



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

Elizabeth McNair Ayscue, Pastor
Church Offices: (704) 982-2722

Matt Drumheller, Associate Pastor
Website: www.fpcalbemarle.org

November 25, 2018

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

With you, O God, to guide me, I journey on my way. I know you are beside me all through the night and day. Within your hand you hold me, what do I have to fear? Your loving arms enfold me, your grace is always near. Amen.

Prayer from
St. Columba
(c.521-597)

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

PRELUDE *Prelude on 'Rejoice, the Lord is King'* Charles Callahan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Give thanks to the Lord for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God.
To God be the glory forever and ever.

Revelation 1:8

***CHORAL INTROIT** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* John Darwall

***PRAYER OF THE DAY 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.

***HYMN 2** *Come, Thou Almighty King* Italian Hymn

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence
Unison
Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You come to us in glory, yet we hide our faces from you. You speak to us in truth, yet we close our hearts to your word. Forgive us, God of grace. Release us from sin, restore our lives, and rule in our hearts, this day and always; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 18:33-37

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***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.

Glory to God
hymnal
page 582

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN Rev. Drumheller
Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Faith Sharing with Children, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING [Daniel 3:13-18](#) Pew Bible, page 775

ANTHEM *Coronation* Craig Courtney

Crown Him, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Prince of Peace.

Crown Him, the One who died and rose again to live forever.

Crown Him, the Bread of Life, High and Holy Priest,

Bright and Morning Star, He holds the keys of death.

He holds the keys of hell. He is ruler of the kings of earth.

Crown Him, behold your King.

See Him coming with the clouds,

Every eye shall see Him whom they have pierced.

See Him, who is the first and is the last, Alpha and Omega.

He is the Living One, He who is and was and who is to come.

He has loved us unto death. He has freed us by His blood.

He is the mighty Son of God. Crown Him, behold your King.

Behold Him. Behold the Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

GOSPEL READING [John 18:33-38](#) Pew Bible, page 106

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *What Is Truth?* Reverend Drumheller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

*HYMN 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* Coronation

During the hymn, ushers will collect your prayers to be included in the Prayers of the People.

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

A Brief Statement of Faith, written to be used in worship, speaks much more about the life and earthly ministry of Jesus than many earlier confessions.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TITHES AND OFFERING

Invitation

As followers of Jesus, we are called to give ourselves for others, as Jesus has given himself for us.

With gratitude for Christ's grace, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory *Beautiful Savior* David Cherwien

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 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Madrid

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Sevenfold Amen* John Stainer

*POSTLUDE *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Jason D. Payne

*All that are able may stand.

My Offering cards are
in the pews.
As a regular practice,
you are invited to
take one, reflect on
your giving, and
place it in the
offering plate when it
comes to you.

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 Brent Lisk. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of our daughter, Jody Oliver, and her husband, Jacob Oliver, by Cathryn and Claude Harwood.

Thanks to Martha Sue Hall for playing the tubular chimes during the anthem this morning.

Ushers: Brett Richards, captain; Jim Hesley, Judy Kilgore, Grace Richards, Danny Saltzman, and Rose Saltzman **Outside Ushers:** Wes Eudy; Ronnie Michael **Elder Greeters:** Lee Boone; Dona Lisk **Nursery:** Emily Andrew **Kids Care Crew:** Debby Johnston & Carol Sasser **Children's Church:** Lynn Poplin

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Jack Dickerson (father of Susan Pandich), The family of Katie Severin (friend of Jordan Davis), Jeanette Eudy (friend of Liz Davis; peritoneal cancer), Hilda Perry (sister of Cathryn Harwood; continuing health concerns), Judy Smith (friend of Meredith Moses; pancreatic cancer), Cam Rogers, Cyndi Thornton (niece of Lynn White; breast cancer), Sally Warburton (friend of Debbie & John Hahn), Marty Goforth (friend of Debbie & John Hahn; treatment for melanoma), Margaret Brooks (friend of Debbie & John Hahn), Katherine Cox (mother of Sherrie Richards; health concerns), Judy Murrell. See newsletter for complete list.

The Worship Committee will fill the sanctuary windows with angels and churches during Advent. Please share yours – of any size and material – along with a sentence or two about where the item came from and should be marked with the owner's name. All angels and churches need to be at the church by Tuesday, November 27.

Alternative Christmas Gifts

On November 25 and December 2, 9, and 16, there will be opportunities to purchase alternative gifts in the Pit Stop. You will be able to select from among both local and international recipients. For each purchase, you will receive one of several holiday-themed acknowledgement cards. The charities are: The Community Care Clinic, Homes of Hope/The Community Inn, Stanly Community Christian Ministry (SCCM), and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).



