



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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January 30, 2022

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE *Blessed Jesus at Thy Word* Johann Gottfried Walther

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Natalie Niederer

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Emily Andrew, liturgist

Psalm 71

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**In your righteousness, deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be to me a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my refuge.

**For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust. My praise is continually of you.**

Let us worship God!

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of life, death, and resurrection, we are grateful for life and for all of its gifts.**

**Increase in us the stuff that life is made of—faith, hope, and love—but especially love—that we may abide with you eternally through Jesus Christ our lover and our Lord.**

**Amen.**

\*HYMN 275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Ein' fest Burg

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, our Deliverer, we confess that we're too reluctant to speak and live according to your truth. We grow comfortable with the way things are, passively condoning injustice. We see ourselves as *insiders*, excluding those we consider *outsiders*. We find it easier to pluck up and pull down, to destroy and overthrow, than to build and to plant. Forgive us, O God, for being timid disciples. Empty us of fear and shame, and fill us with love that is humble and patient and kind. We pray this in the name of the One who humbled himself, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

Silent Confession and Reflection

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE hymnal 119, stanza 3

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Mendelssohn

*(The response will be sung by choir and congregation.)*

*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!*

*Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.*

*Mild he lays his glory by, born that we nor more may die,*

*Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.*

*Hark! The herald angels sing, 'Glory to the newborn King!'*

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Craig Curry

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies.  
Lord of all to Thee we raise; this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night.  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.  
Lord of all to Thee we raise; this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child;  
Friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild.

For Thy church, that evermore, lifteth holy hands above.  
Offering up on every shore, her pure sacrifice of love.

For Thyself, best gift divine; to our race so freely given;  
For that great, great love of Thine; peace on earth and joy in heaven.  
Lord of all to Thee we raise; this our joyful hymn of praise.

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Debby Johnston

*Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Faith Sharing with Children, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-3 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy Spirit, as the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah in his time, bring this word now to us. Touch our mouths and our hearts with your word today, that we may build on it in our lives, in the church, and in your world. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Jeremiah 1:4-10](#)

Pew Bible, page 656

SERMON

*Set Apart*

Reverend Cathy S. George

From  
*A Brief Statement of  
Faith*

\*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. We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, *Come, Lord Jesus!* Amen.**

\*HYMN 697

*Take My Life*

Hendon

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.**

### RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

Doxology

*When Peace Like a River*

*As With Gladness Men of Old*

*(The response will be sung by choir and congregation.)*

*As they offered gifts more rare at thy manger, rude and bare,*

*So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,*

*All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.*

Douglas E. Wagner

hymnal 150, stanza 3

Dix

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Gracious God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN 691

*Lord, When I Came Into This Life*

Land of Rest

### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,

With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

\*POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune*

Charles Callahan

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\*All that are able may stand.

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# A REPORT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION

January 30, 2022

Bill Jolly, President

1. We are a Corporation in the State of North Carolina. Our Corporate name is:  
**First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, North Carolina**  
**Presbyterian Church (USA)**
2. Our Bylaws require an annual meeting of the members of the Corporation to be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Congregation. All active members of the congregation who are of the age of majority are members of the Corporation.
3. Officers of the Corporation are Bill Jolly, President, Lee McLaurin, Treasurer, and Mary Kesselman, Secretary. (Elders currently serving on the Session are the Trustees for the Corporation – the recommended organization by our Presbyterian Form of Government).
4. There is no business that the Trustees are prepared to bring before the body for action today. Are there any questions?
5. Motion to adjourn the meeting of the Corporation.

## AGENDA FOR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

January 30, 2022

(Following Worship)

### CORPORATION MEETING

1. Bill Jolly calls the meeting to order and invites Cathy to open the meeting with prayer. Bill gives the report of corporate activities during this past year and invites questions.
2. Bill Jolly entertains motion for adjournment of the meeting of the Corporation.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

1. Minister convenes meeting with prayer and appoints the clerk and declares a quorum present
2. Minister states the purpose of the meeting
  - a. To inform the congregation about the 2022 budget, to provide financial and participation information about 2021, and to answer any questions that might arise concerning these matters.
3. Financial Reporting
  - a. Lee McLaurin, treasurer, will review the 2021 financial report and invite questions from the congregation.
  - b. Lee McLaurin will discuss the 2022 budget, which was approved by the session on December 19, 2021.
4. Report from the Living Legacy Committee  
Bob Johnston

Cathy entertains motion for adjournment of the congregational meeting.

