



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 14, 2021

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

To be Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.

C.S. Lewis

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

Dale Wood

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PEALING OF THE BELLS

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May 1, 2016

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Thora Kilde

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 107:1

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

For his steadfast love endures forever.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Melissa Eudy, liturgist

We gather as a community of disciples of Jesus.

Recognizing our unity, and the love that we share,

Hearing the call for justice and aware of our need for forgiveness,

Relying upon the connections that sustain us,

We gather as a beloved community.

We gather to worship God.

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 444

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Detroit

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September 17, 2017

Forgive our sins as we forgive, you taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.
Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Hymn 415 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* Restoration
Craig Taylor, soloist

Let no conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.

Refrain:

*I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

Acts 2:43-47

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

God of mercy, you have called us to depend upon one another, to care for one another, and to journey together. You have called us into community. Yet, we have given in to fantasies of self-reliance, and the idol of rugged individualism. We have forgotten our neighbor and lost sight of your vision for a connected community. Forgive us, Lord.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

hymn 643, stanza 3

Now Thank We All Our God Nun danket alle Gott
All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given;
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, as shall be evermore.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

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ANTHEM

Everlasting Life

David Rasbach

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
That whosoever believeth in Him hath everlasting life.
God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through Him might be saved.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, guide us by your Word through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so we may be reformed, restored, and renewed. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

[Matthew 18:21-35](#)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Truth and Reconciliation

Reverend Drumheller

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

REFLECTION ON COMMUNITY

Robert Ivey

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory *In Christ There Is No East or West* Healey Willan

Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

The Lord's Table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ and to those who want to trust him more.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Anthem

Malcolm Archer

Lamb of God from 'The Sewanee Service'

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Grant us your peace.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

HYMN 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* Ar hydy y nos

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him,
saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

This is an excerpt from the
Confession of Belhar, the
newest creed included in our
Book of Confessions.

We use this affirmation in the
season of Lent as a reminder of
the gift and challenge of
community.

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Communion elements can be
delivered or picked up at the
church upon request.
Please email
mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org
by the Thursday before worship.

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer

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Thank you to Bob Johnston and Andy McLeod for helping to create this morning's video. Thank you to Melissa Eudy, Robert Ivey, and Craig Taylor for their participation in worship today.

The acolyte today is Thora Kilde.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Sandy Saunders, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

In an effort to keep the newsletter prayer list updated, please notify the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org) or Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or hallmsh@hotmail.com) of changes.

Please stop by the church and sign a hymnal for Susan Pandich and for Mary Lane and Craig Minkler, & Emmett. Call the church office before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).

Community Art during Lent

A public art installation on the North Street lawn at the bottom of the sanctuary steps is available for your Community Art contribution during Lent. You are invited to come by the church any time. Supplies and instructions are available at the location for you to use. Please take a picture of yourself adding to the project and send it to Matt. Come by on Easter Sunday to see the final result!

Daily Scripture Readings during Lent

March 14	Mark 11:15-33
March 15	Mark 12:1-12
March 16	Mark 12:13-27
March 17	Mark 12:28-44
March 18	Mark 13:1-23
March 19	Mark 13:24-37
March 20	Mark 14:1-26
March 21	Mark 14:27-42



Remember to *spring forward*
one hour in the early morning hours of March 14
(or before you go to bed on March 13).



From the Scholarship Committee...

Scholarship applications are available Monday, March 1 on the church website (www.fpcalbemarle.org). **The deadline to return completed applications is Tuesday, April 6.** If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2021 are: Steve Coats, Chair, Ben Jolly, and Courtney Niederer.



As part of our Lenten practice this year, the church will host a 24-hour prayer vigil. We will begin praying as a community at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 20 and conclude with corporate prayer in worship on March 21. You can sign-up to participate in as much time as you would like for this prayer vigil. There will be an online sign-up form once the time gets closer. You can sign-up to participate in the vigil in person or online.

Contact Shannon Bullard to reserve your spot (shanbullard@yahoo.com or 254-498-7432). When you sign-up, you will receive instructions to help guide your prayer. There will also be a live-stream of the church sanctuary for those who wish to pray from home with contemplative music to help focus your prayer time.



Backpack Food Program

Donations Needed:

Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies,
Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup,
Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper, Snack Crackers,
Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups

Donations may be dropped off at the church.

Packing Date: Wednesday, March 17 at 10:30 a.m.



DRIVE-THRU LENT MEALS ON WEDNESDAYS

MARCH 17 AND MARCH 24

FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.

RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON THE MONDAY PRIOR TO THE MEAL

Lenten Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesdays during Lent: March 17 and March 24. If you would like a Lenten meal, please RSVP by 2:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the meal. We will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

The menu will be emailed in advance.

Menu for Wednesday, March 17 (RSVP by Monday, March 15 at 2:00 p.m.):

Chicken Pot Pie

Pound Cake

Suggested Donation: \$5 per person....Maximum of \$15 per family.

Please come with correct change or a check written to First Presbyterian Church.

