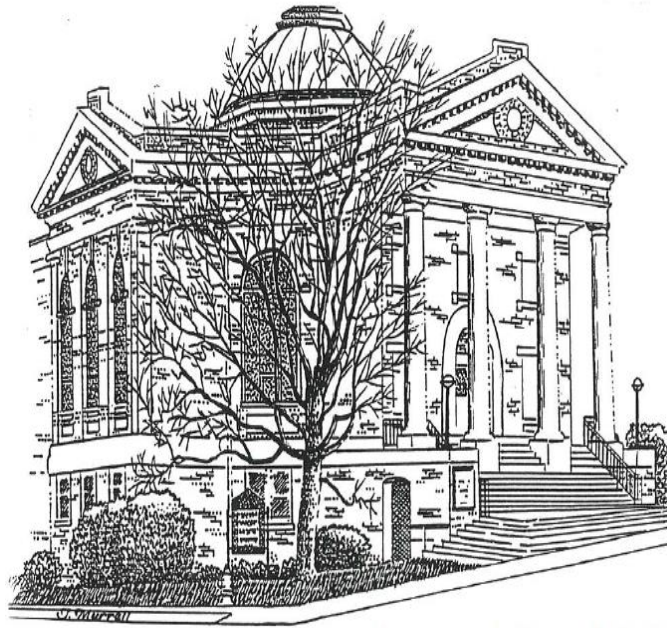


First Presbyterian Church *Albemarle, North Carolina*



April 21, 2024
4th Sunday of Easter

A SERVICE OF MUSIC FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Friendship Register

PRELUDE

“The Saints’ Delight”

Dale Wood

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Carter Gibson, acolyte

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95

Catherine Moeller, liturgist

O Come, let us sing to the Lord;

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

*HYMN 515	“I Come With Joy” Stanza 1	DOVE OF PEACE
ANTHEM	“Hear My Prayer”	MOSES HOGAN
*PRAYER OF THE DAY		
Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.		
HYMN 286	“Breathe on Me Breath of God” Stanza 1	TRENTHAM
HYMN 157	“I Danced in the Morning” Stanza 5	LORD OF THE DANCE
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		
	<i>Confession and Reflection</i>	
HYMN 442	“Just As I Am” Stanza 4	WOODWORTH
	Assurance of Forgiveness	
HYMN 839	“Blessed Assurance” Stanza 1	ASSURANCE
*Response 394	“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” (stanza 4)	REGENT SQUARE
<i>Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one: One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.</i>		
THE WORD		
HISTORY SHARING WITH CHILDREN		Kristie Bryson
ANTHEM	“Precious Lord”	Thomas A. Dorsey
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
HYMN 451	“Open My Eyes, That I May See” Stanza 1	OPEN MY EYES
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Acts 4: 5-12	pew Bible, pg 147
SERMON	“Preaching to the Choir... The Choir is Preaching”	A Service of Music
	Peter and John Face the Jewish Leadership	
HYMN 630	“Fairest Lord Jesus” Stanza 1	CRUSADERS’ HYMN
	Psalm 23	
*HYMN 802	“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”	ST COLUMBIA
	Psalm 40:1-5	pew Bible, pg 631
	Thanksgiving and a Cry for Help	
HYMN 438	“Rock of Ages” Stanza 1	TOPLADY

HYMN 187 **Knowing God through Love**
 " Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us" Stanza 1 BRADBURY

HYMN **The Vine and the Branches**
 "In the Garden" Stanza 1 GARDEN

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION 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.

ANTHEM "For the Beauty of the Earth" John Rutter

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

Offertory "Amazing Grace" William Hall

Billie Jean Snuggs, soloist Chris Taylor, flautist

*Response 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDRETH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

HYMN 708 "We Give Thee But Thine Own" Stanza 1 SCHUMANN
SENDING

*HYMN 546 "Lord Dismiss Us, With Thy Blessing" Stanza 1 SICILIAN MARINERS

*POSTLUDE "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" Robert Powell

*Please stand in body or spirit. ***Bold print*** indicates places where congregation reads or sings.

