



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Albemarle, North Carolina

The Seven Churches



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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune

John Stanley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Grace and peace to you from the One who is, who always was, and who is still to come – the Alpha and the Omega – the beginning and the end.

People: **This is our God, the One who loves us and gave himself for us; who gathers us together in this place and bids us seek his face.**

All: **Let us worship God together.**

*CHORAL INTROIT

Come into God's Presence

hymnal, page 413

Come into God's presence singing *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Praise the Lord together singing, *Glory to God, glory to God, glory to 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 321

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison Merciful God, forgive us for our desires to flee from this world, when you give us the ability to change it. Forgive us for submitting to the powers of this world, rather than the love of your kingdom. Forgive us when we are blinded by fear, unwilling to see your vision of hope. Create in our midst something new, that the ways of sin and death may be overturned.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Believe the good news,

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

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the living king!**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Mr. Drumheller

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Children's Greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The leader will read the odd numbered verses; the congregation will respond by reading the even numbered verses.

ANTHEM

An American Hymn

Cecil Effinger

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
 For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
 America! America! God shed his grace on thee
 And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet whose stern impassioned stress
 A thoroughfare of freedom beat across the wilderness!
 America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
 Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife.
 Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life!
 America! America! May God thy gold refine
 Till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

*(On cue from the director, the congregation will join the choir
 in singing the final stanza of the hymn.)*

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
 Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears!
 America! America! God shed his grace on thee
 And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Revelation 1:9-20](#)

Pew Bible, page 230

SERMON

The Church

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Excerpted from *A Declaration of Faith*

We acknowledge that Christ chooses to be known in the world through the church, a community of ordinary people; therefore we dare not despise or abandon the church. Christ is the head of the church, therefore we are responsible to Christ when we make policy and decisions in the church. Christ is the foundation of the church, therefore it will not fall despite our weakness. We are confident that the Lord of the church will judge and defeat our sinful intentions and actions, help us in our weakness and blindness, and use the church to accomplish his purposes. Amen.

*HYMN 728

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

African American Spiritual

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

Mr. Drumheller

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Aria

Percy Whitlock

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

hymnal, page 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 363

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Darwall's 148th

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Cecil Effinger

*POSTLUDE

March Triumphale

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*All that are able may stand.

We rejoice that you are worshipping with us today. If you are a member of this church, please seek out those who are visiting and welcome them to this family of faith. If you are visiting and would like to know more about the church and membership here, please speak with one of the ministers following worship.

The acolyte today is Angus Currie. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thank you to the people who are representing the seven churches this morning.

Ushers: Jim Hesley, captain; Duncan Bryson, Keith Bryson, Banks Garrison, Jim Ivey, Robert Ivey, Sandy Saunders, Harold Sharpe, Joe Snuggs, Elizabeth Wilson **Elder Greeters:** Lee McManus; Lynn White **Nursery:** Caroline Snyder **Toddler Room:** Cora Harrison **Preschool Partners:** Angie Earnhardt; Adrienne Averette; Kelly Lentz **Nana & Papa Team:** Chris Mabry **No Children's Church**

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Alice Brooks (family friend of Don & Nancy Joines; bone cancer in leg), Jim Hesley, Cemita Gibbs. **See newsletter for complete list.**



**Visit the First Presbyterian Church Summer Art Gallery Exhibit featuring
The Art of Photography by Lachlann Currie
(The exhibit is located in the church basement.)**

Produce Basket

One week a month, our church volunteers to pick-up produce at the Richfield Food Lion and deliver it to the Albemarle Food Bank. We need one more volunteer to do the pick-up on Friday once a month. Please contact Janet Schaefer (336-461-3422) if you would like to help.





**Summer Vespers & Homemade Ice Cream
7:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 10 at the home of
Connie Wallace & Ken Knight
(32034 Valley Drive, Albemarle)**

We'll gather for summer vespers and ice cream (let us know what kind you're bringing). We will sing, pray, and read scripture together.



**LEMONADE ON THE LAWN
SUNDAY, JULY 24
FOLLOWING 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP**



Summer Study on the Book of Revelation

- When? Monday, June 27 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Monday, July 25 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
- What? We'll gather twice during the summer for in-depth conversation about the revelation which John received. We'll discuss various interpretations, bring questions, and dig deeper into several texts.
- What else? Matt and Elizabeth will lead these sessions together. You can come for one or for both.

We'll have a light supper together. Donations accepted for the meal. We need sign-ups by the Thursday before the class so we can plan adequately for food and supplies.