Cathy closes meeting with the benediction and the choir's choral response.

First Presbyterian Church  
2021 Financial Review

Beg Balance 01/01/2021	2021 Inc/Receipts	2021 Exp/Disburse	End Balance 12/31/2021
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Undesignated General Fund	390	513	432	471	81 << 2021 actual net cash inflows (390 to 471) (31) << 2021 est cash outflows (reserves) <b>112 &lt;&lt; better results than expected</b>
					10 << increase in prepaid pledges (47 vs. 37) 1 << excess 2021 pledges over budget 9 << excess 2021 other income over budget 92 << expenses under budget <b>112</b>
Designated (Other Various)	125	78	70	133	
Designated (Living Legacy Fund)	43	5	10	38	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>642</b>	
Designated (Gaither Checking Acct)	12	16	21	7	

Endowment Balances

Beg Balance 01/01/2021	Endowment Invest Results	Endowment Distributions	End Balance 12/31/2021
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Gaither Endowment	437	86	16	507	
Scholarship Endowments	313	60	11	362	
Other Endowments	121	22	3	140	<< includes Organ, Property and Flower Endowments
Moeller Family Endowment	27	5	0	32	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1,041</b>	

<b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b>		
<b>2022 BUDGET</b>		
<b>APPROVED BY SESSION ON DECEMBER 19,2021</b>		
		<b>APPROVED</b>
	<b>2021 BUDGET</b>	<b>2022 BUDGET</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>GIFTS AND OFFERINGS</b>		
Pledges	466,936	494,764
Unpledged Receipts	6,000	0
Loose Offering	6,000	0
	<b>478,936</b>	<b>494,764</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
Interest, CAP Account	450	50
Building Rental	500	0
Miscellaneous	4,500	3,066
Women's Retreat	3,000	2,317
Music & Arts Camp	2,000	0
SERRV	1,000	1,000
Alternative Gifts	1,500	1,500
Books for Book/Bible/SS Study	1,000	1,000
	<b>13,950</b>	<b>8,933</b>
<b>FROM RESERVES</b>	<b>31,092</b>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>523,978</b>	<b>503,697</b>

		<b>APPROVED</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>2021 BUDGET</b>	<b>2022 BUDGET</b>
<b>WORSHIP &amp; MUSIC</b>		
Worship Technology	0	1,500
Guest Musicians	2,070	2,070
Pulpit Supply	1,500	1,500
Choir Retreat/Entertainment	900	900
Music	2,480	2,480
Piano Maintenance	650	650
Communion Supplies	180	200
Miscellaneous	500	500
	<b>8,280</b>	<b>9,800</b>
<b>EDUCATION</b>		
Youth Group Program	2,700	2,700
Youth Group Materials	630	630
Youth Group Meals	900	900
Curriculum Church School	1,200	1,200
Adult Curriculum	400	400
Music & Arts Camp	2,000	2,000
Church School Supplies	1,170	1,170
Publications	400	400
Youth Club Materials	1,260	1,260
Youth Club Food	990	990
Video License	300	300
Advent/Lent/Pentecost	1,500	1,500
Confirmation Class	405	405
Young Adult Ministry	100	100
Women's Retreat	3,000	3,000
Book Study (Books/Bibles/SS)	1,260	1,260
Men's Retreat	180	0
SCUSA	135	135
	<b>18,530</b>	<b>18,350</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP/CONNECTIONS</b>		
New Member Lunch	90	100
New Member Baskets	90	100
New Plaque Names	120	120
Senior Care	0	600
	<b>300</b>	<b>920</b>
<b>MISSION</b>		
GA/SYNOD/Presbytery Mission	18,500	18,500
Youth Breakfast	675	0
Union Presbyterian Seminary	2,500	2,500
Stanly Community Christian Ministry	4,000	4,000
Committee Operation	100	100
John P. Murray Community Care Clinic	1,000	2,000
Older Adult Services in Stanly	500	1,000
Bread for the World	200	200
Homes of Hope	10,000	10,000

