



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

May God's goodness be yours, and well, and seven times well, may you spend your lives: may you be an isle in the sea, may you be a hill on the shore, may you be a star in the darkness, may you be a staff to the weak; may the love Christ Jesus gave fill every heart for you; may the love Christ Jesus gave fill you for every one.

Prayer from the
Iona Community.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONGS

Hymn 634 *To God Be the Glory* all stanzas
Hymn 641 *When In Our Music God is Glorified* stanzas 1 and 5

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dorothy Hart

Psalm 136
Psalm 19

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let our words and thoughts be acceptable to God;

The Lord is our rock and our redeemer. Let us worship God.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Christ Jesus, we come into your presence from many different places. We come with songs of joy and shouts of gratitude. We come carrying heavy burdens and sighs of suffering. As you welcome us into your house, lift our burdens and receive our praise. Salt us with your grace and flavor us with your mercy. Bind us together, that we may be at peace with one another and be strengthened to go forth in service to the world. Amen.

James 5
Mark 9

***HYMN 275**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' fest Burg

*The Faith on the Fifth offering for the Habitat for Humanity Build
may be brought forward at this time.*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Mark 9:38-50

Silent

Unison

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You rain down mercy upon us, yet we murmur in our discontent. You cast out evil within us, yet we fling curses at others. Forgive us, God of grace. Call us home from our wandering, deliver our souls from death, and cover us with your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Glory to God hymnal
page 582

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

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

Philippians 2:5-11

***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.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

GOSPEL READING

[Mark 9:38-50](#)

Pew Bible, page 42

ANTHEM

Let Your Light Shine

Craig Courtney

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[James 5:13-20](#)

Pew Bible, page 217

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Prayer

Rev. Drumheller

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

***HYMN 465**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Converse

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Taylor Johnston

PASTORAL PRAYER

Hymn 469

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Children Praying

On cue from the organ, the congregation is invited to sing.

TITHES AND OFFERING

Invitation

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

The world, and those who live in it.

Offertory

To God be the Glory

Johann G. Walther

Prayer of Dedication 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.

*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.

*HYMN 821

My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep From Singing

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

*POSTLUDE

Finale

Eric Thiman

*All who are able may stand

Psalm 24

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 worshipping 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.

Thanks to Dorothy Hart for serving as liturgist today.

Ushers: Jill Niebler, captain; Steve Cumming, Heather Deese, Nancy Joines, Katherine Jolly, Ken Knight, Andy McLeod, Shelley Shedd **Outside Ushers:** Lee McManus; Greg Lisk **Elder Greeters:** Joyce Lambert; Rich Schaefer **Nursery:** Cortney Brown **Kids Care Crew:** Jack & Penny Morton **Children's Church:** Liz Davis; Luke Davis

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of HESSIE CLARK, Katherine Cox (mother of Sherrie Richards; health concerns), Conor Granger (nephew of Laura McLeod; mental health issues), Holly Norwood, Judy Murrell, Sally Grantier. See newsletter for complete list.

Please keep Elizabeth and our members who are at the Women's Retreat in Montreat this week-end close in your prayers.

Faith on the Fifth Offering for the Habitat for Humanity Presbyterian Build

Presbyterian churches from around Stanly County are teaming up this fall to work with Stanly County Habitat for Humanity on their next build. First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, Norwood First Presbyterian Church, and Locust Presbyterian Church are going to be pulling together their resources to support this project. Our Faith on the Fifth offering on Sunday, September 30 will go toward this build project. Please give generously.



IN MEMORIAM
 Hessie Sharp Clark
 July 20, 1927-September 21, 2018

Communion Workshop for Children on Sunday, September 30...Noon-2:30 p.m.

We will have our annual communion workshop for children grades K-2 and their parents on September 30 after worship. Children and families will learn more about the Lord's Supper and symbols of this sacrament. Please plan to stay for lunch and conversation!



The Little Yellow Cup...Caring & Sharing Campaign for SCCM
September 30-October 21



The SCCM Caring & Sharing Campaign will begin on Sunday, September 30 and run through Sunday, October 21. Your loose change and bills dropped into a little yellow cup have a tremendous impact on the SCCM programs. In 2017, the Albemarle and Norwood Community Tables served 60,387 meals, the Food Pantry distributed 666,695 pounds of food, and the Assistance Center provided \$111,625 in utility, rent, and medicine assistance. Your donations through the Caring & Sharing Campaign partially fund these programs.

