



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

My dearest Lord. Be Thou a bright flame before me. Be Thou a guiding star above me. Be Thou a smooth path beneath me. Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me. Today and evermore.

Excerpted from a prayer by
St. Columba
(c. 521-597).

PEALING OF THE BELLS

OPENING SENTENCES

Praise, you servants of the Lord,
Praise the name of the Lord!

Psalm 113

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Day by day, God leads us:

To the deep pools of peace, to the lush lawns of grace.

Day by day Jesus calls us:

To pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

The community we can be, the family we are called to become.

Psalm 23
John 3:16-24
Acts 2:42-47

*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.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Reverend Ayscue

Psalm 23

Silence

We have gone astray, O Lord. You call us to follow, yet we choose to heed other voices. Other pastures seem greener and the waters aren't always still. Though we are led by you, we complain along the path. Though your rod and staff guide us, we give in to fear. Forgive us when we refuse to sit at your table or refuse to drink from your overflowing cup.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*MUSICAL RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Barbara McManus

Recorded April 24, 2016

ANTHEM

The God of Love My Shepherd Is
Frank Poolos, Oboe

Mark Hayes

The God of love my Shepherd is, and He that doth me feed;
While He is Mine and I am His, what can I want or need?
He leads me to the tender grass, where I both feed and rest;
Then to the streams that gently pass, in both I have the best.

Or if I stray, He doth convert, and bring my mind in frame,
And all this not for my desert, but for His holy Name.
Yea, in death's shady black abode well may I walk, not fear;
For thou art with me, and Thy rod to guide me, Thy staff to bear.

Thou dost make me sit and dine, even in my enemies' sight.
My head with oil, my cup with wine runs over day and night.
Surely Thy sweet and wondrous love shall measure all my days;
And as it never shall remove, so neither shall my praise.

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; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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

Psalm 23

Gloria Bryson

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Shepherd

Reverend Drumheller

A Declaration of Faith
was written in 1977 for
the southern Presbyterian
denomination (PCUS)
before the creation of the
PC(USA) in 1983. While
not in the Book of
Confessions, it was
adopted as a reliable aid
for Christian study,
liturgy and inspiration.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute,
whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship,
serve, and love. We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help.
We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power. We must
not love anyone or anything more than we love God. To worship God is
highest joy. To serve God is perfect freedom. Amen.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jim Sawyer

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Dale Wood

Prayer of Dedication

If you have written letters for Bread for the World, place your letter before you as we pray.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Mark Schweizer

Recorded
June 23, 2019

Thank you to Skeet Ayscue, Gloria Bryson, Duncan Bryson, James Cotton, and Barbara McManus for helping to make this worship service possible.

This week's worship video will become available at 11:00 a.m. To access the worship video, go to the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the worship banner or search for the church on *YouTube* and click on the appropriate video.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, Matt and Elizabeth will lead Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. through Zoom. To access the meeting, go to the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the *Morning Prayer* banner. You can also find the link through the Facebook event.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Matt and Elizabeth will livestream a brief devotional at 12:15 p.m. To access the devotional, go to the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the *Digital Devotional* banner. If you are unable to watch it live, it will still be available through the church's *YouTube* page.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Bryan Lambert (son of Joyce & Richard Lambert), Mark Rodgers (son of Laura & Tim Rodgers; treatment for Ewing's Sarcoma), Frank Green, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide is now available. Call the church office (704-982-2722) to arrange for delivery.

A team of folks is available to grocery shop and run errands for those who are unable to go out in this season. Please contact the church for more information (704-982-2722; eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org; mrdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org). If no answer, please leave a voicemail for Elizabeth or Matt.

If you would like to be a shopper/errand runner, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

With the governor's stay at home order in place, all staff members are working at home whenever possible and the church building is closed most of the time. The church's answering machine is being checked periodically; however, in case of an emergency, please contact Elizabeth (704.985.2945) or Matt (540.449.5319) directly.

