



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 13, 2020

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love, and the future to God's providence.

Augustine of Hippo
(354-430)

PRELUDE

In Green Pastures

Harold Edwin Darke

First Presbyterian Church
Worship Archive
May 17, 2015

PEALING OF THE BELLS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Stella Marks

OPENING SENTENCES

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
The conviction of things not seen

Hebrews 11:1

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord, O my soul.
With all my being I bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
God pardons my wrongdoings and heals my ills.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
With all my being I bless God's holy name.

Psalms 103

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 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

Darwall's 148th

First Presbyterian Church
Worship Archive
June 26, 2016

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love;

When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;

The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

And gather all the saints to their eternal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Merciful God, we have failed to trust in you. We have forgotten that which you have done for us in the past. We have placed our hope elsewhere in expectation for the future. Forgive us for failing to recognize your grace at work in our lives, and for failing to entrust our future to you.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Gloria Patri

Meineke

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Reverend Drumheller

COMMISSIONING OF TEACHERS AND LEADERS
IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Gayle Russell

Introduction

Commitment by Teachers and Leaders

Charge

Prayer

ANTHEM

All Creatures of Our God and King

William E. Krape

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia!

Then burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for Thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright, Thou givest man both warmth and light,
Alleluia!

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

[Hebrews 11:1-3](#)

Marlene Sanges

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Onward with Faith and Hope

Reverend Drumheller

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May 17, 2015

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November 13, 2016

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 691

Lord, When I Came into This Life

Land of Rest

Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name;
Today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.

Within the circle of the faith, as member of your cast,
I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.

In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,
Let your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.

So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:
Feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on you.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Adagio

Benedetto

Marcello

Prayer of Dedication

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *May the Road Rise to Meet You* Mark Schweizer

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back;

May the sun shine warm upon your face, may the rain fall soft upon your field,

And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.

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The Brief Statement of Faith was written upon the reunification of the Presbyterian Church. It was written to be used in worship, as we use it today.

First Presbyterian Church
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September 8, 2018

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Worship Archive

Thank you to Katherine Jolly and Ken Knight for helping to create this morning's video. Thank you to Gayle Russell and Marlene Sanges for helping with worship.

The acolyte today is Stella Marks.

Worship resumes at 11:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, September 13.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Banks Garrison, Yoder Whitley, Linda Richards, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

If you have not already done so, please stop by the church to sign a hymnal for Kim and Jeff Robertson & Taylor and Lisa Johnston. Call before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).



with Faith & Hope

RALLY DAY 2020

CHURCH PARKING LOT DRIVE-THRU EVENT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT 9:30 A.M.

The Christian Education Committee would love for you to join us for a drive-thru event in the parking lot for a morning of food, fun, and fellowship as we kick-off the new year in Christian Education. This is an intergenerational event and all ages are invited! Come to the drive-thru event, and we will send you home with food, activities, and information. We will post videos for you to watch at home about all the classes, **MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES** available this year as we move **ONWARD WITH FAITH AND HOPE!** You will be able to sign up for the different classes, activities, or ministries online, via email, or by calling the church office.



Commissioning of Teachers and Leaders in Christian Education
Sunday, September 13 during worship

On Rally Day, teachers and leaders in the Christian Education program will be commissioned during worship. Please plan to come to our drive-thru Rally Day (which begins at 9:30 a.m.) and online worship (which begins at 11:00 a.m.) to support and encourage our 2020-2021 teachers and leaders as they begin guiding our congregation in various ways.

Starting on Sunday, September 20, we will have Children's Church during worship via Zoom! Join us after the children's moment in our own Zoom room for an online version of worship for kids. We will read Scripture, have music, and do activities to help keep our Kindergarten-2nd grade students involved. Zoom login information will be available with worship information. Contact Melissa Eudy (the5eudys@gmail.com or 704-439-6747) for more information.

