



The Weekly Bulletin
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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Forty days, Lord. Forty days we seek to follow you closely, serve you humbly, praise you fully. Take what we bring, bless our gifts, break our expectations, use our discipline, and remake us in ways that show your glory to the world. Send your Spirit so that when we come to Jerusalem, we are still with you, knowing that in the end is our beginning. Amen.

Jill Duffield, editor,
Presbyterian
Outlook

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Elizabeth Bryson

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

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Hymn 401

Here in This Place

stanza 1

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Grace Richards

Psalm 103:8

In the midst of our wilderness journey, proclaim,

Praise the Lord, who gives life to the dead.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Addison Marks

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 450**

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger may be brought forward at this time.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Lord, Have Mercy

Graham Chapman



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Ethan Richards

Silence

Merciful God, you fill us with your Holy Spirit, and prepare us for the wilderness. Yet we become famished in search of worldly satisfaction. You strengthen us for the journey, but we succumb to the temptations whirling around us. Forgive us Lord, for we are broken.

Kyrie eleison is a Greek phrase from Scripture which translates to Lord, have mercy upon me. This is a prayer that has been used in the church for many centuries.

Glory to God hymnal
page 447

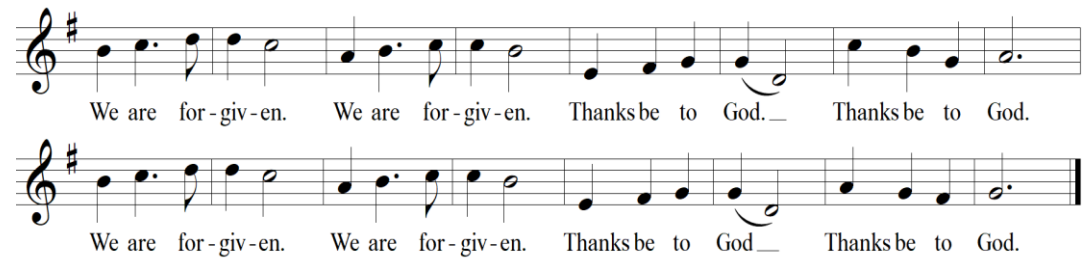
***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Brent Lisk and Grant Lisk

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**



We are for-giv-en. We are for-giv-en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Duncan Bryson

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of Faith Sharing with Children, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

ANTHEM

Depth of Mercy

David Rasbach

Depth of mercy! Can it be mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God his wrath forbear, me, the chief of sinners, spare?

There for me the Savior stands, holding forth his wounded hands.
God is love! I know, I feel, Jesus weeps and loves me still.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Angus Currie

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word through these forty days. Minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

[Luke 8:26-39](#)

Pew Bible, page 63

This is the Word of the Lord.

Jacob Palmer

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Lee Boone, Lachlann Currie, Peyton Hatley, Witt Snuggs

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

[Psalm 46:4-7](#)

Katherine Jolly

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

***HYMN 705**

Prince of Peace

You Are Holy

Ken Knight and Andrew Warburton, guitars
Rebekah Ayscue and Matt Drumheller, vocals

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jacob Palmer

Sermons are posted on the church's website

(www.fpcalbemarle.org).

You can usually find the previous Sunday's sermon by Wednesday.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Maci Holshouser

Invitation

We have been given so much in this life. Let us collect and give our gifts to God in gratitude.

Offertory

Were You There?

Dale Wood

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

Kimbal Chapman

Oh God, we have beheld your goodness to us. Accept the offering of the work of our hands, and use us for the sake of Christ in whose name we pray.

Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN 157

I Danced in the Morning

Lord of the Dance

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Hymn 546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

stanza 1

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;

Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling in this wilderness.

*All that are able may stand.

A common response, upon receiving the gifts of bread and cup is, *Thanks be to God.*

We are grateful for your presence 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.

There is no Children’s Church today. Children in K-2nd grades are encouraged to remain in worship.

The Lord’s Table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ and those who want to trust him more. Gluten-free elements will be available at the serving stations at the front of the sanctuary.

Ushers: Jack Morton, captain; Kyle Barbee, Taylor Barbee, John Earnhardt, Brent Lisk, Grant Lisk, Greg Lisk, Penny Morton, Jackson Palmer, Jeff Robertson, and Kim Robertson **Outside Ushers:** Lee McManus; Ronnie Michael **Elder Greeters:** Steve Coats; Jim Marshall **Nursery:** Emily Andrew **Kids Care Crew:** Kristie Bryson; Elizabeth Bryson

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Steve Granger (brother of Laura McLeod), Davis Fort (Novant Health Rowan Medical Center), Terry Morgan (knee surgery on April 9), Patsy McLaurin (mother of Lee McLaurin), Marshall Rogers (back surgery). **See newsletter for complete list.**

From the Scholarship Committee...Scholarship applications are available on the counter in the church office. **The deadline to return completed applications is Monday, April 8.**

Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!