GHA – Autism Supports needs 12-count egg cartons. Please drop-off at the back of the GHA office (213 North 2nd Street, Albemarle) at the picnic tables.

URGENT NEEDS FOR SCCM...

**CHECK THE STANLY COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION**

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Pasta Meals, Canned Meats, Canned Veggies, Canned Fruit, Boxed Mac n Cheese



Community Table Lunch on Saturday, May 16

On May 16, First Presbyterian Church will provide lunch for the guests at the Community Table. At this time, lunches are take out. The plan is to prepare bag lunches on Friday, May 15 in the church kitchen.

We will need donations of the following items for these lunches:

- Individual bags of chips
- Individual fruit cups
- Granola bars
- Homemade or bought cakes or cookies (no icing)
- Money to be used to help buy ham, cheese, and bread
(money may be given to Kyle in the office)

A surplus of the above foods will be used to fill the backpacks for Central Elementary School children. **All donations need to be in the church kitchen by Tuesday afternoon, May 12. Please label your donation with a CT sign. When dropping off donations, call the church (704-982-2722) to be sure someone will be there to let you in. If you would like to help assemble the bag lunches and/or hand them out on that Saturday, call Linda Anderson at 704-982-3723.**



The 2020 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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Suggestions for Ruling Elder

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Please return suggestions to the church office or to Ben Jolly, Nominating Committee Chair, by June 14. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Ken Knight, Committee Chair; Bob Johnston, Andy McLeod, Barbara McManus, Sarah Michael, and Gayle Russell.



**First Family Dinner
Wednesday, May 6
Pick-up or Delivery Service**

Menu:

**Grilled Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans,
Homemade Rolls, Sweet Potato Cake or Pound Cake
(Everyone will receive an assortment of cookies.)**

**Suggested Donation:
\$5 per person
Maximum of \$15 per family**

YOU MUST RSVP TO ANNE MONTGOMERY BY 2:00 P.M. FRIDAY, MAY 1
(Phone: 704-982-7823 or Email: johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com)

***** Information needed when you RSVP *****

Number of plates

Sweet Potato Cake or Pound Cake for each meal

Pick-up (5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.)

or Delivery Service (provide address/special instructions)

For your safety, we will be wearing masks and gloves as we prepare your plates.

Though we will not share the meal at the same table,
we will delight in the opportunity to share the same meal at our own tables.

A prayer and table ritual will be included for each household.

Sharing the meal and the ritual will bind us together as the one body of Christ.



First Presbyterian Church Storytime for Children

Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. for PreK-Kindergarten via YouTube livestream video

Matt or Elizabeth will livestream a video reading a children's book.

To access the video, go to the First Presbyterian Church website (www.fpcalbemarle.org)
and click on the Storytime banner.

Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. for 1st-3rd Graders via Zoom

Matt or Elizabeth will host a Zoom call with the 1st through 3rd graders to read a chapter book with them.

This will be about 20 minutes of reading time.

Email Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) for the Zoom code and password.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 3

Bread for the World Offering of Letters
Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger
11:00 am Online Worship

Monday, May 4

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Tuesday, May 5

12:15 pm Online Digital Devotional
1:00 pm Online Story Time Reading (PreK-Kindergarten)
1:15 pm Online Story Time Reading (1st-3rd Graders)

Wednesday, May 6

First Family Dinner Pick-up or Delivery
10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10:30 am Backpack Food Program
5:00 pm-6:00 pm First Family Dinner Pick-Up

Thursday, May 7

National Day of Prayer
12:15 pm Online Digital Devotional

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day
11:00 am Online Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

03-Carole Yost
04-Brad Boone
07-Sam Shepherd
08-Barbara McManus
Lee Snuggs

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MAY

09-Lee & Barbara McManus

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.

BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM

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.

Packing Dates:

Wednesday, May 6 at 10:30 a.m. & Wednesday, May 27 at 10:30 a.m.

