



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

**MORNING MEDITATION**

*Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you.*

Prayer from  
Martin Luther  
(c. 1483-1546)

**PEALING OF THE BELLS**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

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

\*CHORAL INTROIT      *As with Gladness, Men of Old*      15<sup>th</sup> Century Carol  
arr. S. R. Scheer

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters,  
**And in the temple, God's people say: Glory!**  
Do not fear, for the Lord has spoken:  
**I have called you by name; you are mine.**

*Psalm 29:3, 9*  
*Isaiah 43:1*

**\*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 482      *Baptized in Water*      Bunessan

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence  
Unison  
**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

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

*Matthew 3:17*

**\*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  
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## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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

### FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Barbara McManus

*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

**Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Isaiah 43:1-7](#)

Pew Bible, page 631

### ANTHEM

*When the Perfect Comes*

Carson Cooman

Brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, I call upon you:  
Present your bodies as a living sacrifice,  
holy and well-pleasing to God,  
Which is your reasonable worship.

Prophecies will come to an end, tongues will cease,  
Knowledge will come to an end; but love never ends.  
And when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away.  
Do not be conformed to the present age,  
but transformed by the renewing of the mind,  
So that you may discern the will of God:  
What is good, what is well-pleasing,  
What is good and perfect.  
Amen.

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

### GOSPEL READING

[Luke 3:15-22](#)

Pew Bible, page 56

### SERMON

*Water and Spirit*

Reverend Drumheller

### REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Sentences of Scripture

Profession of Faith

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**I do.**

Who is your Lord and Savior?

**Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciples, obeying his word and showing his love?

**I will, with God's help.**

The Reaffirmation of Baptism reminds us that we are created and claimed by God. This truth is affirmed whenever we remember our own baptisms or when we bear witness to the baptism of another.

\*Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Thanksgiving for Baptism

\*Hymn 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Nettleton

*During the hymn, the pastors will move through the congregation sprinkling water over the worshipers as a reminder of their baptism.*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

PASTORAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

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 490 *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters* Beach Spring

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* Ralph Vaughan Williams

\*POSTLUDE

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\*All that are able may stand.

*I Corinthians 8:4-6*

**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 Jackson Shedd.** 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:** Mark Andrew; Jack Morton **Elder Greeters:** Taylor Johnston; Joyce Lambert **Nursery:** Emily Andrew **Kids Care Crew:** Jack & Penny Morton **Children's Church:** Heather Kilde; David Kilde

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Debra Barnard (daughter of Gloria Bryson; neuroendocrine carcinoma), Judy Toney (sister of Jim Hesley; chemotherapy for breast cancer), Mike Burke. **See newsletter for complete list.**

Angels loaned for sanctuary décor during Advent are now ready for pick-up in the office.

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**Gaither Endowment Grant Applications...**The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until January 15. Applications are available in the church office. If you have questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)).

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**Youth Group & Parents Montreat/Massanetta Information Session  
Sunday, January 13 following worship**

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**Co-Pastors Conversations will be held the following times in the church parlor:**

- January 13 following worship
- January 14 at 7:00 p.m.
- January 15 at 10:00 a.m.
- January 17 at 2:00 p.m.
- January 20 following worship
- January 22 at 4:00 p.m.

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**Urban Air Trampoline Park on Sunday, January 13 following worship**

On Sunday, January 13, we will eat lunch at the church at 12:15 p.m., and then head to the Urban Air Trampoline Park in Mint Hill for an afternoon of fun! The cost is \$13.99 for Basic Trampolines, \$5.99 for the Parent Pass, and \$2.50 for Urban Air Socks. (No personal socks allowed). We will return to the church around 5:00 p.m. **Contact Dorothy to sign-up ([dorothyhart@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:dorothyhart@fpcalbemarle.org) or 828-244-3824).**



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**Women's Workday at Habitat House on Saturday, February 2**

We are hoping for a complete team of willing women for this day. Skilled and unskilled workers are welcome! Let Elizabeth Wilson (704-982-3625 or [ewilson1927@carolina.rr.com](mailto:ewilson1927@carolina.rr.com)) know you can be there.

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**Tea & Conversation  
Thursday, January 24  
2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.  
In the parlor**

Come enjoy warm conversation on a cold afternoon. Kim Robertson will share in the time by leading the group in gentle seated stretches.

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**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION & CORPORATION  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

Session has established the date for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation as Sunday, January 27. The meeting will be held immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive annual reports and to transact other business as may properly come before the meeting. We will also have a congregational meeting for the purpose of reviewing and approving the pastors' terms of call.

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, January 13

- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm Co-Pastor Conversations (Parlor)
- 12:00 pm Youth Group & Parents – Montreat/Massanetta  
Information Session
- 12:15 pm Faith Explorers eat at the church then travel to Urban  
Air Trampoline Park in Mint Hill
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

### Monday, January 14

- 7:00 pm Co-Pastor Conversations (Parlor)
- 8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

### Tuesday, January 15

*Deadline for Gaither Endowment Grant Applications*

- 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 10:00 am Co-Pastor Conversations (Parlor)

### Wednesday, January 16

- 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, January 17

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 2:00 pm Co-Pastor Conversations (Parlor)

### Sunday, January 20

- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm Co-Pastor Conversations (Parlor)

\*childcare provided

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### JANUARY

- 13-Jane Borders
- 15-Julian Eudy
- 16-Debbie Hahn
- 19-Nancy Feather  
Ken Frazier

## SCCM CHALLENGE FOR JANUARY

Toiletries & Household Items  
(Shampoo/Conditioner, Deodorant,  
Toothpaste, Laundry Detergent, Bar Soap,  
Feminine Hygiene Products)

## 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.



## Grandparent & Child Retreat

Sunday, January 27, 2019

Noon-2:30 p.m.

Partnering in Christian Education

Children K-5<sup>th</sup> grade

Grandparents of any age

Lunch in gym followed by activities around the church. Call or email church office to sign up!  
([klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-982-2722).