LIVING WITH LOSS

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29 IN THE CHURCH PARLOR
FROM 10:00 AM-2:00 PM**

Join Elizabeth and Jane Snyder for this conversation as we look at life's losses (death, health, home, independence) in the past and others that will surely come. Using resources of faith, we will talk about loss and how the community of faith assists in healing. Margaret Fields will provide helpful information.



Lunch will be at Second Street Sundries (dutch treat).

Please call the church office to sign up. (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)

December 2 is the First Sunday of Advent

Join us for worship and a festive chili luncheon provided by Session. Then, we'll decorate the Chrismon tree and tend to other decorations in the church. There will be Advent activities and fun for everyone!

**Baked Items Needed for the Youth Sponsored
Christmas Kitchen on Sunday, December 16**

If you are willing to make and donate cakes, pies, casseroles, etc., for the youth sponsored Christmas kitchen, please sign-up below and place in the offering plate.

**Contact Dorothy if you have questions.
dorothyhart@fpcalbemarle.org or 828-244-3824.**

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Item(s) you will make & donate: _____

Thank you in advance for your help.



**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE
PRIMETIMERS' LUNCHEON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT NOON**

First, we will visit the Roger Martin Sculpture Gallery. Roger's presentation will be *Creation of the Bronze Sculpture*. He will also show how sculptures are created and show some of his work. Then, we will enjoy a small buffet lunch (**\$10 per person**) at 5 Points Public House Restaurant in the upstairs room. Contact the church office by **10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 3** (klambert@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) to say you are coming and/or if you need transportation.





There is a paper angel ornament waiting for you or your group on the Christmas tree in the Pit Stop. Please stop by and select one or more with the name of a Central Elementary School student or their sibling(s). You will be provided with their Christmas gift wish-list. Be sure to fill in your name or the name of your group/family and contact information on the appropriate line(s) on the sign-up sheet. Each child's angel ornament is linked to a specific number on the sheet. Guidelines are available to assist you with your shopping. Place the **unwrapped** gifts for each child in a large plastic bag. Please include wrapping paper for the parents to wrap the gifts. **Attach the paper angel to the bag and return it to the Pit Stop no later than Sunday, December 2.** Should you have any questions, contact Peggy Finley at 704/985-1136 or maf447@windtstream.net.



SANCTUARY POINSETTIAS & HOLIDAY GREENERY

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia(s) or contribute to the holiday greenery fund as a Christmas memorial/honorarium, please make a check for \$20.00 for the poinsettia or for the amount you wish for the greenery payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and designate for poinsettias or greenery. Please return the **check along with the form below to the church office by Monday, December 17.** A complete list will appear in the

bulletin on Sunday, December 23.

SANCTUARY POINSETTIAS & HOLIDAY GREENERY

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

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

I plan to take my poinsettia(s) after the 5:30 p.m. service on Monday, December 24.

I will leave my poinsettia(s) for delivery to a homebound member.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 25

Christ the King Sunday

Alternative Gifts Available in the Pit Stop

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

Monday, November 26

7:00 pm Book Conversation (Parlor)

8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt

Wednesday, November 28

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

3:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 29

10:00 am Staff Meeting

10:00 am-2:00 pm Living with Loss

Sunday, December 2

First Sunday of Advent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/

Ten-Cents-A-Meal/Alternative Gifts Available in the Pit Stop

9:00 am Breakfast Bunch

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Advent Chili Lunch, Decorating & Advent for All

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER

27-Charles McLaurin

29-Janice Abernathy

Matt Drumheller

30-Bill Hall

Diane Stevenson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

NOVEMBER

26-Mark & Kim Andrew

29-Skeet & Elizabeth Asycue

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

DECEMBER

01-Steve Cumming

Ruth Goodwin

Catherine Moeller

02-Taylor Barbee

Don Stewart

Lynn White

*childcare provided

**SCCM CHALLENGE FOR
DECEMBER**

Canned Meat
(Chicken, Salmon, Spam, Tuna)

**SCCM CHALLENGE FOR
NOVEMBER**

Canned or Dried Beans,
Canned Tomatoes, Rice



*From the First Presbyterian Church
Community Christmas Dinner Committee...*

Community Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 25 at Central UMC

We are well on the way to the 29th Annual Community Christmas Dinner with the following churches: Annunciation Catholic, Central UMC, Christ Episcopal, First Baptist, and First Lutheran. Check the bulletin board for food and volunteer sign-up opportunities. Come out and bring your family...you will be blessed by the sharing of the season! Food and Volunteer Sign-up Sheets are on the Mission Bulletin Board. Blessings to all for helping provide a Christmas meal for so many in our community.

First Presbyterian Church Contact:

Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or hallmsh@hotmail.com)