



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

With you, O God, to guide me, I journey on my way. I know you are beside me all through the night and day. Within your hand you hold me; what do I have to fear? Your loving arms enfold me, your grace is always near. Amen.

Based on a prayer
of Columba
(c. 521-597)

PEALING OF THE BELLS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Holden Taylor

OPENING SENTENCES

It was you who formed my inward parts. You knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Psalm 139:13-14

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

The world belongs to God.

The earth and all its people.

How good it is, how wonderful,

To live together in unity.

Love and faith come together.

Justice and peace join hands.

If Christ's disciples keep silent,

These stones would shout aloud.

Open our lips, O God,

And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Iona Abbey
Worship Book

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O sun behind all suns, I give you greeting this new day. Let all creation praise you. Let the daylight and the shadows praise you. Let the fertile earth and the thunder praise you. Let all that breathes praise you; and I shall praise you. O God of all life, I give you greeting this day. Amen.

Celtic Prayers from Iona

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: in the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world. May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.

Iona Abbey
Worship Book

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Reverend Drumheller

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

Migrant Birds

Spencer Ayscue, Tara Logue, and Scott Peters

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13:8-10

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Gift of Love

Reverend Drumheller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Celtic Prayers from Iona

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies.

For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.

(Refrain)

Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light. (Refrain)

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parents, child,

Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. (Refrain)

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Thank you to David Kilde for helping to create this morning's video. Thank you to Migrant Birds for allowing us to use their music for worship this morning. Thank you to Martha Sue Hall, Ken Knight, and Billie Jean Snuggs for helping with worship. Thank you to Debby and Bob Johnston for opening their home for the worship video.

The acolyte today is Holden Taylor.

Worship takes place at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 6. Worship will resume at 11:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, September 13.

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 a hymnal for Kim and Jeff Robertson & Taylor and Lisa Johnston. Call before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).



with Faith & Hope

Rally Day 2020

**Church Parking Lot Drive-Thru
Event**

Sunday, September 13 at 9:30 a.m.

The Christian Education Committee would love for you to join us for a drive-thru event in the parking lot for a morning of food, fun, and fellowship as we kick-off the new year in Christian Education. This is an intergenerational event and all ages are invited! Come to the drive-thru event, and we will send you home with food, activities, and information. We will post videos for you to watch at home about all the classes, **MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES** available this year as we move **ONWARD WITH FAITH AND HOPE!** You will be able to sign up for the different classes, activities, or ministries online, via email, or by calling the church office.

Would You Like To Be A Silent Partner?

First Presbyterian Church college students have been begun the 2020-2021 school year. We need you to serve as a Silent Partner to these college students. The Silent Partner remains anonymous to the student and maintains contact by sending cards, and/or small packages of helpful college items such as favorite snacks, small school supplies, or gift cards for fast food or coffee, etc. The feedback each year from the college students is very positive. Won't you support one of our students in this way? Contact the church office at 704-982-2722 to sign-up to be a Silent Partner.



On Mondays and Wednesdays, Matt leads 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 weekly updates email.



**First Presbyterian Church Storytime for Children
Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. for Preschoolers via YouTube livestream video**

*****Please note new day!*****

Matt 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.

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.

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 (mtdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) or Catherine Moeller (mattandcatherine@hotmail.com) to say you are interested or need more information. Please join us!

POP-UP

Hiking at Morrow Mountain
Sunday, September 13

Meet at the Kron House Parking Lot at 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a great trail hike and see a few historical features - an old homesite and the Civilian Conservation Camp (CCC) from the 1930s. The socially distant hike will be *out and back* so folks can turn around at any point they want. Bring sturdy hiking boots and water. The hike (considered easy to moderate) will be along the Bilesville Road, which runs from the Kron House to the park entrance gate. We will be getting off-trail just a little bit. Participants need to be able to walk on a rocky, uneven surface, but don't need to be super fit. Meet at the Kron House parking lot at 2 p.m. For more information, contact Ken Knight (kbknight17@gmail.com or 704-985-6277).

POP-UP

Scenic Overlook at Morrow Mountain
Thursday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Tom Rabe and family funded the scenic overlook renovation project and dedicated it to Tom's grandfather, Mr. James McKnight Morrow. There is a great story behind Morrow Mountain and the Rabe/Morrow family. Lynn Poplin is going to share the story with us! Join us at the top of Morrow Mountain at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 17 for muffins, coffee, water, and a history lesson. There is a handicap accessible area with a picnic table where we can meet and social distance. Please bring your mask and a chair (contact Jane Snyder if you need a chair 704-438-3358) and join us for a morning at our beautiful Morrow Mountain!

Want an opportunity to help others during this pandemic?

Senior Services of Stanly County needs people to deliver meals to home bound seniors during the weekday in the Albemarle area and occasionally in the Badin and Richfield areas. Volunteers may be used multiple times weekly if available. Volunteers are encouraged to use safety precautions of wearing masks and gloves, using hand sanitizer between each delivery, and limiting contact with recipients by placing bagged meals on the door rather than entering homes. Masks and hand sanitizer are provided if needed. Think you can help out? Please call Joy Richardson at 704-986-3773 if you have any questions and are interested.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 6

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger
10:00 am Online Labor Day Worship

Monday, September 7

Labor Day
Church Office Closed

Wednesday, September 9

6:45 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
1:00 pm Online Story Time (Preschoolers)
7:00 pm Youth Group Virtual Game Night

Thursday, September 10

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

Sunday, September 13

Rally Day
Commissioning of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education
9:00 am Diaconate Meeting via Zoom
9:30 am Rally Day Drive-Thru Event (church parking lot)
11:00 am Online Worship
2:00 pm Pop-Up with Ken Knight: Hiking at Morrow Mountain

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
SEPTEMBER
06-Laura McLeod
10-Grace Richards
11-Kelly Lentz
Ned Russell
13-Jane Pickler

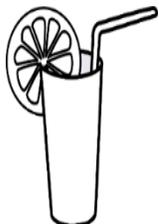
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
SEPTEMBER
10-Richard & Janet Schaefer

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.

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.

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 Matt (540.449.5319) directly.



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.

Save the Date
Women's Retreat
October 9-11

Questions? Contact Melissa Eudy (the5eudys@gmail.com or 704-439-6747)

