



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Albemarle, North Carolina
Matt Drumheller, Pastor

Church Offices: (704) 982-2722

Website: www.fpcalbemarle.org

September 20, 2020

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

You are saved by God's grace because of your faith. This salvation is God's gift. It's not something you possessed. It's not something you did that you can be proud of.

Ephesians 2:8-9
(Common English Bible)

PRELUDE

Antiphon

Marcel Dupré

PEALING OF THE BELLS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Cooper Atwater

OPENING SENTENCES

The last are first in the realm of God;

The least are welcomed in Jesus' name.

Mark 9:35-37

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dorothy Hart, liturgist

Psalm 145

Come, let's praise God together!

For God is great and worthy of our praise.

Let's tell stories of God's power and majesty, of God's mighty acts throughout history.

For God is great and worth of our praise.

Let's remember the compassion God has shown us; God's mercy and unfailing love, generation after generation.

For God is great, and worthy of our praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Exodus 13-16

Mighty God, you spoke to your people in the pillar of cloud as they walked together in the wilderness. Speak to us through your Word today, that we may hear you. Call us out of the wilderness places in our lives and into new places you have promised to show us. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

First Presbyterian Church
Worship Archive
March 11, 2018

HYMN 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Holy Manna

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down.
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you come and help us? Moses' sister aided him.
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found.
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace and filled with fears?
Is there here a weeping Mary pouring forth a flood of tears?
Brethren, join your cries to help them; sisters, let your prayers abound!
Pray, O pray, that holy manna will be scattered all around.

Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

Matthew 20:1-16

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Merciful God, despite your overflowing goodness, we grumble. Rather than rejoice in your grace for us, we resent that you extend kindness to others. Instead of gratitude for your mercy, we question why you would embrace those we think undeserving – forgetting that none of us are righteous, all of us are saved by grace. Forgive us for judging others and begrudging your generosity.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

First Presbyterian Church
Worship Archive
May 17, 2015

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

Barbara McManus

At the conclusion of Faith Sharing with Children, children in grades K-2nd are encouraged to join Melissa Eudy for Children's Church via Zoom. The link for the Zoom call can be found in yesterday's worship email.

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Mark Hayes

First Presbyterian Church
Worship Archive
September 16, 2018

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, O thou my true word,
I ever with Thee, Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I thy true Son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I in thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou my inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, the victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's sun;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

[Matthew 20:1-16](#)

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Fairness

Reverend Drumheller

HYMN 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
Thomas Hahn, Bagpipes

Amazing Grace

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

First Presbyterian Church
Worship Archive
October 27, 2019

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation

Profession of Faith

The 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.

Welcome

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Cantilena

Robert Lau

Prayer of Dedication

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Mark Schweizer

May the Road Rise to Meet You

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.

PERMISSIONS: *Antiphon*, Marcel Dupré (1886-1971) © 1920, *H. W. Gray*. Used with permission under One License A-709512. *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*, Text: George Atkins (d. 1816), Music: *Holy Manna*. Columbian Harmony, 1825. Public domain. *Glory Be to the Father*, Text: Lesser Doxology 3rd - 4th century, Music: *Meineke*. Charles Meineke (1782-1850). Public domain. *Be Thou My Vision*, Text: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne (1880-1931), Music: *Slane*, Old Irish Folk Tune, choral setting by Mark Hayes (b. 1953) © 2011, *Beckenhorst Press, Inc*. Used with permission under One License A-709512. *Amazing Grace*, Text: John Newton (1725-1807), Music: *Amazing Grace*. Columbian Harmony, 1829, Public domain. *Cantilena*, Robert Lau (b. 1943) © 2012, *Lorenz Publishing Corp*. Used with permission under One License A-709512. *May the Road Rise to Meet You*, Text: Traditional Irish Blessing, Music: Mark Schweizer (1956-2019) © 2001, *St. James Music Press*. Used with permission ID 1291.

IN MEMORIAM
Linda Hildreth Richards
January 27, 1944 – September 12, 2020

Thank you to Duncan Bryson and Ken Knight for helping to create this morning’s video. Thank you to Dorothy Hart for serving as today’s liturgist.

The acolyte today is Cooper Atwater.

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



We are excited to begin Children's Church via Zoom! Join us in worship after *Faith Sharing with Children* in our own Zoom room for an online version of worship for kids (ages Kindergarten-2nd grade). The link for the Zoom call can be found in yesterday’s worship email.