Sunday School is for Children starts at 10:15 a.m. beginning September 20

In the early years, parents lay the foundation for a life of faith in their children. This happens at home and through experiences the parent provides for their child(ren). Sunday School allows children to explore their faith in new ways with other adults and children. Our Sunday School program utilizes an age appropriate curriculum called *Grace and Gratitude*.

Sunday School groupings are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
Grades K-5	Zoom Room	Penny Morton
Grades 6-12	Zoom Room	Matt Drumheller

K-5th Graders....Zoom Room...Our elementary youth Sunday School classes will continue to meet together this fall! Penny Morton will be leading this class using the curriculum, *Grace and Gratitude*.

6th-12th Graders...Zoom Room...Our middle school and high school Sunday School classes will continue to meet together this fall. Matt will be leading this class.

Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation from 9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

The Wired Word

Led by Rich Schaefer

Location: Zoom

The Wired Word class is an opportunity for a group of us to discuss current events and also look at them from a biblical perspective. Each week the editors of the Wired Word provide us with a summary of a meaningful news event and then help guide our discussion with "key questions" as well as bible verses that relate to issues in the news article.

The lessons are emailed to you every Thursday morning. You can read it at your convenience and then think about it as much or as little as you want before we meet via Zoom on Sunday mornings. To get started please send your email address to me at richard.schaefer@gmail.com and I will get you set up to receive the Wired Word each Thursday morning.

POP-UP

Hiking at Morrow Mountain

Sunday, September 13

Meet at the Kron House Parking Lot at 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a great trail hike and see a few historical features - an old homesite and the Civilian Conservation Camp (CCC) from the 1930s. The socially distant hike will be *out and back* so folks can turn around at any point they want. Bring sturdy hiking boots and water. The hike (considered easy to moderate) will be along the Bilesville Road, which runs from the Kron House to the park entrance gate. We will be getting off-trail just a little bit. Participants need to be able to walk on a rocky, uneven surface, but don't need to be super fit. Meet at the Kron House parking lot at 2 p.m. For more information, contact Ken Knight (kbknight17@gmail.com or 704-985-6277).

POP-UP

Scenic Overlook at Morrow Mountain

Thursday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Tom Rabe and family funded the scenic overlook renovation project and dedicated it to Tom's grandfather, Mr. James McKnight Morrow. There is a great story behind Morrow Mountain and the Rabe/Morrow family. Lynn Poplin is going to share the story with us! Join us at the top of Morrow Mountain at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 17 for muffins, coffee, water, and a history lesson. There is a handicap accessible area with a picnic table where we can meet and social distance. Please bring your mask and a chair (contact Jane Snyder if you need a chair 704-438-3358) and join us for a morning at our beautiful Morrow Mountain!

!!! YOUTH CLUB IS BACK !!!



Trusty Travelers will meet with Matt and others on Zoom each Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to learn about the Bible, to play games, sing songs, and even work on some art projects. To access the Zoom information, please contact Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) or sign-up using the Rally Day form.

Faith Explorers will meet with Dorothy on Zoom each Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. They will talk about questions of faith and explore Bible stories together. To access Zoom information, please contact Dorothy (dhart@fpcalbemarle.org) or sign-up using the Rally Day form.

High School Monday Night Bible Study

with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton

High schoolers are invited to join Debby Johnston and Jack Morton to discuss the Bible, faith, and life. The group will meet at 8:30 p.m. on Monday nights at Debby's house (1212 Heritage Drive, Albemarle) beginning September 14.

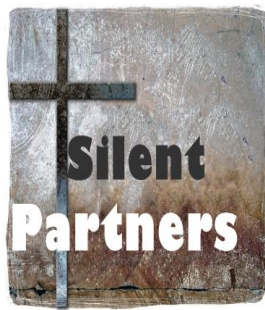
Monday Night Bible Study with Matt Resumes

Each Monday night Matt hosts a Bible study over Zoom at 8:00 p.m. We read the lectionary passage for each week and talk about how Scripture impacts our lives.



Want an opportunity to help others during this pandemic?