		<b>APPROVED</b>
	<b>2021 BUDGET</b>	<b>2022 BUDGET</b>
International Mission	4,500	4,500
Alternative Gifts	1,500	1,500
Bridge to Recovery	1,000	1,000
Community Inn	1,000	1,000
Crisis Assistance	2,000	2,000
Central School	0	500
SERRV	1,000	1,000
	<b>48,475</b>	<b>49,800</b>
<b>COLLEGE AND MILITARY</b>		
College and Military	300	300
	<b>300</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>CHILDCARE</b>		
Childcare	180	180
	<b>180</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>		
Food	4,950	4,950
Supplies	315	350
	<b>5,265</b>	<b>5,300</b>
<b>BUILDING &amp; PROPERTY</b>		
Cleaning Service	10,800	10,800
Custodial Supplies	540	540
Kitchen Supplies	2,250	2,250
Maintenance of Property	7,500	9,750
HVAC Contract	1,548	1,900
Electricity	18,500	18,500
Water	800	800
Fuel Oil	2,250	0
Natural Gas	4,500	4,500
Republic (Trash)	2,000	2,000
Recycle/Waste Management	100	100
Pest Control Contract	600	600
Alarm/Fire System	700	700
Elevator Maintenance	1,600	1,600
Lawn Care Maintenance	2,800	2,800
	<b>56,488</b>	<b>56,840</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>		
Property & Liability	17,422	17,422
Workmen's Comp	1,600	1,600
	<b>19,022</b>	<b>19,022</b>



		<b>APPROVED</b>
	<b>2021 BUDGET</b>	<b>2022 BUDGET</b>
<b>TRANSITIONAL PASTOR</b>		
Salary	46,450	46,450
Housing	14,500	14,500
Pension/Major Medical	25,589	25,278
1/2 SECA	4,663	4,663
Auto Allowance	2,000	2,000
Continuing Education	1,500	1,500
Professional Expense	1,500	1,500
	<b>96,202</b>	<b>95,891</b>
<b>DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION P/T</b>		
Salary	44,000	31,200
Pension/Major Medical	21,681	0
	<b>65,681</b>	<b>31,200</b>
<b>OFFICE MANAGER</b>		
Salary	39,844	41,039
Pension/Major Medical	24,336	24,705
	<b>64,180</b>	<b>65,744</b>
<b>OTHER PERSONNEL</b>		
Dir Fellowship & Congregational Care	18,304	18,853
Youth Director P/T	7,800	7,800
Secretary P/T	15,496	15,963
Director Vocal/Handbell Music P/T	23,411	24,113
Dir.Vocal/Handbell Continuing Edu.	1,000	1,000
Organist P/T	23,411	24,113
Facilities Maintenance Coordinator	7,747	13,000
Miscellaneous	2,000	2,000
FICA	10,491	12,028
All Childcare (Sitters)	2,500	2,500
YC Orff Instructor	1,200	0
	<b>113,360</b>	<b>121,370</b>
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>339,423</b>	<b>314,205</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
Offering Envelopes	450	450
Office Supplies	4,250	4,250
Copier Lease	10,400	10,400
Computer Support (ACS)	3,240	3,480
Service Contracts	500	0
Telephone	4,400	4,400
Postage	2,500	2,500
Pitney Bowes Lease	900	900
Technology Maintenance Contract	0	2,600
	<b>26,640</b>	<b>28,980</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>522,903</b>	<b>503,697</b>

**ABOUT MEMBERSHIP 2021**

Active members, January 1, 2021 .....	314
GAINS, 2021	
Profession of faith, reaffirmation, restoration .....	9
Certificate of Transfer.....	2
TOTAL GAINS .....	11
LOSSES, 2021	
Certificate of Transfer.....	4
Death .....	2
All other losses .....	2
TOTAL LOSSES.....	8
ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP DECEMBER 31, 2021 .....	317
 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
Baptisms: .....	5
Marriages.....	0
Average Worship Attendance .....	(virtual & in-person estimate) 175 (+42)
Average Sunday School Attendance.....	N/A