Who can come? 2nd & 3rd graders
What? Breakfast...muffins, fruit, yogurt, milk, juice, etc.
When? Sunday, April 7 from 9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.
Where? Media Room
Why? To pray together & build a strong community of faith

Please let Jill Niebler (jlniebler@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us.



Youth Group Trivia Night Fundraiser

Sunday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m.

The youth group will host a Trivia Night fundraiser on April 7 at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for some desserts and a fun-filled evening of trivia competition! There will be categories for people of all ages. Teams can be anywhere from 5-7 people. The cost is \$15 per individual with a \$50 family maximum. The proceeds will go toward our youth program scholarship funds! Contact Dorothy to sign-up (dhart@fpcalbamarle.org).



FOOD FOR BODY & SOUL

Wednesday, April 10 hosted by The Wired Word Sunday School Class

5:45 p.m. Evening Prayer in the Chapel

6:00 p.m. Dinner & Fellowship Around the Tables in the Gym

Menu: BBQ, Slaw, Hushpuppies, Dessert

(Suggested Donation: \$5.00 per person)



Community Lent Service on Wednesday, April 10 at Noon

First Lutheran Church (230 South 2nd Street, Albemarle)

April 10 Preacher: Rev. Earl Bradshaw, Pastor at Central United Methodist Church

Liturgist: Rev. Elizabeth McNair Ayscue, Pastor at First Presbyterian Church

Lunch provided. Donation proceeds will benefit Will's Place, a recovery resource center located in downtown Albemarle.



Easter Lilies...Deadline: Sunday, April 14

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of Easter Lilies as an Easter Memorial or Honorarium, please fill out the form below exactly as you wish the memorial or honorarium to read, **attach a check in the amount of \$15.00**, and place in the offering plate or leave in the church office no later than **Sunday, April 14**. Checks should be payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and designated "Easter Lilies." All memorials/honorariums received by April 14 will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 21.



Easter Lilies

In honor of: _____

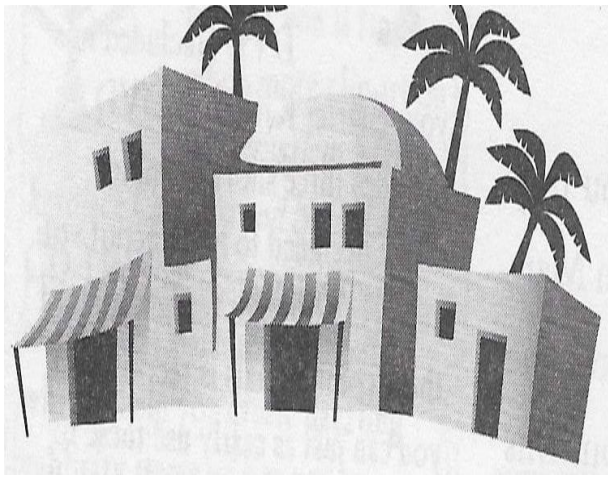
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In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

I plan to take my lily after worship on Easter.

I will leave my lily for delivery to a homebound member.



Jerusalem Market Place 2019 Sunday, April 14 9:30 a.m. in the gym

...go back in time and experience the shops and the cuisine representative of the times.

EASTER EGG HUNT & COOKOUT SUNDAY, APRIL 14 AT CITY LAKE PARK 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.



The youth will host an Easter Egg Hunt for congregation families at City Lake Park on Palm Sunday. Come enjoy some time outside, join in fellowship and food, and maybe find some Easter eggs! Families are asked to bring a bag of chips and/or a drink to share. **Anyone who would like to donate bags of candy, please drop off your donations at Dorothy's office by Wednesday, April 10.** This is one of our favorite activities every year, so bring the family out for an afternoon of fun!

OPIOID LUNCH & LEARN A CONTINUING CONVERSATION ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER TUESDAY, APRIL 16 FROM NOON-1:00 P.M. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE PIT STOP (126 WEST NORTH STREET, ALBEMARLE)



Topic: Stigma & Recovery Messaging

Speaker:

Delton Russell, Director of Development & Community Programs at Will's Place
Bring your lunch! Drinks and dessert provided!



Bread for the World Better Nutrition...Better Tomorrow

What tools have proven to be effective to prevent stunting and chronic malnutrition? Here are five:

- ❖ improved access to nutritious food,
- ❖ vitamins and minerals,
- ❖ clean water and sanitation,
- ❖ promotion of breastfeeding, and
- ❖ treatment for severe malnutrition.