Zootopia

Summer Movie Night on Wednesday, June 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gym

From Walt Disney Animation Studios comes a comedy-adventure set in the modern mammal metropolis of Zootopia.

Enjoy this hilarious adventure full of action, heart and tons of bonus extras that take you deeper into the world of Zootopia.

It's big fun for all shapes and species!

Bring the entire family out to enjoy a movie with friends, popcorn, candy & drinks...

*Bring a chair or blanket and plan to relax and laugh out loud!!!

The 2016 Nominating Committee...

welcomes your suggestions of persons to be considered for service as Deacon or Ruling Elder.

In thinking of folks who may be qualified to serve, please consider the following:

- Worship attendance
- Participation in church activities
- Service rendered to the church
- Christian living in daily life
- Ability to work cooperatively with others

Suggestions for Deacon

Suggestions for Ruling Elder

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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Please return suggestions to the church office or to Tom Norwood, Nominating Committee Chair, by July 1.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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Shortbread Bakers Needed

Shortbread bakers are needed for Scottish Communion on July 17. If you can help by making a batch, sign-up on the bulletin board in the pit stop or contact Mark Donham (919-702-8733 or mdonham1@nc.rr.com) or Penny Morton (704-985-8239 or mortonpen@gmail.com).

Endowment Committee Grants

The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until **July 15**. Applications are available in the church office. If you have questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org). Applications may be submitted by

individual church members or committee chairpersons. Once funding requests are received, the Endowment Committee will review the applications and determine which requests will be funded. Personal interviews may be requested if further information is needed regarding a funding request.

If you have questions about the application process, please contact the office. Endowment Committee members include: Patrick Currie, Chair; Ronnie Michael, Sandy Saunders, Ellen Snyder, Martha Wolf, Elizabeth Ayscue, ex-officio, Bob Gaither, ex-officio, and Lee McLaurin, ex-officio.

Portland 2016



A Retrospective on the PCUSA's General Assembly

Sunday, July 24 at 11:00 a.m. in the parlor

Matt represented the Presbytery of Charlotte as a commissioner to this summer's General Assembly in Portland, Oregon. After the dust settles on the General Assembly's decisions, join Matt for conversation about the decisions made, and the joys and challenges of being a commissioner.



Women's Retreat

September 23-25

William Black Lodge

Montreat, North Carolina

To make your reservation, a \$75 deposit is requested by July 15.



**SCOTTISH COMMUNION
AND
KIRKIN' O' TARTANS**

SUNDAY, JULY 17

10:00 A.M.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 26

9:00 am *Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am *Worship

Monday, June 27

8:30 am-1:00 pm SNL Monday Morning Mission

6:30 pm Workgroup Meeting

Wednesday, June 29

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

7:00 pm Summer Movie Night - *Zootopia*

Thursday, June 23

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, July 1

Summer Friday - Church Office Closed

6:30 pm-7:30 pm Meal at the Community Inn

Sunday, July 3

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering

10:00 am *Worship

***childcare provided**

SCCM FOOD CHALLENGE

FOR JUNE:

Soup & Crackers

SCCM FOOD CHALLENGE

FOR JULY:

Macaroni & Cheese, Rice, & Pasta

REVELATION BIBLE READING

June 26 Revelation 5:9-14

June 27 Revelation 6:1-8

June 28 Revelation 6:9-17

June 29 Revelation 7:1-8

June 30 Revelation 7:9-12

July 1 Revelation 7:13-17

July 2 Revelation 8:1-5

July 3 Revelation 8:6-13

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JUNE

26-Jim Marshall

27-Elizabeth Bryson

Keith Bryson

Elizabeth Hinson

Patrick Martin

28-Maddox Jolly

Sophie Poplin

Robin Lemons

29-Virginia Marshall

30-Anna Wainwright

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JUNE

26-David & Mellanie Morgan

27-Mike & Laura McLeod

Frank & Beth Poolos

28-Wes & Melissa Eudy

29-Connie Wallace & Ken Knight

30-Dave & Patty MacMurray

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY

01-David Hancock

Gina Martin

Ben McLeod

03-Addison Marks

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JULY

01-Roger & Joan Belsan

GARDENING FOR SCCM

!!! ATTENTION VEGETABLE GARDENERS !!!

As you tend your summer vegetable garden, please share some of the fruits of your labors with members of our congregation as well as the clients at SCCM. Bring your harvest to the table in the pit stop on Sunday mornings so that folks can have an opportunity to make a purchase. The donations will be given to SCCM. Vegetables remaining will be taken to the SCCM food pantry.