**ANTICIPATED GENERAL FUND INCOME FOR 2022**

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Pledges	494,764
Unpledged	0
All Other	<u>8,933</u>
	503,697

**ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION FOR 2021**

**ABOUT GENERAL FUND INCOME**

Gifts and Offerings (pledged, unpledged, loose).....	496,336
Other Income (building rental, interest, miscellaneous).....	16,646
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND INCOME</b>	<b>512,982</b>

**ABOUT DESIGNATED INCOME**

Legacy Fund .....	4,944
FPC Scholarship Fund .....	8,149
Jacobs Scholarship Fund.....	3,416
Organ Maintenance Fund.....	2,186
Minister's Discretionary Fund .....	10,608
Flower Fund.....	1,448
Special Offerings (OGHS, Joy, Pentecost, 10 cent meal, etc).....	7,492
Columbarium .....	0
Infant Formula Ministry.....	25
Faith on the Fifth .....	5,685
For Scholarship Endowment.....	614
For Property Endowment.....	0
Retreats .....	3,095
Building Fund .....	1,311
Other .....	33,960
<b>TOTAL DESIGNATED INCOME</b>	<b>82,933</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>595,915</b>

**ABOUT EXPENDITURES**

General Fund .....	432,282
Legacy Fund .....	9,629
Scholarship Fund .....	9,944
Jacobs Scholarship Fund .....	2,500
Organ Maintenance .....	2,515
Minister's Discretionary Fund .....	11,363
Flower Fund .....	3,368
Infant Formula Ministry & Prayer Shawl .....	0
Faith on the Fifth .....	1,470
Scholarship Endowment .....	485
Property Endowment .....	150
Special Offerings (OGHS, Joy, Pentecost, 10 cent meal, etc) .....	11,257
Retreats .....	4503
Columbarium.....	0
Building Fund.....	0
Other.....	21,818
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b> .....	<b>511,284</b>

**ABOUT FUND BALANCES**

General Fund .....	363,671
Legacy Fund .....	38,342
Faith on the Fifth .....	7,336
Scholarship Fund .....	415
Jacobs Scholarship Fund .....	1,382
Minister's Discretionary Fund .....	11,757
Organ Maintenance Fund .....	3,729
Flower Fund .....	14,032
Property Endowment .....	0
Scholarship Endowment .....	394
Retreats.....	692
Infant Formula Ministry & Prayer Shawl Ministry.....	1,608
Columbarium.....	9,969
Building Fund.....	17,163
Other.....	64,474
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b> .....	<b>534,964</b>

**MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT** .....

**107,524**

**INVESTMENT FUNDS**

Flower Endowment- Principal Amount (Balance 12/31/21).....	33,612
FPC Scholarship Endowment- Principal Amount (Balance 12/31/21) .....	252,230
Jacobs Scholarship Endowment- Principal Amount (Balance 12/31/21).....	110,684
Property Endowment- Principal Amount (Balance 12/31/21) .....	42,850
Organ Endowment –Principal Amount (Balance 12/31/21) .....	63,380
Gaither Family Endowment – Principal Amount (Balance 12/31/21) .....	506,912
Moeller Family Fund Endowment – Principal Amount (Balance 12/31/21).....	31,609

**TOTAL INVESTMENT FUNDS** .....

**1,041,277**

**GAITHER FAMILY CHECKING** (Balance 12/31/21)

**7,375**

**These are the areas of ministry of this congregation. You are encouraged to prayerfully consider where to use your God-given gifts. Please contact the committee chairperson to say you will serve.**

### **CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE**

**GOAL:** To oversee the growth and spiritual health of the entire congregation.

Contact: Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or hallmsh@hotmail.com)

### **MEMBERSHIP CARE**

**GOAL:** To care for the involvement, attendance, and participation of FPC members.

Contact: Sandy Rogers (704-244-1181 or sandyrogers119@msn.com)

### **SENIOR CARE COMMITTEE**

**GOAL:** To maintain contact with older adult members who are unable to participate fully in the life of the congregation; to provide fellowship opportunities for active seniors.