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Thank you to the Frank Poolos, Michael Rowland, Chancel Choir, Ann Crutchfield, Catherine Moeller and Kristie Bryson for their leadership in worship today.

Thank you to our guest flutist Chris Taylor.

The acolyte today is Carter Gibson.

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our organist Michael Rowland for International Organist day that was on April 20th.

Ushers for April: Lee Snuggs (captain), Josh Davis (JD), Ken Knight, Jack Morton, Leo McLeod, Liz Bryson, Ella Cumming, Nathaniel Eudy.

Outside Ushers for April 21: Jack Morton, Jim Marshall

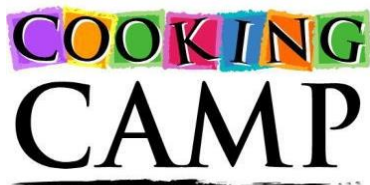
Elder Greeters: Elizabeth Bryson, Bill Jolly

Streaming Coordinator: Evan Sanges **Film:** Jackson Palmer **Nursery:** Bailey Mitchell

There will be History Sharing today with Kristie Bryson

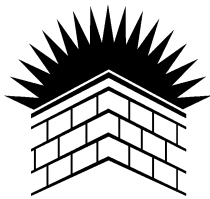
We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Karlyn Cox, Claude Harwood, Penny Welling (friend of the congregation), Tim Rodgers, Doris Forte-Spring Arbor, Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Jane Scheer, Jason Miller (friend of the congregation), Laura Frazier, Rita Morgan, Marlene Sanges, Vicky Huneycutt (sister of Angie Earnhardt), Amy Jung (friend of congregation), Shannon Newport, (health concerns), Patsy McLaurin (mother of Lee McLaurin), Thomas Wilson (nephew of Elizabeth Wilson), Dr. Mike Dearstyne (brother of Holly Norwood), Pat Davis (cousin of John Earnhardt), Glenda Moser (mother of Anissa Chapman), Elizabeth Cox (niece of Elizabeth Wilson). See newsletter for complete list.

During our brief time without a Pastor... If you have a prayer concern or any need for the pastor, please contact Kyle Lambert at the church office (704-982-2722) or (704-783-6288). She will direct you/your information to the correct person at that time. This will run from April 19 through May 18.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS
(COMPLETED 4th - 6th Grades)
June 3-6, 2024 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Cost: \$60.00 per child
Camp Limit of 12 children.

For more information, to register, or to volunteer contact Jane Snyder at (704-982-2722/704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org



We encourage children to remain in worship!
There are worship bags available for them in the lobby closest to the pit stop of the church.
Feel free to pick these up anytime before, during or after worship.

The Christian Education Corner

Monday Night Bible Study 9th-12th graders at the home of Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr.) We meet on Mondays at 8:30 pm.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN THE REGISTER



The Membership Care Committee encourages you to be faithful in signing the Friendship Register in worship on Sundays and to register online if you worship there. It helps us know when you are not here, which is very important.



**Montreat Fundraiser
Chicken Pan Pie Sale
Today - Sunday, April 21**



The youth will have (Rosebriar recipe) 9” pies available for pick up in Pit Stop following worship. They will be hot and ready to eat! You can also save them for later in the week or even grab a few to freeze. Each pie is \$25. Money raised from this sale will go towards vehicle rental for Montreat trips this summer. Please buy our pies because it’s a really long walk!



Sunday, May 5 will be Youth Sunday. Worship will be led by our youth and youth leaders. Please plan to be in attendance in support of these most important members of our congregation.



"DIVE IN" CAMP

Come join us as we celebrate God’s creation and how we fit in it! We will explore nature, recreation, music, art, cooking, the Bible, prayer, and service to others all in five fun-filled days! In order to plan the best event possible, we need to know whom we are planning for. This is a pre-registration for the event to help us move forward in bringing this awesome opportunity to life. We will collect more information later. Please complete a separate form for each of your children.

June 10-14 held at FPC 9 am- 1 pm (Friday: 9-11 am)
FPC, CUMC, FLC, FBC will be hosting. Ages 4 years-rising 6th graders
There will be a \$30 registration fee per child.

We will collect this closer to camp date. You can scan the QR Code or click on the link below for registration. This will also be emailed.