Good nutrition for mother and child during pregnancy and the child's first two years is critical to brain development, health, and future well-being.

HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday (April 14)

9:30 a.m. Marketplace

The fun for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. in the gym. We'll experience many of the same sights, sounds, and aromas of the Marketplace in Jesus' day. There will be morsels to nibble, costumes to wear, stories to hear, baby animals to hug, bead and clay crafts, and much more. This is Christian Education fun for the whole family. At the conclusion of the Marketplace, we will process into the sanctuary with palms.

11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship

Worship will include a palm parade and the presentation of the 2019 Confirmation Class.

4:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt at City Lake Park

Just for fun! Come to City Lake Park where there will be an Easter egg hunt for children (1 year old-grade 5) and fellowship for everyone. Egg hunters are encouraged to bring their baskets. Hot dogs off the grill will be supplemented by the chips/drinks each family is asked to contribute.

Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Perk & Pray

Drive through the parking lot on First Street for a cup of coffee/juice box and a prayer.

Maundy Thursday (April 18) in the Pit Stop at 5:30 p.m. **Please note time change.

Bring a favorite covered dish or two to share with your church family. We'll have a meal, and then hear the story of Christ's last meal with his disciples. We will share the Lord's Supper around the tables with the story of the night told in the voices of several of the disciples. This is a family-friendly meal and worship.

Good Friday (April 19)

10:30 a.m. Cross Walk (for all ages)

Meet outside the sanctuary (on North Street). We'll follow the cross through downtown Albemarle and pray for the people of our community.

12:00 p.m. Noon Prayer in the Chapel

8:00 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

The choir will lead this solemn service which focuses on the declining loyalty of the disciples and the fading light of the world as Jesus departs from it. We will share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Childcare provided.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 7 *Fifth Sunday of Lent/Youth Sunday/*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/Lent Discussion Group led by Skeet Ayscue (Media Room)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee
- 12:00 pm Session Meeting
- 3:00 pm Lent Hiking Posse led by Connie Wallace & Ken Knight (Morrow Mountain State Park)
- 4:00 pm Lent Discussion Group led by Kim Marshall at her home
- 6:00 pm Youth Group Sponsored Trivia Night Fundraiser

Monday, April 8 *Scholarship Application Deadline*

- 8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Tuesday, April 9

- 9:30 am Lent Kitchen Crusaders led by Gayle Russell & Jane Snyder (church kitchen)
- 12:00 pm May Newsletter Deadline
- 5:30 pm Membership Committee
- 6:00 pm Lent Discussion Group led by Greg & Dona Lisk (church kitchen-dinner included)

Wednesday, April 10

- 6:00 am Lent Discussion Group led by Elizabeth (church parlor-breakfast included)
- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 12:00 pm Community Lent Service at First Lutheran Church (230 South 2nd Street, Albemarle)
- 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Last Day of Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 4:30 pm Discussion Group with a playful twist led by Lillie Hancock (Teen Room)
- 5:45 pm Food for Body & Soul Evening Prayer (Chapel)
- 6:00 pm Food for Body & Soul Dinner (Gym)
- 7:00 pm Opioid Task Force
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm-9:30 pm Confirmation Class

Thursday, April 11

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 2:00 pm Lent Discussion Group led by Matt Drumheller at GloryBeans (134 West Main St., Albemarle)

Saturday, April 13 *Faith Explorers' Movie Outing - TBD*

Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday/Marketplace/Trusty Travelers & Faith Explorers participate in worship/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Presentation of the 2019 Confirmation Class/ One Great Hour of Sharing Offering/Deadline for Easter Lilies

- 9:30 am *Marketplace (Gym)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 4:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt & Cookout (City Lake Park)

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

- 07-Angie Earnhardt
Russell Karr
- 08-Joyce Lambert
- 09-Ashley Maust
- 10-Murphy Hall
Holden Taylor
- 11-Maddie Averette
Marlene Mittendorf
- 12-Laura Blalock
Jake Davis
Holly Norwood
- 13-Matt Moeller
- 14-Anissa Chapman
Paul Hinkle

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

APRIL

- 07-Thomas & Salem Taylor
- 13-Gus & Nancy Feather

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR APRIL

Canned Meat
Tuna, Chicken, Spam, Salmon

Easter Eve Cookout & Camping at Morrow Mountain on April 20

Overnight campers and afternoon/evening guests are welcome to gather at group campsite 5 & 6 for fellowship and fun! Bring and/or cook your own dinner on Saturday afternoon, April 20. Supplies for s'mores will be provided. Contact Ken Knight (704-438-4686 or kbknight17@gmail.com) for more information. We'll have a great evening of fellowship and trek to the sunrise service together.