Welcome New Members

Amy & Greg Jones
Emily and Grayson
17963 Margie Lane
Norwood, NC 28128

Home Phone: 704-474-9466 Amy (cell): 704-438-1416 Email Address: Amyj396@gmail.com

Monday Night Bible Study with Matt

Join Matt as he hosts a Bible study over Zoom at 8:00 p.m. on Mondays. We read the lectionary passage for each week and talk about how Scripture impacts our lives.

High School Monday Night Bible Study

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). Come join us!

Around the Table with Jane & Friends

We will meet on Zoom on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. for 6 weeks starting on September 22. Each week we will watch a video of a parishioner sharing something “around the table”. We will also be reading and discussing scripture associated with events “around the table”.

Wrestling with Scripture

In this series, Matt leads conversation about the role of the Bible in contemporary Christianity. Focusing on Biblical authority, we look at a variety of readings by scholars. Participants explore their own thoughts and beliefs about the authority of Scripture. We meet on via Zoom from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.



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.

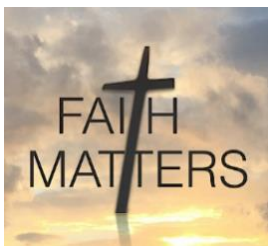
The lessons are emailed to you every Thursday morning. You can read it at your convenience and then think about it as much or as little as you want before we meet via Zoom on Sunday mornings. To get started please send your email address to me at richard.schaefer@gmail.com and I will get you set up to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



Youth Club

Youth Club has begun via Zoom for our K - 5th graders! We are exploring the Beatitudes this fall. **Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders)** meet from 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and **Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders)** meet from 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Please keep our children in your prayers as we do Youth Club in a very different way this year. If you would like to sign up your child to participate, or you'd like to help with the program, please contact Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).

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).



Faith Matters

With the help of a variety of outside speakers, we will explore many expressions of faith. Our speakers have expertise on a broad variety of topics, and each will lead us in exploring faith. Our first speaker will be Becky Davis, Professor of Christian Education at Union Presbyterian Seminary. This conversation will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Education and Conversation on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Our congregation, along with many others, is continuing a challenging journey of educating ourselves about systemic racism in America. Members of the church have been gathering on Zoom to explore how we benefit from or are affected by systems of privilege, and how we might bring about a kingdom-oriented world in which, *we are all one in Christ.* (Galatians 3:28)

In September, we will be reading the book *White Fragility*. This book helps the reader understand racism as a practice not restricted to *bad people*. In doing so, the author moves our national discussion forward. Please join us on Zoom on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss this book.

Women's Retreat is set for October 9-11



Our Women's Retreat will be both in-person (socially distanced with masks) and online October 9-11. The theme for this year is *The Power of Staying* and how God can work through our staying. Join us for all or part of the retreat! For more information, contact Melissa Eudy (the5eudys@gmail.com or 704-439-6747).

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.



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 (mrumheller@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 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 Youth Group (sanctuary – socially distanced/mask required)

Monday, September 21

- 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 Johnston & Jack Morton at the home of Debby & Bob Johnston (1212 Heritage Drive, Albemarle)

Tuesday, September 22

- 10:00 am Around the Table with Jane Snyder & Friends via Zoom
- 12:00 pm October Newsletter Deadline
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Wrestling with Scripture with Matt via Zoom

Wednesday, September 23

- 6:45 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm Online Story Time (Preschoolers)
- 3:30 pm-4:00 pm Youth Club Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders) via Zoom
- 4:00 pm-4:30 pm Youth Club Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders) via Zoom
- 7:00 pm Faith Matters with Professor Becky Davis via Zoom

Thursday, September 24

- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Sunday, September 27

- 9:45 am-10:30 am Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship
- 7:00 pm Youth Group (sanctuary – socially distanced/mask required)

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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
SEPTEMBER**

- 20-Angus Currie
- Brent Lisk
- Grant Lisk
- 21-Ben Andrew
- Ollie Henkenjohann
- Mary Lane
- 22-Jake Whisnant
- 25-Kristie Bryson
- 27-Carter Gibson
- Caroline West

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
SEPTEMBER**

- 26-Joe & Ann Snuggs
- 27-John & Jessica Palmer

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.

**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.