



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Lord, the gift of your Word is a light for our path. Help us to study your way and follow your teaching until we know the true Light who has come into the world.
Amen.*

Saint Jerome
(c. 342-420)

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

***CHORAL INTROIT**

Alleluia

Albert Lowe

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in the sanctuary.

Praise God in the mighty firmament!

Praise God with loud clashing symbols.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Psalm 150

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and eternal God, we praise you. You are the strength of those who believe, and the hope of those who doubt. May we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

John 20

***HYMN 267**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

When we lock the doors of our hearts or minds, you burst through with forgiveness and peace. When we are paralyzed by fear, doubt, or anger, you breathe the Spirit on us and clothe us in your strength. When we turn away from the depth of your redemption, you call us back and gift us with joy. Forgive us, risen Lord, for the sins we commit, for the sins we fail to confess, and for the sins we fail to forgive.

John 20

***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.

*Glory to God
hymnal
page 582*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Reverend Drumheller

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of Faith Sharing with Children, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

ANTHEM

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

Philip W. J. Stopford

Christ the Lord is risen again, Christ hath broken every chain.

Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy, and say, Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross,
Lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry.

He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save;
Now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.
Alleluia!

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, thy ransomed people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away: let us sing by night and day. Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life. Amen.

Sermons are posted on the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org).

You can usually find the previous Sunday's sermon by Wednesday.

SCRIPTURE READING

[*Revelation 1:4-8*](#)

Pew Bible, page 230

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Was, Is, Will

Reverend Drumheller

Adapted from the Confession of 1967 which focuses on Christ's work of reconciling people to God and to one another.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. Amen.

*HYMN 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

During the hymn, ushers will collect your prayers to be included in the Prayers of the People.

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.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods yet refuses to help one of God’s children in need?

I John 3:16-17

Remembering God’s great love for the world, let us offer our lives to God.

Offertory

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Louis Vierne

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

hymnal, page 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit, one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

Llanfair

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

Philip W.J. Stopford

*POSTLUDE

Postlude

Frank Bridge

*All that are able may stand.

This piece was written by Vierne during his 27-year tenure as organist at Notre-Dame Cathedral. It is played in thanksgiving that the monumental 1867 organ survived the recent fire.

We are grateful for your presence 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 Jackson Shedd. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Ushers: Jack Morton, captain; Kyle Barbee, Taylor Barbee, John Earnhardt, Brent Lisk, Grant Lisk, Greg Lisk, Penny Morton, Jackson Palmer, Jeff Robertson, and Kim Robertson **Outside Ushers:** Brad Boone; John Earnhardt **Elder Greeters:** Steve Coats; Jim Marshall **Nursery:** TBD **Kids Care Crew:** Sarah & Ronnie Michael

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Natalie Taylor (daughter of Karlyn Cox & Derreck Huneycutt; recovering from 4-wheeler accident injuries), Jane Pickler (pancreatic cancer), Caroline Morton Chisholm (daughter of Penny & Jack Morton; chemotherapy), Henry Thomas (son of Roger Thomas; recovering from automobile accident injuries), Elaine Coats, Davis Fort, Terry Morgan, Patsy McLaurin (mother of Lee McLaurin). **See newsletter for complete list.**

Bread Bakers Needed

Bread bakers (and shoppers) are needed for the May 5 bread sale to be held on Letter Writing Sunday. If you bake quick bread, sourdough, or yeast breads, call Ann Duckwall (704-983-3498) to tell her how you can help. Donations from the sale will be given to SCCM.



**Bread for the World
Better Nutrition...Better Tomorrow
Letter Writing & Bread Sale...Sunday, May 5
Offering of Letters...Sunday, May 12**

It sounds as though our government is at the forefront in reducing global malnutrition; however, powerful political forces are pushing to curtail poverty-focused assistance.

How can we make a difference? Let's join together on May 5 – Letter Writing Sunday – to urge our government to expand support for global nutrition programs that will improve the lives of millions of children and mothers worldwide. Letter writing packets will be available in the Pit Stop from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Sunday, May 5. Look for a Sample Letter in the May Newsletter. As people of faith, we have a responsibility for alleviating hunger at all levels – locally, nationally, and globally.

