



The Weekly Bulletin
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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

God, in God's unending beauty and love, can appear unexpectedly in our lives. Just a glimpse can keep us going. The eternal love of God comes to us in brief moments, hanging on the broken doors of our lives.

From
Sanctuary
by
Becca Stevens.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONGS

Hymn 338	<i>O Beautiful for Spacious Skies</i>	all stanzas
Hymn 321	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	stanzas 1 and 2

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is mighty in word and deed.
God's mercy is everlasting.
Blessed be the one holy and living God.
Glory to God forever.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN 370**

This Is My Father's World Terra Beata
The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger may be brought forward at this time.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence
O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation.

Psalm 91:2
Luke 4:4, 10
Romans 10:10-11

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

Romans 10:8b
Psalms 91:9

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

***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.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Melissa Eudy

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bring your word near to us, O God. May it rest not only on our lips, but also reside in our hearts. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to respond to your word with our whole lives until you become our dwelling place; through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING [*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*](#) Pew Bible, page 581

ANTHEM *It Is Well with My Soul* John Ness Beck
Andy Cotton, Baritone

NEW TESTAMENT READING [*Luke 4:1-13*](#) Pew Bible, page 57

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *The Fourth Temptation* Dr. Kevin Taylor

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* hymnal, page 35
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.

***HYMN 22** *God of the Sparrow* Roeder

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Dorothy Hart

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

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

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*All that are able may stand.

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 Palmer. 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 memory of Johnny Andrew by his family.

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger today.

Welcome to Michelle Efird as our organist today.

Thanks to Andy Cotton, soloist, for sharing his musical talent with us.

Thanks to Dorothy Hart, Youth Director, for serving as liturgist today.

We are delighted to hear the Word proclaimed by Dr. Kevin Taylor. He is the Associate Professor in the Department of Religion and Practical Theology at Pfeiffer University.

There is no Children’s Church in the summer. School-aged children are encouraged to remain in worship. Nursery is available for newborns-preschoolers.

Thanks to Martha Sue Hall and Karlyn Cox for hosting lemonade on the lawn today.

Ushers: Brett Richards, captain; Mark Donham, Judy Kilgore, Ethan Richards, Grace Richards, Danny Saltzman **Outside Ushers:** Jim Marshall; Chris Whitley **Elder Greeters:** Debbie Bennett; Jim Sawyer **Nursery:** Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Barbara & Chris Whitley

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Jordan Andrew (daughter of Bo & Lauren Andrew), Jane Pickler (pancreatic cancer), Caroline Morton Chisholm (chemotherapy), Elaine Coats, Davis Fort. **See newsletter for complete list.**

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE GRANTS

The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until **July 12**. 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 funding. If you have questions about the application process, please contact the office. Endowment Committee members include: Lee McLaurin, chair; Debbie Bennett, Patrick Currie, Bob Gaither, and Nathan Sanges.

Thank You

Thank you for all the support and compassion shown me and Jeff during my father’s illness and passing. We are blessed to be part of a warm, welcoming, and loving church family. Your kindnesses eased the sadness during a difficult time.

Kim Robertson



We will Circle the Sanctuary for the SCCM food pantry again this summer. You may bring non-perishable food items to designated areas in the sanctuary during the weeks of July 7, 14, and 21.

Most Needed Items Are:

Canned Fruit (No Sugar Added), Canned Vegetables (Low Sodium), Canned Meats, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Macaroni & Cheese, Oatmeal/Grits, 1lb bag of rice



**LEMONADE ON THE LAWN
SUNDAYS FOLLOWING WORSHIP
IN THE PIT STOP**

Stop by to connect with your church family
over lemonade and tasty treats!



Gardening for SCCM

If you have extra garden produce, consider sharing it at the designated table in the Pit Stop. Church members who need it can take some for a donation. Contributions and extra produce will be donated to SCCM.



DINNERS FOR 7

Dinners for 7 will return in the fall. These dinner groups will gather (in home, restaurants, or around a picnic table in the park) once a month through the fall. Sign-up to be part of one and make new connections.



Wish List

For Montaña de Luz

Our group is leaving for Montaña de Luz on Wednesday, July 24.
Your donation(s) of the following supplies would be greatly appreciated:

Toiletries

Shampoo (for men & women)
Conditioner
Lice Shampoo/Lice kits
Body wash (for men & women)
Feminine pads (no tampons)
Razors (for men & women)
Deodorant (for men & women)
Hair gel
Body lotion
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Baby wipes

Education

Dry erase markers
Composition notebooks
Pencils (no mechanical pencils)
Pencil sharpeners
Blue, black and red pens
Printer paper

Other

Flip flops/Crocs (men & women ages 9-20)

Games

Interactive games for kids ages 1 & 2, Puzzles, Child and young adult coloring books,
Jenga, Uno card game, Sidewalk chalk, Friendship bracelet materials, Paint materials for art projects

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 7

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger/Circle the Sanctuary

10:00 am *Worship

11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (pit stop)

11:00 am Mission Committee

Monday, July 8

8:00 pm Bible Study at Off the Square

Wednesday, July 10

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, July 11

8:00 am-Noon Youth Volunteer at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Food Pantry
(111 East Church Street, Richfield)

Friday, July 12

Deadline for Gaither Endowment Grant form

Sunday, July 14

Circle the Sanctuary

10:00 am *Worship

11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (pit stop)

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY

07-Barbara Lindley

Stella Marks

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JULY

10-Don & Janice Abernathy

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR

JULY

Staple Items...

Flour

Sugar

Vegetable Oil

Broth

Cooking Spray