



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor and further us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

OPENING SENTENCES

Arise, O Lord in your strength.

We will praise you all the day long.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in this place, some empty, some filled, some whole, some broken,

Yearning for the Holy Spirit to fill us.

We come with so many other ordinary people, who have shown us the way.

Trusting that God will open our hearts.

We surround the table of grace, where we are fed again and again by the bread of life,

That graced, we may serve others, that filled, we may share the hope of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, by raising Jesus from the dead, you proclaimed his victory, and by his ascension, you declared him Lord of all. Lift our hearts to heaven where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the command of our Lord Jesus Christ who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

MUSICAL RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

RECOGNITION OF TEACHERS AND LEADERS
IN THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gayle Russell

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Melissa Eudy

ANTHEM

Jesus, My All, to Heaven Is Gone
Frank Poolos, Oboe

Howard Helvey

Recorded
May 26, 2019

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.

Refrain:

*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.
(Refrain)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and our minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

[John 17:1-11](#)

Ben Jolly

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

One

Reverend Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong-body and soul, in life and in death-to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Sandy Rogers

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Reverend Drumheller

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.

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

This confession was completed in 1562 in response to controversy between Lutheran and Reformed Christians in Germany. It includes 129 questions, most of which are addressed to the personal, *you*.

The Pentecost offering is a denominational offering that supports programs for at-risk children and youth.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Aria

William Lloyd Webber

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Recorded

May 24, 2015

Thank you to Skeet Ayscue, Melissa Eudy, Ben Jolly, David Kilde, Sandy Rogers, and Gayle Russell for their participation in worship this morning.

This week's worship video will become available at 11:00 a.m. To access the worship video, go to the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the worship banner or search for the church on *YouTube* and click on the appropriate video.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, Matt and Elizabeth will lead Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. through Zoom. To access the meeting, go to the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the *Morning Prayer* banner. You can also find the link through the Facebook event.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Matt and Elizabeth will livestream a brief devotional at 12:15 p.m. To access the devotional, go to the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the *Digital Devotional* banner. If you are unable to watch it live, it will still be available through the church's *YouTube* page.

First Presbyterian Church Storytime for Children

Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. for PreK-Kindergarten via YouTube livestream video

Matt or Elizabeth will livestream a video reading a children's book.

To access the video, go to the First Presbyterian Church website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the Storytime banner.



Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. for 1st-3rd Graders via Zoom

Matt or Elizabeth will host a Zoom call with the 1st through 3rd graders to read a chapter book with them.

This will be about 20 minutes of reading time.

Email Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) for the Zoom code and password.

Bible Study and Conversation on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. via Zoom with Matt & Catherine Moeller

The material for this online discussion will be selected devotionals that our congregational members have written over the last few months. Each Monday, you will receive an email with the selected devotional for the week. Discussion will focus on the significance and application of the scripture. Topics will include how this challenging time impacts our faith, our spiritual gifts, our compassion, and our charity. This should be a great opportunity for Bible study and connecting with a cross-section of our church family. If you need help with Zoom, contact the church office (704-982-2722). Please email Elizabeth at eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org or Catherine Moeller at mattandcatherine@hotmail.com by Sunday, May 10 to say you are interested or need more information. Please join us!

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Wayne Drye (brother of Barbara Whitley), Mickie Smith (cousin of Pam Holbrook; cancer & COVID19), Mark Rodgers (son of Laura & Tim Rodgers; treatment for Ewing's Sarcoma), Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

Recognition of Teachers and Leaders of the Christian Education Program

Sunday, May 24

Thank you for sharing your time, your talents, and your creativity with our church and community through your work within our Christian Education programs this year. The participation of our volunteers is the lifeblood of our Christian Education programs, and the love and effort shown by them reflect God's unmeasurable love for all of us. With the deepest gratitude, we humbly thank our Sunday School teachers and substitutes for both children and adult classes, Children's Church volunteers, Youth Club volunteers, Nana's and Papa's, Preschool Partners, those who have led and helped with our middle and high school youth group, Faith Explorer teachers and field trip coordinators and chaperones, nursery volunteers, children's music leaders, and the Christian Education Committee members.

On Sunday, May 31, we will celebrate Pentecost with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. If you would like to have elements for communion delivered to your home in the days leading up to Sunday, **please contact Matt Drumheller (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) by noon on Tuesday, May 26.**

It is our tradition to celebrate Pentecost by wearing red on Pentecost Sunday. We'd love to see you and/or your family wearing your red. Before May 27, snap a picture and email it to mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org or text it to (980) 581-9773. We will make a slideshow of everyone wearing their red to include in worship on the 31st!



Pentecost Offering on Sunday, May 31

During this Pentecost season, we join together to build a life of faith and build the household of God with our children, youth, and young adults. A foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, you are helping to provide opportunities for young people to grow and share in their faith in Christ.

How the offering is used:

- ❖ 40% stays with this congregation to develop and support programs for young people in our own church and community.
- ❖ 25% supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV) serving in communities around the world and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service.
- ❖ 25% supports Ministries with Youth to help guide our youth by uniting them in Christ and lifting them up as leaders and messengers of God's Word.
- ❖ 10% is devoted to children-at-risk to improve education and provide safe havens.

Our congregation is joining the whole church in building for our future...in building individual lives of faith.

Ways to give:

Mail to:
First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578
Albemarle, NC 28002

Text:
YOUNG
to 56512

Give online at:
pcusa.org/pentecost
to learn more or donate



Graduate Information Needed for Graduate Recognition on Sunday, June 7

During worship on June 7, 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 2020, please contact the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org).



