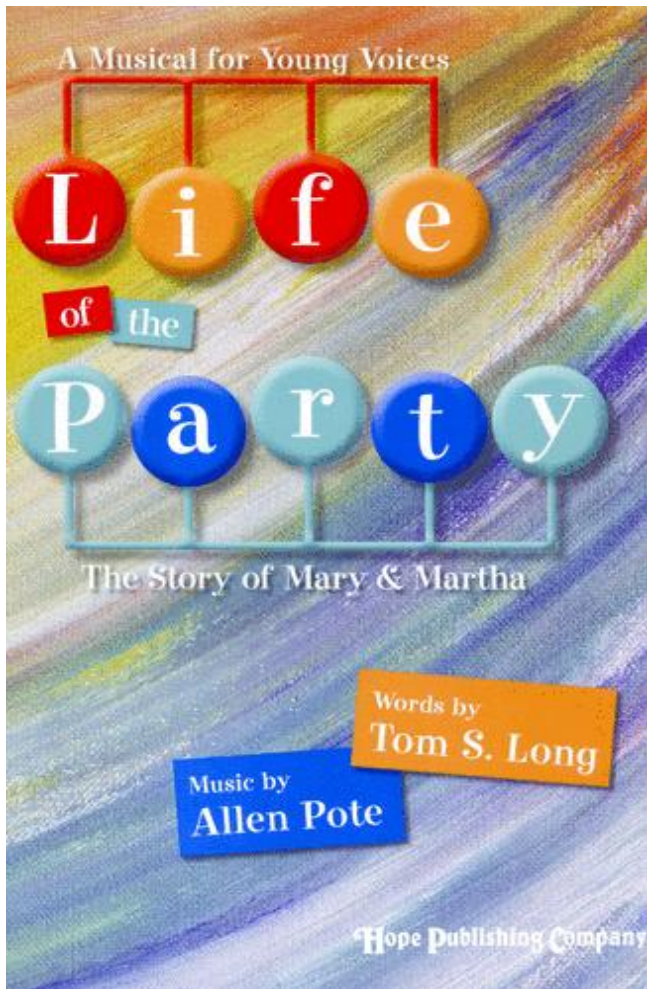
Central School will begin End of Grade (EOG) testing on May 24 and will continue through June 1. Proctors are needed on testing days from 8:00 a.m. until approximately 11:30 a.m. A brief meeting will be held by the testing coordinator on your first day of testing. If you can volunteer for one or more days, contact Julie McSwain at Central School (704-961-3200 or julie.mcswain@stanlycountyschools.org).



Habitat for Humanity offering update: As of May 7, we have received \$2,828.00 of our \$10,000.00 commitment to Habitat as we partner with Locust Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church, Norwood in building a house. Please continue to remember this giving opportunity.



**SAVE THE DATE
CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT AT MORROW MOUNTAIN
OCTOBER 12-14
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON**



First Presbyterian Church Music & Arts Camp June 10-14, 2018

FOR WHOM?

For you if you are age 4 (must turn 4 before June 30) or older - - all the way through completed 6th grade AND if you love to create, sing, and have fun with others. Everyone is welcome.

WHAT WILL WE DO?

We'll sing and dance, create sets, play percussion instruments, study the Bible in new ways, act, and play. It will be a full and exciting week.

WHEN WILL WE DO IT?

It all begins on Sunday, June 10 at 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
On June 11-14, these are the hours:

Ages 4-5	9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Grades K-6 (completed)	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

WHAT ELSE?

Early Bird Registration Fee is only \$40.00 (by May 24).

Late Registration Fee is \$45.00 (after May 24).

Children who have completed grades K-6 should bring a lunch each day. Drinks will be provided.

**The camp's grand finale will be a performance of
Life of the Party...The Story of Mary & Martha
on Thursday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m.
(Ice Cream follows)**

Name _____ Age _____ & Grade Completed (as of June 11) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Parent's Name _____

Emergency Contact during hours of Music & Arts Camp _____

Food or other allergies _____

T Shirt Size: YX-Small (2-4) YSmall (6-8) YMedium(10-12) YLarge (14-16) YXLarge(18-20)
Adult S M L XL

Other things we should know about this child _____

Permission to Use Photograph: I grant to First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, the right to take photographs of my child/children during the 2018 Music & Arts Camp and to use such photographs for any purpose.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature _____ Printed Name _____
of parent or guardian (if under age 18)

Return registration form to:
First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578 126 West North Street
Albemarle, NC 28002

Questions? (704) 982-2722
or email Leah Beamon (lbeamon@fpcalbemarle.org)

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 13

Mother's Day

Mother's Day/Father's Day Offering for The Presbyterian Homes Foundation

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

Monday, May 14

Deadline for Graduate Information

8:00 pm-9:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square

Tuesday, May 15

9:30 am Presbytery Meeting at Myers Park Presbyterian Church
(2501 Oxford Place, Charlotte)

Wednesday, May 16

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 17

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Sunday, May 20

*Pentecost/Pentecost Offering/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/
Recognition of Scholarship Recipients*

8:30 am *Session Meeting

8:45 am *Diaconate Meeting

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Welcome to Summer Luncheon for College Students
(Pit Stop)

5:30 pm Youth Group End-of-the Year Cookout at the home of
Matt & Claire George Drumheller
(31682 Ameron Circle, Albemarle)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

13-Laura Frazier

15-Stephan Kinley

16-Roger Martin

Olivia Maust

17-Liz Jolly

Ken Knight

Art Rogers

18-Jackson Shedd

19-Piper Campbell

Tucker Moses

Jim Sawyer

Natalie Taylor

20-Jim Ivey, III

Bill Lindley

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MAY

14-Greg & Dona Lisk

Keith & Ashley Maust

17-Tom & Holly Norwood

18-Jordan & Amanda Morgan

SCCM CHALLENGE

FOR MAY

Canned Soup & Crackers

***childcare provided**