All we need you to do is reserve meals with Anne Montgomery:

**call Anne Montgomery at 704-796-5841 or email Anne at johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com
and let her know how many plates and desserts you need, and if it will be a pickup or delivery
(include address and any special instructions).**

**After sharing your meal together at home, you can log on to a weekly Zoom call at 7:00 p.m.
There will be dedicated time for you to catch up with your FPC friends and family, and we will
close each week with a time of worship and music together.**

S'MORES AND GAMES

Sunday, March 21 from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Join us Sunday, March 21 from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. for s'mores and games! Fire pits and s'mores bags will be available, as well as cornhole and other games. Fire pit times of 30 minutes must be reserved by contacting Melissa Eudy (704-439-6747 or the5eudys@gmail.com) or Michelle Cumming (704-984-0435 or michellecumming85@yahoo.com).

SCCM FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Please purchase the *smaller* options of mayo, ketchup, flour, sugar, cooking oil, etc. This is helpful when we build boxes for our clients because our boxes are based on weight.

Please take donations to SCCM:
506 South First Street, Albemarle
Monday-Thursday; 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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| Cereal (Plain & Pre-Sweetened) | Applesauce |
| Canned Meat (Not Tuna) | Flour (Plain & Self-Rising) |
| Mayo | Sugar |
| Mustard | Sweetened Condensed Milk |
| Ketchup | Evaporated Milk |
| Canned Fruit (Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail) | Salad Dressing |
| Toilet Tissue | Cake Mix |
| Bar soaps | Jelly |
| Toothbrushes (individually packed) | Pancake Syrup |
| Cooking Oil | Pancake Mix |
| Navy Beans | Instant Jello & Pudding |
| Black Eyed Peas | Salt & Pepper |
| Lima Beans | |



Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 28

For this year's Easter Egg Hunt, we have two options for families. The first option is for you to pick up Easter eggs from the church on Palm Sunday (March 28th) after worship to hide at your home. The second option is to have the youth hide Easter eggs at your house (also on Palm Sunday). If you would like to do either of these options, please fill out the google form using the link below. If you have any questions, contact Dorothy at dhart@fpcalbemarle.org or 828-244-3824.

<https://tinyurl.com/mbte898w>



LENTEN TIME OF REFLECTION

We are creating a space in the parlor during Holy Week for you to spend some time in peaceful meditation. You will feel as if you are outside walking on a path. We will have a labyrinth (the path) to give you an opportunity to deepen your awareness of God's presence and guidance. Please sign-up if you would like to get out of your house to enjoy some peace and quiet in reflection. Call or email Matt Drumheller (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org or 540-449-5319) to sign up for 15 minute slots:

Sunday, March 28 from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Monday and Wednesday, March 29 & 31 from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday, March 30 & April 1 from Noon-7pm.

Perk and Pray

Monday, March 29 – Friday, April 2 from 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

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

Maundy Thursday Online Worship on Thursday, April 1 at 6:00 p.m.

We'll read the story of Christ's last meal with his disciples and celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in this online worship service.

Good Friday Cross Drive on Friday, April 2

Any time during the day on Good Friday, you can come by the church and pick-up a map to guide you to several spots around Albemarle. At these spots, you will be encouraged to pray for our local community using provided prayers, as well as your own.

Good Friday Online Worship at 8:00 p.m.

Friday, April 2

Join us online for a contemplative worship service as we mark the final moments of Jesus' life.



April 4
6:30 a.m.

Gather at the Badin Road Drive-In
(2411 Badin Rd., Albemarle)
to celebrate the risen Christ.

11:00 a.m.

We will celebrate Easter online
with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and joyful music.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 14 *Fourth Sunday in Lent/*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Daylight Saving Time Begins

- 9:00 am Diaconate Meeting via Zoom
- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship
- 5:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, March 15

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 2:00 pm Deadline to RSVP for Lent Meal
- 8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton

Tuesday, March 16

- 12:00 pm April Newsletter Deadline
- 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Confirmation Class via Zoom

Wednesday, March 17 *St. Patrick's Day*

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 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
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Lent Meal Pick-Up
- 7:00 pm Lent Gathering via Zoom

Thursday, March 18

- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller
- 5:00 pm Youth Group at Pelican's Snoball

Saturday, March 20 *First Day of Spring*

- 12:00 pm 24-Hour Prayer Vigil Begins (at your homes)

Sunday, March 21 *Fifth Sunday in Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

- 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
- 3:00 pm-5:00 pm S'mores and Games (Reservations Required)
- 5:00 pm 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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
MARCH**

- 14-Leah Kilde
Courtney Niederer
- 15-Kate Melone
- 16-Steve Coats
- 17-Bob Gaither
Eric Niederer
- 19-Catherine McIntyre
Chris Whitley
- 20-Bo Andrew
Lee McLaurin

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
MARCH**

- 19-Eric & Courtney Niederer

All staff members are working at home whenever possible to limit the risk of COVID exposure. While there is often someone present at the church, the building will be open sporadically. If you need to come by the church, please call first to make sure the building is open. The church's answering machine is being checked periodically; however, in case of an emergency, please contact Matt (540.449.5319) directly.

**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.**