<https://forms.gle/G3bStDvqHb2vhRYe9>





MIDWEEK MEAL

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

RSVP BY NOON ON TUESDAY, April 23

Menu: Taco Bowl and Assorted Desserts, Tea,

Coffee, Water & Lemonade. Contact the church office 704-982-2722 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org by noon on Tuesday, April 23 to say you're coming. You may also indicate in the Friendship Register how many will be attending. Please call Jane Snyder at 704-438-3358 or email her at jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org if you would like to help.



DEEP CLEANING THE KITCHEN

We need VOLUNTEERS to help us deep clean the kitchen on **Tuesday, April 23 beginning at 9:00** or whenever you can get there. If you cannot help that



day and would like to help, just call or text Jane Snyder. She can give you a task to do when it is convenient for you. Our kitchen is a big part of the life of this church. Please help us to take care of it. THANK YOU!! 704-738-3358.



TESTING PROCTORS NEEDED AT CENTRAL SCHOOL

EOG testing is set for May 9, May 10, May 14, 15 & 16 at Central School. **Proctors are desperately needed!** Testing starts at 9:00 am and will last 2 to 3 hours at most. If you can help, contact Kristie Bryson at 864-230-3074, Text or Call. She will need your name, phone number and date to proctor.



Drop in Wedding Reception for James and Sarah Cotton Saturday, April 27, 2024 1:00 – 4:00 at FPC Church Parlor All are invited!

MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS



On Mother's Day, the arrangements in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of mothers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MAY 5.** Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Mother's Day Arrangements*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Mother's Day, May 12.** Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 21

***Childcare provided**

4th Sunday of Easter/A Service of Music

9:30 am New Adult Sunday School Class- Old Session Room

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Montreat Chicken Pan Pie Fundraiser in Pit Stop

6:00 pm SNL Focus on Prayer

Monday, April 22

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Noon – 1:15 pm Finding Joy

4:00 pm Walkers Group @ Rock Creek Park

8:30 pm Youth Bible Study- home of Debby Johnston

Tuesday, April 23

9:00 am Kitchen Deep Cleaning

Wednesday, April 24

6:45 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

5:30 pm Midweek Meal

6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 18

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

7:00 pm Stanly County Concert Band @ Agri Civic

Saturday, April 27

1:00-4:00 Drop in Wedding Reception in Parlor for James & Sarah Cotton

Sunday, April 28

5th Sunday of Easter

9:30 am New Adult Sunday School Class- Old Session Room

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

6:00 pm SNL Practice for Youth Sunday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April

22- Marshall Rogers

23- Emma Gibson

Polly Moose

24- Liz Davis

Anita Gower

Alexis Poolos

Jacqueline Poolos Hart

Nicole Poolos Wallace

David Troutman

25- Tommy Murrell

26- Ella Averette

John Kilde

27- Ethan Richards

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

April

22- Jim & Lori Ivey

24- Robin & Melissa Lemons

25- Steve & Kate Melone

Church Staff

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Chris Whitley

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Wes Eudy, Jim Hesley, Liz Jolly,

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Frank Poolos, Brett Richards,

Carol Sasser, Billie Jean Snuggs,

Debbie Wainwright

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.

The offering as part of our worship is a response to God’s grace. The ushers will pass the plates or you may make your gift by scanning the QR Code here. Thank you for your generosity.

HYMN 515 “I Come With Joy”
I Come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

HYMN 286 “Breathe on Me Breath of God”
Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

HYMN 157 “I Danced in the Morning”
They cut me down and I leapt up high. I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

HYMN 442 “Just As I Am”
Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine a lone, O lamb of God, I come; I come!

HYMN 839 “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

HYMN 451 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”
Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now, I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

HYMN 630 “Fairest Lord Jesus”
Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

HYMN 802 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
The King of Love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
Where streams of living, water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where
the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his
shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and
staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; they unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

HYMN 438

“Rock of Ages”

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.
Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed
be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.

HYMN 187

“Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.

HYMN

“In the Garden”

I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses.
And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there, Non other has ever know.

HYMN 708

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine a lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

HYMN 546

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace,
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace, O refresh us,
O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.