Contact: Laura McLeod (704-796-0487 or mcleod2@windstream.net)

### **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

**GOAL:** To promote congregational fellowship on a regular basis.

Contact: Michelle Cumming (704-984-0435 or michellecumming85@yahoo.com)

### **USHERING COMMITTEE**

**GOAL:** To plan, administer, and review the ushering program for all worship services.

Contact: Myron Lowder (704-438-7628 or [lowderme@live.com](mailto:lowderme@live.com)) or  
Jim Hesley (704-985-4271 or jimhesley@yahoo.com)

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**GOAL:** The development, implementation and evaluation of a comprehensive plan for Christian Education within the congregation.

Contact: Kim Marshall (980-621-6577 or bookworm284@live.com)

### **MISSION COMMITTEE**

**GOAL:** To encourage the congregation to reach out to others with the love of Jesus Christ.

Contact: Bill Jolly (704-982-5420 or williamjolly@twc.com)

### **PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**GOAL:** To maintain the property of the church.

Contact: John Earnhardt (704-438-0922 or johnearnhardt@windstream.net)

### **STEWARDSHIP INTERPRETATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**GOALS:** To encourage generosity among the members of First Presbyterian Church.

To develop the resources required for the church's mission.

To manage the financial affairs of the church.

Contact: Mike King (910-439-4531 or michaelking128@gmail.com)

### **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

**GOAL:** With the minister(s), to provide meaningful worship for congregation.

Contact: Ellen Snyder (704-991-5560 or ellens@carolina.rr.com)

**Thank you** to the Chancel Choir, Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, Emily Andrew, and Debby Johnston for their leadership in worship today.

**The acolyte today is** Natalie Niederer.

**Ushers for January:** John Howell (captain), Duncan Bryson, Keith Bryson, and Jim Hesley

**Outside Ushers for January 30:** Jim Marshall; Chris Whitley

**Sound:** Evan Sanges **Film:** James Cotton

**Nursery:** Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Laura McLeod **Children's Church:** Heather Kilde; Thora Kilde

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Debbie Hinson (mother of Melissa Eudy), Ross Holshouser, Gus Holbrook, Terry Morgan, Robin Howell, Don Abernathy, Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Gloria Bryson, Nancy Jolly, Claude Harwood, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

**Please stop by the church (Pit Stop on Sundays and/or office area during the week) to sign a hymnal for Ruth Ann Rogers. The hymnal will be available thru the end of February.** Call the church before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).



**Central School Backpack Food Program Donations Needed**  
Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish,  
Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper, Cans of Tuna, Chicken Helper,  
Cans of Chicken, Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups  
**Donations may be dropped off in the Pit Stop at the church.**



**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
CONGREGATION & CORPORATION  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30 FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

Session has set the date for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation as today. The meeting will be held immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive annual reports and to transact other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The Postal Service is delivering one shipment of 4 COVID tests per residential address. Enter your name, address and email at [www.usps.com/covidtest](http://www.usps.com/covidtest) to request a shipment. The website is live now.

If you do not own a computer and would like to have a COVID test shipment mailed to your home, please contact Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821).



**Faith on the Fifth Offering on Sunday, January 30**

The Mission Committee will receive a Faith on the Fifth Offering on Sunday, January 30 to help those in our community with heating assistance through SCCM.

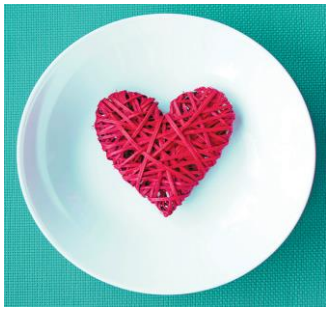


**SCCM PANTRY NEEDS**

**Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Lima Beans,  
Cooking Oil (48 oz. or smaller),  
Salad Dressings (various flavors),  
Miscellaneous Crackers/Snacks,  
Dishwasher Detergent, Laundry Detergent**







**FIRST FAMILY MEAL**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.**  
**PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL**

First Family Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, February 2! Unfortunately, we are still unable to gather for First Family. If you would like a First Family meal, please RSVP by Monday, January 31 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday, between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

**Menu:**

Potato Soup with Shredded Cheese and Bacon (on the side), Mixed Green Salad,  
Sweet Potato Cake, Pound Cake and Brownies

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:

call Anne Montgomery at 704-796 5841 or email Anne at [johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com](mailto:johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com)

and let her know how many plates you need,

if you would like sweet potato cake, pound cake or brownies for each meal, and

if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).

