



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

*God before me, God behind me, God above me, God beneath me. I on your path
O God. You, O God, on my way. In the twisting of the road, in the currents of
the river, be with me by day, be with me by night, be with me by day and by night.*

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONGS

Hymn 306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* stanzas 1 and 3
Hymn 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* all stanzas

CHURCH CORRESPONDENCE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hymn 390 *Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!* Louezle Seigneur

***PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 300** *We Are One in the Spirit* They'll Know We are Christians
The Faith on the Fifth Offering will be received during the first hymn.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

Unison

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism, and cut ourselves off from you and one another. Forgive us, restore us, and renew us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

From
Celtic Prayers from Iona
by J. Philip Newell.

Throughout this sermon series, we will listen in on conversations between *modern Christians* and *early Christians* as they explore faith in the church of Acts.

This Faith on the Fifth Offering will support utility assistance for clients through Stanly Community Christian Ministry.

Acts 8:26-39; John 15:5

Glory to God
hymnal
page 582

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

\The congregation is encouraged to participate in the prayer with the children.

From the *Glory to God* hymnal page 279, *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove.*

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

From
A Declaration of Faith.

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Mrs. Ayscue

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

SOLO

How Great Thou Art
Craig Taylor, Bass

Stuart K. Hine

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers; kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Acts 8:26-39](#)

Pew Bible, page 119

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Expand

Mr. Drumheller

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one true and living God. We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell. The story itself tells us God works his sovereign will among all peoples of the earth. We believe that God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe. To worship God is highest joy. To serve God is perfect freedom. Amen.

*HYMN 301

Let Us Build a House

Two Oaks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Heaven and earth are yours, O Lord,

And of your own we give you.

Offertory

Pastorale

Richard Purvis

*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 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

McKee

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

André Campra

*All who are able may stand.

My Offering cards are in the pews. As a regular practice, you are invited to take one, reflect on your giving, and place it in the offering plate when it comes to you.

Worship continues with fellowship in the Pit Stop. Join others for lemonade and conversation.

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 Danny Saltzman. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the birthday of Jackson Palmer.

There is no Children’s Church today. School-aged children are encouraged to remain in worship.

Thanks to Mike King and Katherine Jolly for their role as letter writers in worship this morning.

Thanks to Craig Taylor for his musical leadership in worship today.

Ushers: Brett Richards, captain; Jim Hesley, Judy Kilgore, Grace Richards, Danny Saltzman, and Rose Saltzman

Outside Ushers: Jim Marshall; Kyle Marks **Elder Greeters:** Keith Bryson; Taylor Johnston

Nursery: Kaitlyn Massey **Preschool Partners:** Laura & Mike McLeod **Nana & Papa Team:** Bede & Russell Karr

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Hessie Clark, Junior Lambert (uncle of Danny Lambert; stage 4 lung cancer), Dick Liles (sciatica pain), Ruth Ann Rogers, Betty Stancik (sister of Bill Hall; continuing health concerns), Doug Archer (cancer), Rodney Morgan. **See newsletter for complete list.**

**FELLOWSHIP
&
LEMONADE
ON THE LAWN
EVERY SUNDAY
FOLLOWING
WORSHIP
IN THE
PIT STOP**



The 2018 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. _____
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Please return suggestions to the church office or to Keith Bryson, Nominating Committee Chair, by August 5. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Keith Bryson, Robert Ivey, Taylor Johnston, Nancy Joines, Bill Jolly, Jack Morton, and Frankie Palmer.



**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!

Operation Christmas Child boxes are now available throughout the church. Pick one up and fill it with gifts for a child. Boxes will be dedicated in worship on Sunday, August 26.



**Operation
Christmas Child**

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

!!! Volunteers Needed for the Community Inn BBQ !!!

The annual Community Inn BBQ is Friday, August 17 at West Albemarle Baptist Church (336 Church Street, Albemarle) from 11 AM – 6 PM. Volunteers are needed to make pound cakes, to help with setting up the day before the event, and to help with deliveries, serving, and cleaning up on the day of the event. There is a sign-up sheet on the Mission Bulletin Board in the Pit Stop. Please stop by and sign up to help! Thanks!



**First Presbyterian Church Congregational Retreat
October 12-14 at Morrow Mountain State Park**

It's not too early to sign-up for First Presbyterian Church's congregational retreat on October 12-14 at Morrow Mountain State Park. See the bulletin board in the pit stop for more information.

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST

The 2018-19 school year will be here soon and school supplies are in the retail stores ready for purchase. Please take the list below and begin shopping for much needed supplies for our partner school, Central Elementary. A designated bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Uniform shirts for youth are \$15.00 (these are plain polo shirts).

Donations for 1 or more shirts would be greatly appreciated.

Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and in the memo put: CES uniform donation

Your donations are needed in the pit stop by Sunday, August 12.

If you shop at OfficeMax/OfficeDepot, Central Elementary School will receive 5% back. At checkout, present ID number 70060235.

Student Supplies

Crayons – 8, 16, or 24 count Crayola brand only

Glue Sticks

#2 Pencils

#2 Beginner Jumbo Pencils (for Kindergarten students)

Composition Hard Cover Wide-Ruled books (not spiral bound)

Scissors (child & youth sizes)

Pink Pearl Eraser

Card Stock Paper

Dry Erase Markers (small size)

Notebook Paper (wide-ruled & regular-ruled)

Small Zipper Pencil Pouch or Pencil Box

Dividers with pockets

Spiral Notebooks with pockets

Plain Solid 2-pocket folders

Pocket folders with prongs

2” 3-ring binders

Pencil top erasers

1 pk. Highlighters

Colored Pencils

Colored Paper

3x5 index cards

Ear Buds

Ear Phones

Small Pencil Sharpener

Sticky Notes

Classroom Supplies Needed Include:

Lysol or Clorox Wipes

Kleenex

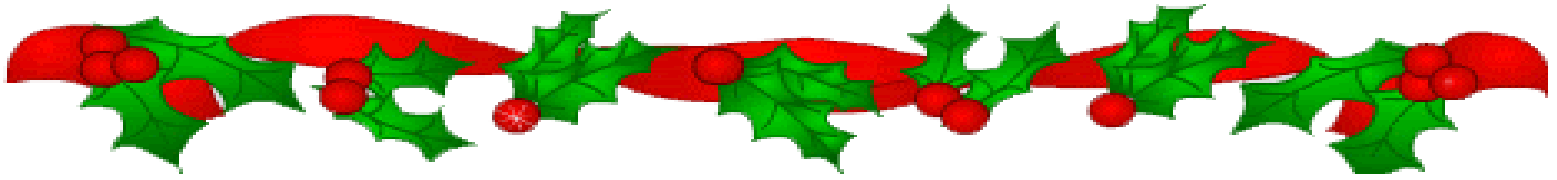
Baby Wipes

Hand Sanitizer

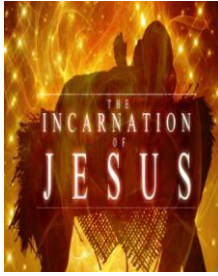
Paper Towels

Band-aids

Ziplock Sandwich Bags (Quart and Gallon)



Christmas in August

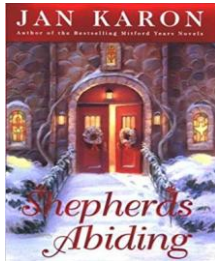


Adult Study on the Incarnation of Jesus
Tuesday, August 14 from 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the Session Room
Sign-up by August 12; Dinner Provided.

In preparation for our August celebration of Christmas, join Matt and Elizabeth to examine how each gospel tells the story of the incarnation of Jesus. We'll enjoy good conversation as we explore the perspective of each gospel writer. Childcare is provided upon request.

Advent Worship Sunday, August 19

A festive brunch will follow worship. If you would like to help, contact Jane Boone (704-984-6353 or jane.boone@carolinashealthcare.org). Following brunch, Ruth Cotton will lead a chrismon workshop for school-aged children and adults. We'll use the ornaments on our summer chrismon tree and then they can be taken home.



Book Conversation
Monday, August 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor
Shepherds Abiding: A Mitford Christmas Story
by Jan Karon

Copies are available in the church office
and at the public library.

MOVIE NIGHT
THE STAR
FRIDAY, AUGUST 24 AT 6:00 P.M.
WE'LL GATHER AROUND
THE BIG SCREEN IN THE THEATRE.

THE STAR
THE STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS



Christmas Celebration
Sunday, August 26

Carol singing, the birth of Jesus will be told in music and word. Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes will be dedicated and much more! Wear your Christmas colors!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 29

- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (Pit Stop)

Monday, July 30

- 8:30 am Youth Group Monday Morning Mission

Wednesday, August 1

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, August 2

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Sunday, August 5

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering

- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (Pit Stop)
- 11:00 am Mission Committee (Session Room)

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY

- 31-James Cotton
- Dick Liles

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

AUGUST

- 01-Michelle Cumming
- Madelyn Taylor
- 03-John McIntyre
- 04-Terrie Holshouser
- 05-Caroline McLeod

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

AUGUST

- 02-Roger & Jane Lisk

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR JULY

Canned Meats

Tuna, Chicken, Spam, Salmon

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR

AUGUST

Canned or Dried Beans,
Canned Tomatoes, Rice



**Summer Art Gallery Exhibit
Featuring Works
By Lilley Brookshire**