



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

To worship God means to serve God. There are basically two ways to do that. One way is to do things for God that need to be done-carry messages of love, feed God's lambs, hold those who are hurting. The other way is to do things for God that you need to do-sing songs, tell God what's on your mind and in your heart, and create beautiful things for God.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONGS

Hymn 438 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* stanzas 1, 2, and 3
Hymn 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Gayle Russell, liturgist

Because from the beginning, God has been faithful,

We aim to serve God with lives of faithfulness.

Because in the trinity, God patterned community,

We bring our lives together in this church.

Because God's prophets stood up for justice,

We join our voices to witness for peace.

Because God has showered us with love,

We gather to worship God!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God, you alone are worthy of honor and praise. Open our eyes to see the world as you see it. Give us the wisdom to witness your presence in all people. Transform us in love, grow us in faith, call us to love with a full heart, and to share your promises with all people. Amen.

***HYMN 611**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

We know you are a God of abundance, yet often we have been a people of scarcity. You have showered us with reasons for praise, but we have not always shared your gifts with the world. You have granted us opportunities for love, and we have responded with cold indifference. You have given us chances to be transformed, and we have fallen into old, selfish habits. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short. Empower us to know the depth of your grace. Move us to respond with lives of faithfulness, until our every movement is an act of praise, our every word a song of thanksgiving, and our every breath a prayer.

From
Wishful Thinking
by Frederick
Buechner.

Based on
Psalms 145

Glory to God hymnal
page 582

***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

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, as we turn to your Word, may your Spirit rest upon us.
Make us steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Psalm 111](#)

Pew Bible, page 531

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
Craig Taylor, Bass

John Newton

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Ephesians 5:15-20](#)

Pew Bible, page 183

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Reverend Claire George-Drumheller

Worship Is the Most Important Thing We Do

***AFFIRMATION 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.

***HYMN 744**

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Festal Song

During the hymn, ushers will collect your prayers to be included in the Prayers of the People.

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

*Romans 10:8b
Psalm 91:9*

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Reverend Ayscue

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Doxology

No. 1 Diapason Movement

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

John Alcock

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 697

Take My Life

Hendon

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Fuga A 2 Voci

John Cristopher Pepusch

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

Thanks to Craig Taylor for sharing his musical talent with us today.

Thanks to Gayle Russell for serving as liturgist today.

We welcome Reverend Claire George-Drumheller to the pulpit this morning. She is a graduate of Presbyterian College and Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond. Claire serves as Parish Associate for Campus Ministry at Davidson College Presbyterian Church.

There is no Children's Church in the summer. School-aged children are encouraged to remain in worship. Nursery is available for newborns-preschoolers.

Thanks to the Ayscue family for hosting lemonade on the lawn today.

Ushers: Brett Richards, captain; Mark Donham, Judy Kilgore, Ethan Richards, Grace Richards, Danny Saltzman **Outside Ushers:** Brad Boone; John Earnhardt **Elder Greeters:** Debbie Bennett; Joyce Lambert **Nursery:** Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Debby Johnston; Carol Sasser

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Don Joines, Jim Sawyer, Mark Mabry, Jordan Andrew (daughter of Bo & Lauren Andrew), Jane Pickler (pancreatic cancer), Caroline Morton Chisholm (chemotherapy), Elaine Coats, Davis Fort. **See newsletter for complete list.**

The work team departs for Montaña de Luz on Wednesday. Please hold them close in prayer as they travel, work, and experience the presence of God in new ways.



Due to the painting of the GHA Autism Supports office, their parking lot is closed until further notice. The GHA staff requests that First Presbyterian Church friends and members not park in the lot until the painting is complete...this includes Sundays. We will notify you when GHA opens the parking lot. Thank you.



Today is the last Sunday for Circle the Sanctuary. Please bring non-perishable food items to designated areas in the sanctuary.

Most Needed Items Are:

Canned Fruit (No Sugar Added), Canned Vegetables (Low Sodium), Canned Meats, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Macaroni & Cheese, Oatmeal/Grits, 1lb bag of rice



**GAME NIGHT FOR ALL AGES
SUNDAY, JULY 21
AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE PIT STOP**

Join the Fellowship Committee on Sunday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the gym for a rousing round of game night! Bring your favorite game and a snack to share. Contact Melissa Eudy (704-439-6747) for questions.





**Save the Date for
Vespers & Homemade Ice Cream
Sunday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m.
At the home of Connie Wallace & Ken Knight
(45118 Byrd Road, Albemarle)**



Wish List

For Montaña de Luz

Our group is leaving for Montaña de Luz on Wednesday, July 24.
Your donation(s) of the following supplies would be greatly appreciated:

Toiletries

Shampoo (for men & women)
Conditioner
Lice Shampoo/Lice kits
Body wash (for men & women)
Feminine pads (no tampons)
Razors (for men & women)
Deodorant (for men & women)
Hair gel
Body lotion
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Baby wipes

Education

Dry erase markers
Composition notebooks
Pencils (no mechanical pencils)
Pencil sharpeners
Blue, black and red pens
Printer paper

Other

Flip flops/Crocs (men & women ages 9-20)

Games

Interactive games for kids ages 1 & 2, Puzzles, Child and young adult coloring books, Jenga, Uno card game, Sidewalk chalk, Friendship bracelet materials, Paint materials for art projects

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 21

Circle the Sanctuary

- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (pit stop)
- 6:30 pm Game Night for all ages (pit stop)

Monday, July 22

- 8:00 pm Bible Study at Off the Square

Wednesday, July 24

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, July 28

- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (pit stop)

***childcare provided**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
JULY**

- 23-Jackson Palmer
- 24-Beth Poolos
Craig Taylor
- 25-Bruce Mittendorf
- 26-William Ivey
Adam Jolly
- 27-Chris Chapman
John Hahn
Ellen Whitley

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
JULY**

- 28-Matt & Claire George-Drumheller
John & Heather Kilde
Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR JULY

- Staple Items...
- Flour
- Sugar
- Vegetable Oil
- Broth
- Cooking Spray



**LEMONADE ON THE LAWN
SUNDAYS FOLLOWING WORSHIP
IN THE PIT STOP**

Stop by to connect with your church family
over lemonade and tasty treats!

Gardening for SCCM

If you have extra garden produce, consider sharing it at the designated table in the Pit Stop. Church members who need it can take some for a donation. Contributions and extra produce will be donated to SCCM.





DINNERS FOR 7

Dinners for 7 will return in the fall. These dinner groups will gather (in home, restaurants, or around a picnic table in the park) once a month through the fall. Sign-up to be part of one and make new connections.