



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## GATHERING BEFORE GOD

Sarum Primer  
(c. 1514)

### MORNING MEDITATION

*God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in my eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at my end, and at my departing. Amen.*

### PEALING OF THE BELLS

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

### GATHERING SONGS

Hymn 472	<i>Kum ba Yah</i>	stanzas 1-3
Hymn 721	<i>Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore</i>	stanzas 1, 3, and 4

Psalm 8, adapted  
from *Psalms Now*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, how full of wonder and splendor you are!

**I see the reflection of your beauty and hear the sounds of your majesty wherever I turn.**

The babbling of babies and the laughter of children speak of your name.

**When I gaze into the star-studded skies and attempt to comprehend the vastness of creation,**

I contemplate your ceaseless concern for the world.

**You have made me in your image. You have called me your beloved child.**

You have ordained me and chosen me to be your servant.

**You have called me to participate in your creative activity. O God, how full of wonder and splendor you are! We have come to worship you.**

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Father, we praise you; through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

### \*HYMN 63

*The Lord Is God*

Azmon

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

**God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name.**

### \*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**

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Penny Morton

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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

hymnal, page 288

**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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Exodus 20:1-3](#)

Pew Bible, page 63

ANTHEM

*O Love, How Deep*

Everett Titcomb

O Love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy, That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his daily works he wrought,  
By words and signs and actions, thus, still seeking not himself, but us.

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore forever and for evermore. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

[John 3:16-17](#)

Pew Bible, page 88

[II Corinthians 13:11-13](#)

Pew Bible, page 175

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Who Is God?*

Reverend Ayscue

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

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

**Glory to you forever!**

Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life:

**Glory to you forever!**

Font of Blessing, Living Water, Flowing River:

**Glory to you forever!**

Compassionate Mother, Beloved Child, Life-Giving Womb:

**Glory to you forever!**

Sun, Light, Burning Ray:

**Glory to you forever!**

Giver, Gift, and Giving:

**Glory to you forever!**

Lover, Beloved, and Love itself:

**Glory to you forever!**

Rock, Cornerstone, and Temple:

**Glory to you forever!**

Consuming Fire, Dividing Sword, Overpowering Storm:

**Glory to you forever!**

Rainbow of Promise, Ark of Salvation, Dove of Peace:

**Glory to you forever!**

God who was, God who is, and God who is to come:

**Glory to you forever!**

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given us grace, by our confession of faith, to acknowledge and worship your triune name in the majesty of your unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your eternal glory, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

\*HYMN 12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

St. Denio

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMAND

Presentation

\*Profession of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

hymnal, page 35

**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.**

Presentation of Bible

Prayer of Thanksgiving

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

*Offertory on 'Nicaea'*

Healey Willan

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

Sandy Saunders

*HYMN 744	<i>Arise, Your Light Is Come!</i>	Festal Song
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>God the Holy Trinity</i>	David Halls
*POSTLUDE	<i>Postlude on 'CWM Rhondda'</i>	Maurice Whitney

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 \*All that are able may stand.

**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 Natalie Niederer.** After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

**Leah Kilde, daughter of Heather and John Kilde,** participated in the 2019 confirmation class and is being confirmed today. Her confirmation partner is Jim Hesley.

**Thanks to elder Sandy Saunders** for serving as liturgist today.

**The rose in the sanctuary** is in honor of the birth of Jordan Rae Andrew, daughter of Bo and Lauren Andrew, who was born on June 11.

**There is no Children's Church in June, July, and August.** School-aged children are encouraged to remain in worship. Nursery is available for newborns-preschoolers.

**Ushers:** Jill Niebler, captain; Ella Cumming, Steve Cumming, Heather Deese, Katherine Jolly, and Dona Lisk  
**Outside Ushers:** Steve Coats; Stephan Kinley **Elder Greeters:** Taylor Johnston; Joyce Lambert **Nursery:** Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Chris Mabry; Kristie Bryson

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** The family of Ned Beachum (father of Kim Robertson), Jordan Rae Andrew (daughter of Bo and Lauren Andrew), Pep Mabry (friend of Bill & Jane Pickler; health concerns), Jane Pickler (pancreatic cancer), Caroline Morton Chisholm (chemotherapy), Elaine Coats, Davis Fort. **See newsletter for complete list.**

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**Thanks to the following people for assisting with the Central School Staff Brunch on June 7:** Linda Anderson, Mildred Andrew, Elizabeth Ayscue, Ruth Cotton, Peggy Finley, Debby Johnston, Mary Kesselman, Joyce Lambert, Lynn Poplin, Ruth Ann Rogers, Rose Saltzman, Sandy Saunders, Carolyn Sharpe, and Harold Sharpe.

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## LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

### SUNDAYS FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN THE PIT STOP

The Fellowship Committee invites you to the pit stop following worship this summer for lemonade and a special treat. Come beat the heat, quench your thirst, and fellowship with friends! If you are interested in hosting the fellowship event, sign-up on the clipboard or contact Melissa Eudy (704-439-6747 or the5eudys@gmail.com).

**FATHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS**

**In memory of:**

**Given by:**

Gilbert Anderson; Edward Arnold -----	Linda Anderson
Johnny Andrew -----	His Family
Austin Ayscue -----	Skeet & Elizabeth Ayscue
John F. McNair, III -----	Elizabeth & Skeet Ayscue
Ian Bryson -----	His Children & Grandchildren
Frank H. Gaither -----	Bob & Donna Gaither
James Macon King -----	Donna & Bob Gaither
Roger Downtin; Philip Jackson Green -----	Roger, Jack, Paul Green & Joan Boswinkle
Horace M. Boger; J.C. Hahn -----	Debbie & John Hahn
R.W. Hall, Sr. -----	Bill Hall
Charles Harris; Rev. J. E. Ratchford -----	Martha Sue
Bill Mullinix, Sr. -----	Martha Sue
Caldwell Holbrook, Sr; Brady Thomas -----	Pam & Gus Holbrook
John W. Barrett; J. Wallace Ivey -----	Margaret B. Ivey
Dr. Fred L. Marshall; Benjamin Ridenhour -----	Jim & Kim Marshall
Marvin (Son) Morton; Charlie Adam Lambert -----	Jack & Penny Morton
Roy Dearstyne; "Freck" Norwood -----	Holly & "Fred" Norwood
Howard Wayne Moose -----	Tammy Moose Ocampo
John P. Robertson, Jr.; Ned V. Beachum -----	Jeff & Kim Robertson
Joe Russell, Sr. -----	Miriam, Joe Jr. & Tom Russell
Manus Samples -----	Dan

**In honor of:**

**Given by:**

Skeet Ayscue -----	Rebekah & Spencer
Keith Bryson -----	Elizabeth Bryson & Duncan Bryson
Matt Carpenter -----	Hugh, Russ, & Nora
Frank Green -----	Roger, Jack, Paul Green, & Joan Boswinkle
John Hahn (Papa) -----	Ayla & Thomas
Gus Holbrook -----	Pam Holbrook
Jim Marshall (Papa) -----	Brittany, Ashley, Ginny, and Luke, Olivia, Greta, James, and Grace
Jack Morton -----	Taylor, Caroline, & Penny
Kyle Barbee -----	Maddox, Marshall, & Jaycee
Rory Chisholm -----	Goodwin
Eric Niederer; Lee Niederer; Matt Carpenter; Doug Owens -----	Courtney, Natalie, & Ellie Niederer
Dr. Tom Norwood -----	Family & Oreo & Snuppy
Dan Samples; Bill Hall; Peter Schultz -----	Palmer Schultz
John Howell; Frank Green; Bob Gaither; Dick Liles; -----	A Grateful Family
Stan Scheer; Roger Eudy; Ken Knight; Steve Coats	



## Gardening for SCCM Begins Sunday, June 16

We will start Gardening for SCCM on Sunday, June 16. A table will be set-up in the pit stop before and after worship throughout the summer for donated garden produce to be sold with proceeds to benefit Stanly Community Christian Ministry (SCCM). Extra produce not sold will be donated to SCCM. Please bring your fresh garden fruits and vegetables to help with this program.

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### **HONDURAS LUNCHEON ON SUNDAY, JUNE 23 FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

**Cost: Donation (to support Montaña de Luz trip participants)**

**Menu:**

**Honduran Soup (Beef, Potatoes, Carrots), Corn Tortillas,  
Shredded Queso Cheese, Salsa, Black Bean & Corn Salsa,  
Fruit Display, Churros & Cookies, Tea, Lemonade, and Water**

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**Due to summer vacation schedules,  
it is possible that the office will be closed on some afternoons.**

**Please call ahead to make sure the person you need is available.**

**In an emergency, call Elizabeth.**

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, June 16

*Father's Day/Gardening for SCCM*

- 8:30 am Session
- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am \*Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (Pit Stop)

### Monday, June 17

- 9:00 am-1:00 pm Cooking Camp
- 8:00 pm Bible Study at Off the Square

### Tuesday, June 18

- 9:00 am-1:00 pm Cooking Camp
- 3:00 pm Youth Afternoon Mission at the Mary & Martha Center

### Wednesday, June 19

- 9:00 am-1:00 pm Cooking Camp

### Thursday, June 20

- 9:00 am-1:00 pm Cooking Camp
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

### Sunday, June 23 *Gardening for SCCM*

- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Nominating Committee Meeting
- 10:00 am \*Worship
- 11:00 am Congregational Luncheon

**\*childcare provided**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### JUNE

- 16-Janet Schaefer
- 17-Holland Currie  
Lynn Poplin  
Kim Robertson
- 18-Mark Mabry
- 19-Jane Boone  
Marshall Jolly  
Jack Morton
- 20-Judy Kilgore
- 22-Maci Holshouser

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### JUNE

- 16-Jeff & Kim Robertson
- 17-Bo & Lauren Andrew
- 19-Andy & Ruth Cotton  
Claude & Cathryn Harwood  
Bob & Carol Sasser
- 23-Ken & Laura Frazier

## SCCM CHALLENGE FOR

### JUNE

- Paper Goods...
- Toilet Tissue
- Paper Towels
- Facial Tissue
- Cleaning Supplies