Faith on the Fifth Offering on Sunday, May 31 for the Crisis Assistance Fund

The Crisis Assistance Fund is a nonprofit organization established over 20 years ago by the churches of Stanly County. Our mission is to provide emergency assistance to those in crisis situations, such as losing a job or an injury or illness. Our mission is to help people stay in their homes when an emergency arises, by assisting with rent or utilities, in order to avoid eviction, foreclosure, or disconnection of services. In 2019, CAF distributed \$28,000 in emergency funds and helped 109 individuals stay in their homes in Stanly County.

Need Help? Any resident of Stanly County can apply for assistance.

Visit Stanly Community Christian Ministry (506 South 1st Street, Albemarle) for an application.

Can You Help? 96% of all donations go directly to help individuals in crisis.

Make a contribution to the fund:

Stanly County Crisis Assistance Fund

P.O. Box 1432

Albemarle, NC 28002



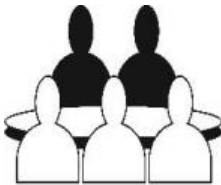
Online Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 15-Friday, June 19

We will have Vacation Bible School online this year. We are going to use a curriculum designed specifically for this format, and it promises to be lots of fun!

We will meet each day, Monday through Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We will spend time on Zoom calls, in breakout rooms, doing individual activities, and having conversations together. We are still formulating our plans, but we look forward to seeing the children and for them to get to see their church friends!

If you would like to register your child(ren) who have completed K-6th grade to participate in the camp, please contact Matt Drumheller (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org). We will not be collecting any registration fees at this time.



The 2020 Nominating Committee welcomes your suggestions of persons to be considered for service as Deacon or Ruling Elder. In thinking of folks who may be qualified to serve, please consider the following:

Worship Attendance, Participation in Church Activities, Service rendered to the Church, Christian living in daily life, and Ability to work cooperatively with others

Suggestions for Deacon

Suggestions for Ruling Elder

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

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Please return suggestions to the church office or to Ken Knight, Nominating Committee Chair, by June 14 (kbknight17@gmail.com). Members of the Nominating Committee are: Ken Knight, Committee Chair; Bob Johnston, Andy McLeod, Barbara McManus, Sarah Michael, and Gayle Russell.



**VIRTUAL
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS IS GOING VIRTUAL
(COMPLETED 4th – 6th Grades)**

June 22-25, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Cost: NO Charge

Camp Limit of 12 children

We will be going **VIRTUAL** with our cooking camp this year. If your children have a passion for cooking or love to help you prepare meals in the kitchen? Then perhaps a **cooking camp** is the perfect summer camp for them. This camp is offered to **COMPLETED** 4th-6th graders on **Monday, June 22 – Thursday, June 25**. We will meet on Zoom for a short gathering at 9:00 a.m., then campers will be given instructions for dinner and dessert to prepare at home. We are going to keep everything simple so adult supervision is each parent’s decision. Every day you will be preparing dinner for your family! This camp will be packed with culinary excitement and tasty adventures!

**For more information or to register for camp contact Jane Snyder at
704-982-2722/704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org**

Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. - 1 Corinthians 10:31

URGENT NEEDS FOR SCCM...

**CHECK THE STANLY COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION**

**Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Pasta Meals, Canned Meats, Canned Veggies,
Canned Fruit, Boxed Mac n Cheese**

A team of folks is available to grocery shop and run errands for those who are unable to go out in this season. Please contact the church for more information (704-982-2722; eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org; mrdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org). If no answer, please leave a voicemail for Elizabeth or Matt.

If you would like to be a shopper/errand runner, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

With the governor's stay at home order in place, all staff members are working at home whenever possible and the church building is closed most of the time. The church's answering machine is being checked periodically; however, in case of an emergency, please contact Elizabeth (704.985.2945) or Matt (540.449.5319) directly.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 24

Recognition of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education

11:00 am Online Worship

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day-Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 26

12:15 pm Online Digital Devotional
1:00 pm Online Story Time (PreK-Kindergarten)
1:15 pm Online Story Time (1st-3rd Graders)
3:00 pm Nominating Committee via Zoom

Wednesday, May 27

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10:30 am Backpack Food Program
9:00 pm Mom’s Group via Zoom
with Melissa Eudy & Sandy Saunders

Thursday, May 28

12:15 pm Online Digital Devotional
4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study
with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Sunday, May 31

*Pentecost/Pentecost Offering/
Faith on the Fifth Offering – Crisis Assistance Fund*

11:00 am Online Worship

**Your on-going support of First Presbyterian Church is essential to the mission and ministry of the church and to the well-being of our ministry partners, locally and globally.
Thank you for your generosity.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
MAY
26-Chris McLaurin
27-Gerald Poplin
28-Rebekah Ayscue
30-Jackson Lisk
31-David Holbrook
John Palmer
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
MAY
29-Lenny & Rose Saltzman
30-Al & Becky Andrew
Dan Samples & Martha Sue Hall
31-Aaron & Alison Whisnant

GHA – Autism Supports needs 12-count egg cartons. Please drop-off at the back of the GHA office (213 North 2nd Street, Albemarle) at the picnic tables.

**Tithes and offerings may be mailed to:
First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578
Albemarle, NC 28002**

**Online giving can be done through the church’s website (www.fpcalbemarle.org).
Click on the GIVE button.**



BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM
Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper, Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

**Packing Date:
Wednesday, May 27 at 10:30 a.m.**