Senior Services of Stanly County needs people to deliver meals to home bound seniors during the weekday in the Albemarle area and occasionally in the Badin and Richfield areas. Volunteers may be used multiple times weekly if available. Volunteers are encouraged to use safety precautions of wearing masks and gloves, using hand sanitizer between each delivery, and limiting contact with recipients by placing bagged meals on the door rather than entering homes. Masks and hand sanitizer are provided if needed. Think you can help out? Please call Joy Richardson at 704-986-3773 if you have any questions and are interested.



Would You Like To Be A Silent Partner?

First Presbyterian Church college students have been begun the 2020-2021 school year. We need you to serve as a Silent Partner to these college students. The Silent Partner remains anonymous to the student and maintains contact by sending cards, and/or small packages of helpful college items such as favorite snacks, small school supplies, or gift cards for fast food or coffee, etc. The feedback each year from the college students is very positive. Won't you support one of our students in this way? Contact the church office at 704-982-2722 to sign-up to be a Silent Partner.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, Matt leads Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. through Zoom. To access the meeting, go to the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the *Morning Prayer* banner. You can also find the link through the weekly updates email.

*****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY*****

**First Presbyterian Church Storytime for Children
Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. for Preschoolers via YouTube livestream video**

Matt will livestream a video reading a children's book.

To access the video, go to the First Presbyterian Church website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the Storytime banner.



**Bible Study and Conversation with Catherine & Matt Moeller
Thursdays from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Join Catherine and Matt Moeller for fellowship and biblical reflection. Each Monday, you will receive an email with the selected devotional for the week. Discussion will focus on the significance and application of the scripture. If you need help with Zoom, contact the church office (704-982-2722). Please email Matt Drumheller (mtdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) or Catherine Moeller (mattandcatherine@hotmail.com) to say you are interested or need more information. Please join us!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 13

Rally Day/Commissioning of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education

- 9:30 am Rally Day Drive-Thru Event (church parking lot)
- 11:00 am Online Worship
- 12:30 pm Diaconate Meeting via Zoom
- 2:00 pm Pop-Up with Ken Knight: Hiking at Morrow Mountain

Monday, September 14

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt via Zoom
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby & Jack Morton at the home of Debby & Bob Johnston (1212 Heritage Drive, Albemarle)

Wednesday, September 16

- 6:45 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 1:00 pm Online Story Time (Preschoolers)
- 3:30 pm-4:00 pm Youth Club Trusty Travelers meet via Zoom
- 4:00 pm-4:30 pm Youth Club Faith Explorers meet via Zoom

Thursday, September 17

- 10:00 am Pop-Up Event – Scenic Overlook at Morrow Mountain State Park
- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Sunday, September 20

- 8:30 am Session Meeting via Zoom
- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship
- 7:00 pm Virtual Youth Group

Your on-going support of First Presbyterian Church is essential to the mission and ministry of the church and to the well-being of our ministry partners, locally and globally.

Thank you for your generosity.

**Tithes and offerings may be mailed to:
 First Presbyterian Church
 P.O. Box 1578
 Albemarle, NC 28002**

**Online giving can be done through the church’s website (www.fpcalbemarle.org).
 Click on the GIVE button.**

All staff members are working at home whenever possible, and the church building is closed most of the time. The church's answering machine is being checked periodically; however, in case of an emergency, please contact Matt (540.449.5319) directly.

This week’s worship video will become available at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. To access the worship video, go to the church’s website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the worship banner or search for the church on *YouTube* and click on the appropriate video.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
 SEPTEMBER**

- 13-Jane Pickler
- 15-Jim Hesley
- 16-Kyle Marks
David Morgan
- 17-Peggy Rogers
- 18-Sam Davis
Nathaniel Eudy
- 19-Becky Miller
- 20-Angus Currie
Brent Lisk
Grant Lisk

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
 SEPTEMBER**

- 15-Banks & Susan Garrison
- 16-Don & Sheryl Stewart