Though we will not share the meal at the same table, we will delight in the opportunity to share the same meal at our own tables. A prayer and table ritual will be included for each household. Sharing the meal and the ritual will bind us together as the one body of Christ.

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**School supplies are needed for Central Elementary to finish the 2021-2022 school year. Please take the list below as you shop for much needed supplies for our partner school. BRING YOUR DONATION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO THE CHURCH AND DROP-OFF IN THE DESIGNATED BIN IN THE PIT STOP. COLLECTION WILL BE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY. If you have any questions, contact Ruth Cotton (704-942-1381 or [hugawolf@hotmail.com](mailto:hugawolf@hotmail.com)).**

**Student Supplies**

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|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Crayons – 16 or 24 count Crayola brand only                | Zipper Pencil Pouch or Plastic Pencil Box |
| Elmer's brand Glue Sticks                                  | Plain Solid 2-pocket folders              |
| #2 Pencils                                                 | Pocket folders with prongs                |
| #2 Beginner Jumbo Pencils (for Kindergarten students)      | Pencil top erasers                        |
| Composition Hard Cover Wide-Ruled books (not spiral bound) | Highlighters (packs)                      |
| 70-sheet wide-ruled 1-subject composition books            | Crayola brand Colored Pencils             |
| Scissors (child & youth sizes)                             | Crayola Markers                           |
| Playdoh brand play-doh                                     | Clipboards                                |
| Pink Pearl Eraser                                          | Ear Buds                                  |
| Card Stock Paper                                           | Headphones                                |
| Expo Dry Erase Markers (large & small size)                | Small Pencil Sharpener                    |
| Notebook Paper (wide-ruled & regular-ruled)                | Sticky Notes                              |

**Classroom Supplies Needed Include:**

Lysol or Clorox Wipes, Kleenex, Copy Paper, Hand Sanitizer,  
Band-aids, and Ziplock Sandwich Bags (Quart and Gallon)



### Quarter Ministry for The Mary & Martha Center for Women & Community Care

The Mary & Martha Center for Women & Community Care is collecting quarters to assist women with laundromat expenses. Your donation of quarters can be dropped in jars located at the sanctuary entrances. Your quarters make a difference!

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### First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery Open Now (Located in the Church Basement)

### GHA Autism Supports Creative Arts Program Presents POP ART



Do you like looking at bold images of everyday items painted in bright colors? This type of art is called *Pop Art*, and it began in the 1950s. Pop Art is a style of art based on simple, bold images of everyday items, such as soup cans, painted in bright colors.

This year, the GHA Creative Arts students are exploring this artistic medium by using simple images and adding bright bold colors in a comic book style. Our courageous students have expressed themselves through their artworks more than words can express.

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Due to the increase in Stanly County's positivity COVID rate, and for your protection and for the protection of the church staff, please take the following steps:

- (1) When you come into the church office, wear a mask and conduct your church business from the office counter.
- (2) If at all possible, conduct church business by phone or email. We will respond as quickly as possible.

The office phone number is 704-982-2722.

To email staff:

- Cathy George (cgeorge@fpcalbemarle.org)
- Kyle Lambert (klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)
- Pam Knighten (pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org)
- Jane Snyder (jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org)
- Gina Martin (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org)
- Stan Scheer (sscheer@fpcalbemarle.org)
- Frank Poolos (fpoolos@fpcalbemarle.org)

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.



**New Sunday School Class  
Faith, Fellowship, & Food  
Every Sunday at GloryBeans Coffee House  
(134 West Main Street, Albemarle)**

GloryBeans has graciously offered to open the coffee shop for us every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for Faith, Fellowship, and Food. We would love you to join us! Please enter through the back alley. Text Melissa Eudy if you have questions (704-439-6747).