Mother & Daughter Joyful Arts Tea Party
Saturday, May 4
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
The Mary & Martha Center for Women
(243 North 2nd Street, Albemarle)



The Mary & Martha Center for Women in partnership with the Stanly Arts Guild and Gifts presents an evening of arts and fun in appreciation and honor of mothers. Art supplies, artists, and food provided.



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: _____

Volunteers Needed for First Family Gathering

Desserts & Toppings Crew: Tuesday, April 30 at 10:00 a.m.
Set-up Crew: Wednesday, May 1 at 11:00 a.m.
Final Touches Crew: Wednesday, May 1 at 5:15 p.m.
Clean-up Crew: Wednesday, May 1 at 6:45 p.m.
Please contact Jane Snyder (704-982-2722 or 704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) if you would like to help.





First Family Dinner

Wednesday, May 1

5:45 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:00 p.m. Meal in the Gym

BUILD YOUR OWN MEXICAN BOWL

Choose your base, protein, toppings, and sauce!

Base: Jasmine Rice, Cous Cous, Lettuce, Black Beans, Tortillia Chips

Protein: Shredded Chicken or Ground Beef

Toppings: Avocado, Tomato, Charred Corn, Cilantro,

Shredded Cheese, Jalepeno, Lime, Onion

Dressing/Sauces: Cilantro Yogurt, Salsa, Sour Cream, Cheese Sauce

Desserts: Sweet Potato Cake, Brownies, Cookies

RSVP to the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) by Tuesday, April 29 to let us know you are coming.



Time for Homes of Hope's Spring

HEARTY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Friday, May 3rd 6:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Donations Accepted!

Central United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

(172 N. Second Street, Albemarle)

Enjoy a Hearty Breakfast of: Scrambled Eggs, Cereal, Bacon, Biscuits, Pancakes, Juice, Fruit, Coffee, Grits, Gravy, and Sausage.

Homes of Hope is Stanly County's homeless housing program serving more than 1300 since 2005.

Homes of Hope is an agency of the United Way of Stanly County.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRIMETIMERS' LUNCHEON PICNIC IN THE PARK

With Guest Speaker: Rev. Dennis Testerman,

Moderator of Presbyterians for Earth Care

Topic: Trees Are For Healing...Wellness and Wholeness

THURSDAY, MAY 9 AT NOON AT CITY LAKE PARK

Join us for our PrimeTimers' luncheon on Thursday, May 9 at City Lake Park. Our picnic menu is: Chicken, Green Bean Casserole, Potato Salad, Salad or Vegetable Tray, Fruit Salad, Rolls, and Dessert. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Dennis Testerman, Moderator of Presbyterians for Earth Care. The topic will be *Trees Are For Healing...Wellness and Wholeness*. Please call the office by May 8 to let us know you are coming and/or if you need transportation (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 28

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, April 29

- 7:00 pm April Book Study (Parlor)
- 8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Wednesday, May 1

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 11:00 am First Family Set-Up Crew
- 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
- 5:15 pm First Family Final Touches Crew
- 5:45 pm Evening Prayer in the Chapel
- 6:00 pm First Family Dinner (Gym)
- 6:45 pm First Family Clean-up Crew
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 2

National Day of Prayer

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Friday, May 3

- 6:30 am-9:30 am Homes of Hope Spring Fundraiser
Breakfast at Central UMC (172 N. 2nd St., Albemarle)

Saturday, May 4

- 2:15 pm Depart for Goat Yoga Outing

Sunday, May 5

Bread for the World Letter Writing

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

Deadline for Mother's Day Arrangement form

- 9:00 am-11:00 am Bread for the World Letter Writing (pit stop)
- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Bread for the World Letter Writing (pit stop)
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

28-Aaron Whisnant

29-Harold Sharpe

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

APRIL

28-Kevin & Adrienne Averette

29-Steve & Elaine Coats

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

03-Carole Yost

04-Brad Boone

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MAY

02-Bob & Donna Gaither

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR APRIL

Canned Meat

Tuna, Chicken, Spam, Salmon

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR MAY

Canned or Dried Beans

Canned Tomatoes

Rice

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

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Next Packing Date:

Wednesday, May 1 at 10:30 a.m.

Graduate Information Needed by May 12 for Graduate Recognition on Sunday, May 19

During worship on May 19, we will recognize First Presbyterian Church's high school graduates. If you have a family (or are graduating) member graduating from high school, college, or graduate school in the spring of 2019, please contact the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org) by **May 12** with pertinent information.