First Family Dinner

Wednesday, October 3

Evening Prayer at 5:45 p.m. in the Chapel...Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym

Menu:

Ritz Chicken, Mashed Potato Bar (cheese, butter, sour cream, chives, bacon bits, ham, broccoli, gravy),
 Green Beans, Autumn Mixed Green Salad, Rolls, PB & J Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts,
 Tea, Lemonade, & Coffee

Contact the church office to make reservations (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

Volunteers Are Needed for First Family Gathering

- Dessert Crew: Tuesday, October 2 at 10:00 a.m.
- Salad & Potato Crew: Wednesday, October 3 at 10:30 a.m.
- Set-up Crew: Wednesday, October 3 at 3:45 p.m.
- Final Touches Crew: Wednesday, October 3 at 5:00 p.m.
- Clean-up Crew: Wednesday, October 3 at 6:45 p.m.

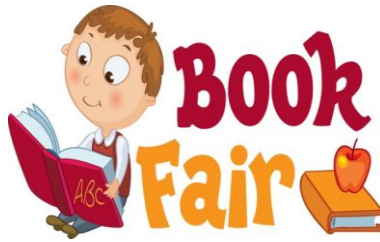


If you haven't ever joined us, please do. We have such a good time together!

Please call Jane Snyder at the church 704-982-2722 or on her phone 704-438-3358 if you would like to help!



All Young Adults are invited to meet for lunch with Matt at the Goody Shop at noon on Thursday, October 4.



**Volunteers Needed for Central School Book Fair
October 1-5**

The Central School Book Fair is scheduled for October 1-5. There is a great need for volunteers. A volunteer sign-up sheet is posted on the Mission bulletin board in the pit stop. Let's help Central School!

Mugs, Mingling, & Muffins

Tuesday, October 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

Come join Jane for a mug of coffee, some fun mingling, and making muffins!

You choose in what way you would like to participate:

1. Bake muffins on Tuesday, October 9 at 9:30 a.m. **OR**
2. Bake & Take the muffins to those in our church and community. **OR**
3. Deliver the muffins to those in our church and community.



Contact Jane Snyder (704-438-3358-call/text or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org)

to say you want to participate.



Catalogs Available

for Review & Placing of Individual Orders in the Pit Stop

October 7, 14, & 21 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Review the Fall/Christmas catalog and place your order!

Also, catalogs will be available for your review in the church office during regular business hours.



Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:

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.

Next Packing Date: Wednesday, October 24 at 10:30 a.m.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 30

Women's Retreat at William Black Lodge (Montreat, NC)

Faith on the Fifth Offering for Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm-2:30 pm Communion Workshop (K-2nd & Parents)

5:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Group (Middle Schoolers)

6:00 pm-6:30 pm Youth Group Dinner (All Youth)

6:30 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group (High Schoolers)

Monday, October 1

7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Gloria Bryson
(811 Smith St., Albemarle)

Tuesday, October 2

10:00 am First Family Dessert Crew

11:15 am Stretch Class (Gym)

Wednesday, October 3

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:30 am First Family Salad & Potato Crew

12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)

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

3:45 am First Family Set-Up Crew

5:00 pm First Family Final Touches Crew

5:45 pm Evening Prayer (Chapel)

6:00 pm First Family Dinner

6:45 pm First Family Clean-Up Crew

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 4

10:00 am Staff Meeting

11:15 am Stretch Class (Gym)

12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at the Goody Shop Cafe

Sunday, October 7

World Communion Sunday/ The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/SCCM

Caring & Sharing Yellow Cup Campaign

9:00 am Breakfast Bunch

9:00 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalogs available in the pit stop

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Mission Committee Meeting

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SEPTEMBER

30- Kennady Atwater
Hannah Martin
Jordan Morgan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

01- Graham Chapman
Eston West
02- Joan Boling
04- Andy McLeod
Norman Rogers
05- Christine Andrew
06- Jeff Robertson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

OCTOBER

05- Steve & Mary Kesselman
06- Peter & Anna Henkenjohann
Bruce & Marlene Mittendorf
Matt & Catherine Moeller



**First Presbyterian Church
presents the
Fall Art Exhibit
Face Off 2018
featuring works by
GHA Autism Supports
Creative Arts Program**

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR SEPTEMBER

Paper Goods...

Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels, Facial Tissue,
Cleaning Supplies

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR OCTOBER

Peanut Butter & Jelly