**Other Adult Sunday School class offerings (meet at 9:45 a.m. at the church):**

***Hard Sayings of Jesus*** led by Dr. Bill Jolly (Location: Old Session Room-Basement)

Like his original hearers, many people today find Jesus' sayings hard. Some sayings are hard because they are difficult to understand, others because the demands they make on us are only too clear. F. F. Bruce examines seventy of the hard sayings of Jesus to clear away the cultural and historical difficulties which keep us from grappling with the real challenge of Jesus' message. Evident in each chapter is Bruce's keen evangelical scholarship and pastoral insight. Participants will look at a different hard saying each week and discuss. One example of a hard saying of Jesus is, *But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.*

***The Wired Word*** led by various facilitators (Location: Church Parlor)

The class meets each week and discusses current events and Bible verses that relate to that event. Every Thursday morning, an email is sent to class members from *The Wired Word* organization (a non-denominational group) that contains three key elements: 1) a two-page summary of a specific current event or news item, 2) a few *key questions* to stimulate your thinking about the article and 3) several Bible verses which relate directly to issues in the news article or the key questions. You can read the lesson at your convenience and spend as much (or little) time thinking about it. In class on Sunday, the facilitator will briefly review highlights of the news article and lead the discussion of the key questions and Bible verses. Because the lesson is different every week, it does not matter if you miss a week or more at a time for whatever the reason. Please come and give it a try! You may just get *hooked* as so many of us are. Contact Rich Schaefer for more information (richard.schaefer@gmail.com or 614-579-2475).

***Book Study*** led by Kim Marshall and Courtney Niederer (Location: Classroom 2-Basement)

This class is starting a new book on Sunday, January 30. If you are interested in participating in the book study, *Shantaram* by Gregory David Roberts, will be available on January 23 in the class.

**Sunday School for Children (meet at 9:45 a.m.):**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
Preschool (3-5 yr olds)	Preschool Room	Becky Andrew; Hannah Domenech; Angie Earnhardt
Grades K-3rd	Children's Church Room	Kim Andrew; Adrienne Averette
Grades 4th-5th	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom	Heather Hatley; Penny Morton; Jill Niebler
Grades 6th-12th	Teen Room	Al Andrew; Emily Andrew

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**Church Staff Opening...Facilities Maintenance Coordinator**

The church is in great need of a Facilities Maintenance Coordinator. This position recently received a pay upgrade and requires approximately 10 hours per week. The ideal person would be able to open/prepare and close the church on Sundays and as needed for scheduled events. The position involves operating and assisting in routine maintenance of the building systems including lighting, heating, air conditioning, plumbing, etc. The coordinator will work closely with the Property Committee chair, minister, and office

manager to determine long-term maintenance needs. A job description for this position can be requested from the church office. If you know someone who might be interested, please contact the church office (704-982-2722).





**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, January 30**

*Faith on the Fifth Offering for SCCM Heating Assistance*

*Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation*

9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House  
(134 West Main Street, Albemarle)

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation

6:00 pm-8:00 pm SNL Youth The Bigger Church Activity

**Monday, January 31**

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations at the home of  
Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr., Albemarle)

**Wednesday, February 2**

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)

3:30 pm-5:30 pm Youth Club (K-5<sup>th</sup> Graders)

5:00 pm-6:00 pm First Family Drive-Thru Meal

5:30 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club Handbells with Frank Poolos

6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**Thursday, February 3**

10:00 am Staff Meeting

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

**Friday, February 4**

6:00 pm Meal for the Community Inn

**Sunday, February 6**

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

*Ten Cents a Meal Offering for Hunger*

9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House (134 West Main Street, Albemarle)

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

6:00 pm-8:00 pm SNL

**\*childcare provided**

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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!**  
**JANUARY**  
30-Linda Anderson  
31-Garrett Chapman

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
**FEBRUARY**  
01-Jean Rabe  
02-Lee Boone  
Penny Morton  
03-Kellyn Luna  
04-Hugh Carpenter  
05-Keith Byrd  
Robin Howell  
06-Melissa Eudy  
Bob Johnston

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**  
**FEBRUARY**  
06-Steve & Laura Blalock

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](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)).  
Click on the GIVE button.