



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Albemarle, North Carolina

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**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

MORNING MEDITATION

*Prayer was never meant to be magic, Mother said.  
Then why bother with it? Suzy scowled.  
Because it's an act of love.*

From  
*A Ring of Endless Light*  
by Madeleine L'Engle

PEALING OF THE BELLS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING SENTENCES

Let us hear what the Lord will speak.  
**God will speak peace to the faithful.**

Psalm 85:8

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, come to the waters.  
**We gather to be restored and renewed.**  
Come, with your faith and your doubt.  
**We respond to the one who claims and calls us.**  
Come, Christ summons us to draw near.  
**Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving!**

Reverend Ayscue

Matthew 14:22-33

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Gracious Lord, we pray your Spirit would guide and inspire our worship.  
Open our mouths to sing and speak your praise. Open our ears to hear  
your Word. Open our eyes to see to your presence among us. Open our  
hands to join in your kingdom-building work. Open our hearts to receive  
your love. Amen.**

Psalm 105

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence  
**God, we confess that we do not always understand your ways. We are  
easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully  
laid plans and dreams come to nothing. We confess that we are quick to  
give up when things get difficult, and quick to question your presence and  
your power. Forgive us. Open our eyes to recognize your leading in our  
lives. Give us courage to step out in faith and obedience.**

Genesis 37, Matthew 14

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

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RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS *Gloria Patri* Meineke  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen, Amen.**

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see  
light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28*

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ANTHEM *For the Beauty of the Earth* John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.  
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,  
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child;  
Friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild.  
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given;  
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:  
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 14:22-33* Witt Snuggs, reader  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *The Highs and the Lows* Rev. Drumheller

\*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. God has reached out to those who suffer injustice and  
defended the excluded, the poor, and the hungry. The Lord is moving  
toward the time when justice will roll down like waters and righteousness  
like an ever-flowing stream. We are persuaded God is at work here and  
now when people deal fairly with each other and labor to change customs  
and structures that enslave and oppress human beings. Jesus is Lord!  
He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even  
now he is Lord. Amen.**

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

This reading from  
*A Declaration of Faith*  
describes the  
responsibilities of  
Christian Mission.  
Specifically, these words  
remind us that God sends  
us out to strive for justice.

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

*Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Up held by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

*The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no never forsake.*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### PASTORAL PRAYER 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.**

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory *Andante Cantabile* Alexandre Guilmant

Prayer of Dedication

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Sevenfold Amen* John Stainer

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PERMISSIONS: *Organ Prelude on "Come Holy Spirit"*. Music: *veni creator spiritus*, Stanley R. Scheer (b. 1940), unpublished work, permission of composer. *Glory Be to the Father*, Text: Lesser Doxology 3rd - 4th century, Music: *Meineke*. Charles Meineke (1782-1850). Public domain. *For the Beauty of the Earth*, Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint (1835-1917), Music: John Rutter (b. 1945) © 1980, *Oxford University Press*. Used with permission under One License A-709512. *How Firm a Foundation*, Text: "K" in John Rippon's *A Selection of Hymns* (1787), Music: *Foundation*. American Folk Melody. Public domain. *Andante Cantabile*, Music: Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911). Public domain. *Sevenfold Amen*, Music: John Stainer (1840-1901). Public domain.

**Thank you to** Skeet Ayscue and Duncan Bryson for helping to create this morning's video. Thank you to Ken Knight, Natalie Niederer, and Witt Snuggs for helping with worship.

**The acolyte today is** Natalie Niederer.

**Worship continues to take place at 10:00 a.m. during the summer months.**

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Banks Garrison, Yoder Whitley, Linda Richards, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

**If you have not already done so,** please stop by the church to sign the hymnal for Kim and Jeff Robertson. Call before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).

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**Banks Garrison is receiving inpatient rehab** at Pruitt Health in Harrisburg, North Carolina. His mailing address is:

Banks Garrison  
c/o Pruitt Health  
6300 Roberta Road  
Harrisburg, North Carolina 28075

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**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](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)) and click on the Storytime banner.

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**!!! It's Back !!!**

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

Join Catherine and Matt Moeller for fellowship and biblical reflection. 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. If you need help with Zoom, contact the church office (704-982-2722). Please email Matt Drumheller ([mrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)) or Catherine Moeller ([mattandcatherine@hotmail.com](mailto:mattandcatherine@hotmail.com)) to say you are interested or need more information. Please join us!

