



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Lord, be with us this day – within us to purify us; above us to draw us up; beneath us to sustain us; before us to lead us; behind us to restrain us; around us to protect us.

Based on a prayer of
Saint Patrick of Ireland
(c. 389-461).

PEALING OF THE BELLS

OPENING SENTENCES

The Holy Spirit is peaceful, positive, and always there.
Let us worship in its presence.

Merrin Kinley

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God,

It is God who made us, we are his; we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Merrin Kinley

Psalm 100

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Dear God, we understand that you call us to do many things in your name. Among these are to practice equality, celebrate goodwill, and faithfully follow in your footsteps. In these trying times it is hard to remain strong, but it is our duty to remain faithful to you. Amen.

Andy McLeod

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Merciful God, you offer boundless love and grace, yet we are slow to do the same. Your love is patient and kind, but we are quick to judge and quick to condemn. Forgive us when we refuse to follow your lead by loving our neighbor. Forgive us when we forget to love as you first loved us.

David Kilde

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

Elizabeth Bryson

Recorded
March 31, 2019

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

This Affirmation was
written for this
worship service by
Katherine Jolly.

ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter that he may abide with you forever.

E'en the Spirit of Truth, and ye know Him,
for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you.

I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Duncan Bryson

Lord, open our hearts and our minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[*Micah 6:8*](#)

Duncan Bryson

SCRIPTURE READING

[*1 Corinthians 13:1-13*](#)

Grayson Jones

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Robert Ivey, Jacob Palmer, and Grace Richards

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in our Father, God in heaven, creator of all good things. We trust that no matter what this difficult time may bring, God always has, and always will be, with us. We acknowledge that Jesus Christ was born in a stable to the Virgin Mary, and lived a life of perfect obedience and absolute kindness. He gave his life for the sins of all people, claiming reconciliation for all who believe in him. On the third day, he rose from the dead, fulfilling the hopes of the entire world. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father, awaiting the day he shall return. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity and granter of internal peace, for all who welcome it. We believe the Bible is the Word of God, and its writers were influenced by the Holy Spirit. We know that humankind was created after God's own image, and despite choosing sin, is loved unconditionally by God and can be saved because of this love. We, as God's people, know that one day he will return, but until then, we must strive to live as Jesus did, with absolute kindness. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leah Kilde

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Chorale

Johannes Brahms

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Peter C. Lutkin

Recorded
September 9, 2019

Thank you to all the youth who helped create this service and helped make it possible. Thank you also to Skeet Ayscue for his help with the recording of this worship service.

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: The family of Wayne Drye (brother of Barbara Whitley), The family of Bonnie Smith (sister of Jane Hartsell), Mickie Smith (cousin of Pam Holbrook; cancer & COVID19), Mark Rodgers (son of Laura & Tim Rodgers; treatment for Ewing's Sarcoma), Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

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; mdrumheller@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.

On Sunday, May 31, we will celebrate Pentecost with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. If you would like to have elements for communion delivered to your home in the days leading up to Sunday, **please contact Matt Drumheller (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) by noon on Tuesday, May 26.**

It is our tradition to celebrate Pentecost by wearing red on Pentecost Sunday. We'd love to see you and/or your family wearing your red. Before May 27, snap a picture and email it to mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org or text it to (980) 581-9773. We will make a slideshow of everyone wearing their red to include in worship on the 31st!

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

Bible Study and Conversation
Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. via Zoom
with Matt & Catherine Moeller

The material for this online discussion will be selected devotionals that our congregational members have written over the last few months. Each Monday, you will receive an email with the selected devotional for the week. Discussion will focus on the significance and application of the scripture. Topics will include how this challenging time impacts our faith, our spiritual gifts, our compassion, and our charity. This should be a great opportunity for Bible study and connecting with a cross-section of our church family. If you need help with Zoom, contact the church office (704-982-2722) by Tuesday, May 12. Please email Elizabeth at eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org or Catherine Moeller at mattandcatherine@hotmail.com by Sunday, May 10 to say you are interested or need more information. Please join us!



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.

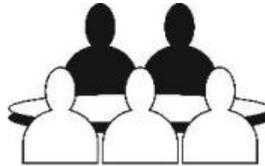
To access the video, go to the First Presbyterian Church website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the Storytime banner.

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.



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
- and
- Ability to work cooperatively with others

Suggestions for Deacon

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

Suggestions for Ruling Elder

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Please return suggestions to the church office or to Ken Knight, Nominating Committee Chair, by June 14 (kbknight17@gmail.com). Members of the Nominating Committee are: Ken Knight, Committee Chair; Bob Johnston, Andy McLeod, Barbara McManus, Sarah Michael, and Gayle Russell.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 17

Youth Sunday

9:00 am Session Meeting via Zoom

11:00 am Online Worship

Monday, May 18

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

7:00 pm Book Conversation via Zoom

8:30 pm High School Bible Study via Zoom

Tuesday, May 19

12:00 pm June Newsletter Deadline

12:15 pm Online Digital Devotional

1:00 pm Online Story Time (PreK-Kindergarten)

1:15 pm Online Story Time (1st-3rd Graders)

Wednesday, May 20

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

7:00 pm Virtual Game Night

Thursday, May 21

Ascension Day

12:15 pm Online Digital Devotional

4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Sunday, May 24

Recognition of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education

11:00 am Online Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

17-Liz Jolly

Ken Knight

Art Rogers

18-Jackson Shedd

19-Jim Sawyer

Natalie Taylor

20-Jim Ivey, III

Bill Lindley

21-Kristen Laton

Quinton Wainwright

22-Richard Lambert

23-Laura Mittendorf

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MAY

17-Tom & Holly Norwood

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.

**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 Date:

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