# BACK TO SCHOOL 2020

## BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCHEON FOR CENTRAL SCHOOL TEACHERS & STAFF

### BOXED LUNCH DONATIONS TO BE RECEIVED ON MONDAY, AUGUST 10

Boxed lunch items needed:

40 Chicken Salad Sandwiches – already made    6 Large Seedless Cucumbers

40 Pimento Cheese Sandwiches – already made    2 Bottles of Ranch Dressing

4 Big Plastic Tubs of Salad    2 Bottles of Italian Dressing

2 Bags of Romaine Salad    2 Bottles of Vinaigrette Dressing

5 Containers of Grape Tomatoes    8 Pasta Salads to serve 10 people – Meatless

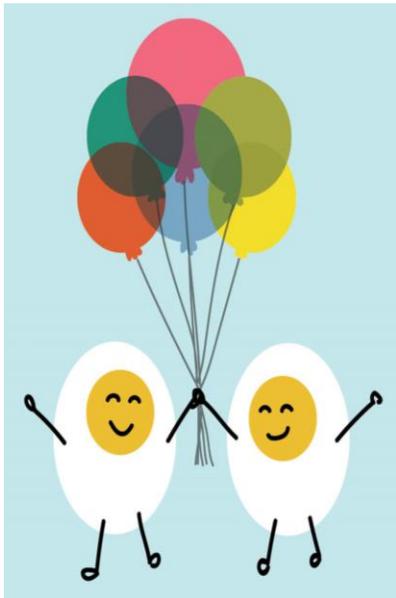
2 Bags of Shredded Carrots    Dessert – 6 Pound Cakes with No Icing

If you would like to donate, contact Anne Montgomery ([johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com](mailto:johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com) or 704-982-7823).

### WE WILL DELIVER LUNCH TO THE CENTRAL SCHOOL TEACHERS & STAFF ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11.

Help is needed on Monday, August 10 **and** Tuesday morning, August 11 to assemble lunch boxes. If you can help either or both of the days, contact Ruth Cotton (704-942-1381 or [hugawolf@hotmail.com](mailto:hugawolf@hotmail.com)).

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## It's an EGGCELLENT

### Pop-up

How to Boil & Peel a  
Perfect Egg Every Time!

**Tuesday, August 18 10:00 a.m. via Zoom with Jane**

We will gather on Zoom to learn how to boil the perfect egg and share our favorite deviled egg recipes! Contact Jane (call/text 704-438-3358 or [jsnyder@fpcalbe.marle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbe.marle.org)) to RSVP and she will send you the Zoom link.

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, August 9**

9:00 am Diaconate Meeting via Zoom  
10:00 am Online Worship followed by Lemonade on the Lawn via Zoom

**Monday, August 10**

*Donations for the Central School Teachers & Staff Luncheon to be received and assembly of boxed lunches*

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

**Tuesday, August 11**

*Assemble boxed lunches for Central School & deliver to the school at Noon*

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

**Wednesday, August 12**

*Youth Group Virtual Game Night*

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

**Thursday, August 13**

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

**Saturday, August 15**

9:30 am Charlotte Presbytery Meeting via Zoom

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**Your on-going support of First Presbyterian Church is essential to the mission and ministry of the church and to the well-being of our ministry partners, locally and globally.**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**AUGUST**

- 09-Hugh Wainwright
- 10-Judy Murrell
- 11-Kevin Averette
- 12-Banks Garrison
- 13-Dan Samples
- 14-Salem Taylor
- 15-Sheryl Stewart
- 16-Kimbal Chapman

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**AUGUST**

- 11-Bob & Debby Johnston
- 13-Tommy & Judy Murrell
- 15-Bubba & Jennifer Hesley

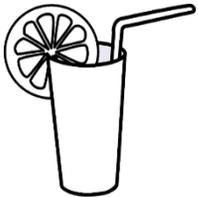
**Tithes and offerings may be mailed to:  
First Presbyterian Church  
P.O. Box 1578  
Albemarle, NC 28002**

**Online giving can be done  
through the church's website  
(www.fpcalbemarle.org).  
Click on the GIVE button.**

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**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.

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**Lemonade on the Lawn via Zoom**

Join your friends in the summer tradition of Lemonade on the Lawn (online) immediately following worship. You are invited to bring your own lemonade or beverage of your choice and join others for conversation. Gathering will be simple. Along with the information regarding access to Sunday worship, you will receive the zoom link to gain entry to Lemonade on the

Lawn. We hope to see you following worship on Sundays.

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**This week's worship video** will become available at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. 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.

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**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.