



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina
Matt Drumheller, Pastor

Church Offices: (704) 982-2722

Website: www.fpcalbemarle.org

September 27, 2020

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

To have died for valuable [people] would have been not divine but merely heroic; but God died for sinners. He loves us not because we were lovable, but because He is Love.

C.S. Lewis from
The Weight of Glory

PRELUDE *Prelude on 'Our God, Our Help in Ages Past'* C.S. Lang

PEALING OF THE BELLS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Thomas Shedd

OPENING SENTENCES

Let every tongue confess the good news:
Jesus Christ is Lord; glory to God!

Philippians 2:11

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen, O people to holy teaching; tune your ear to hear God's word.
We gather to proclaim our sacred story, to tell of God's wondrous deeds.
Come, O people into holy space to worship the Lord, our sustainer and guide.
Let us turn to God in prayer and praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We worship you, O God, in whom we have placed our trust. As you were at work in the lives of our ancestors, so we praise you for your presence in the world today. You have made us heirs of faithfulness. May our faithful witness and service reveal the depth of our gratitude as we worship you. Amen.

Psalm 78:1-7

HYMN 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Nettleton

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

First Presbyterian Church
Worship Archive
January 17, 2018

Here I raise by Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Exodus 17:1-7

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

God of mercy, you have made your presence known throughout Scripture and throughout our lives. But we have turned from reminders of your grace, and refused to acknowledge your love. We have claimed your blessings as our own doing and lost faith in you in the midst of our losses. Forgive us for our wavering faith.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

Reverend Drumheller

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

At the conclusion of Faith Sharing with Children, children in grades K-2nd are encouraged to join Melissa Eudy for Children's Church via Zoom. The link for the Zoom call can be found in yesterday's worship email.

ANTHEM

King of Glory, King of Peace

David Ashley White

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;

And that love may never cease, I will move thee.

Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;

Thou didst note my working breast, Thou has spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee,

And the cream of all my heart I will bring thee,

Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;

And alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee;

E'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 17:1-1 and Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Onward with Faith

Reverend Drumheller

First Presbyterian Church
Worship Archive
May 17, 2015

First Presbyterian Church
Worship Archive
November 22, 2015

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation and Questions

*Profession of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Introduction to the Congregation

Anthem

Feed My Lambs

Natalie Sleeth

First Presbyterian Church
Worship Archive
March 25, 2018

Feed my lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;

In My name lead them forth gently as a shepherd.

When they wander, when they stray, their protector be.

As ye do unto my flock, thus ye do to me.

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;

In My name lead them forth gently as a shepherd.

Unto all who lose the way Hope and comfort be.

As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to Me.

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;

In My name lead them forth gently as a loving shepherd of the Lord.

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Rich Schaefer

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Charles Callahan

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

First Presbyterian Church
Worship Archive
September 22, 2019

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;

Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.

Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;

Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.

Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;

I will ever give to thee.

First Presbyterian Church
Worship Archive
February 4, 2018

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

William M. Runyan

Peace, God's Wonderful Peace

Peace, peace; God's wonderful peace be with you now and evermore.
Amen.

PERMISSIONS: *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*, C. S. Lang (1891-1971) Oxford University Press. Used with permission under One License A-709512. *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, Text: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), Music: *Nettleton*. Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second (1813). Public domain. *Glory Be to the Father*, Text: Lesser Doxology 3rd - 4th century, Music: *Meineke*. Charles Meineke (1782-1850). Public domain. *Feed My Lambs*, Text & Music: Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992), © 1972, Carl Fischer, LLC. Used with permission under One License A-709512. *King of Glory, King of Peace*, Text: George Herbert (1593-1633), Music: David Ashley White (b. 1944) © 2006, St. James Music Press. Used with permission ID 1291. *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*, Charles Callahan (b. 1951), © 2006, MorningStar Music Publishers, Inc. Used with permission under One License A-709512. *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*, Text: William Williams (1717-1791), Music: *Cwm Rhondda*. John Hughes (1873-1932). Public domain. *Peace, God's Wonderful Peace*, Text & Music: William M. Runyan (1870-1957), © 1994, Belwin Mills Publishing Corp. Used with permission under One License A-709512.

Thank you to Bob Johnston and David Kilde for helping to create this morning's video. Thank you to Rich Schaefer for his help in worship

The acolyte today is Thomas Shedd.

Many thanks to the folks who have lovingly and prayerfully crafted the shawls which are being blessed today.

Emmett Birch Minkler, son of Mary Lane and Craig Minkler, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this morning. The elder participating is Rich Schaefer.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Clay Price (cancer; cousin of Steve Cumming), Banks Garrison, Yoder Whitley, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.



Children's Church

We are excited to begin Children's Church via Zoom! Join us in worship after *Faith Sharing with Children* in our own Zoom room for an online version of worship for kids (ages Kindergarten-2nd grade). The link for the Zoom call can be found in yesterday's worship email.

Around the Table with Jane & Friends

We will meet on Zoom on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. through October 27. Each week we will watch a video of a parishioner sharing something "around the table". We will also be reading and discussing scripture associated with events "around the table".

Wrestling with Scripture

In this series, Matt leads conversation about the role of the Bible in contemporary Christianity. Focusing on Biblical authority, we look at a variety of readings by scholars. Participants explore their own thoughts and beliefs about the authority of Scripture. We meet on via Zoom from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:

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, October 14 at 10:30 a.m.



Reformation Sunday & Kirkin' o' Tartans on Sunday, October 25

Though we will not be worshipping in person for our Scottish Communion worship service this year, we will plan to celebrate our Presbyterian heritage. Please keep your eyes open for more information about this worship service.



**FIRST FAMILY MEAL
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
5:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.**

**RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5
PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL**

First Family Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, October 7! Unfortunately, we are still unable to gather together for First Family in October. If you would like a First Family meal, please RSVP by Monday, October 5 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday, October 7 between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

Menu:

**Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit,
Rolls, Sweet Potato Cake, Pound Cake and Brownies**

**Suggested Donation: \$5 per person....Maximum of \$15 per family.
Please come with correct change or a check written to First Presbyterian Church.**

All we need you to do is:
call Anne Montgomery at 704-982-7823 or email Anne at johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com
and let her know how many plates you need,
if you would like sweet potato cake, pound cake or brownies for each meal
and if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Session has called a congregational meeting to be held on Zoom immediately after worship on Sunday, October 11. The purpose of the meeting is to elect deacons and ruling elders to the Class of 2021 and to elect members of the congregational Nominating Committee. The congregation will hear and act on the report presented by Nominating Committee member, Ken Knight. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Ken Knight, Chair, Bob Johnston, Andy McLeod, Barbara McManus, Sarah Michael, and Gayle Russell. Once the committee has presented the slate of officers, the floor will be open for additional nominations. As a matter of courtesy, please check with any person whose name you plan to place in nomination prior to doing so.

Nominating Committee – at large members for 2021

Bob Johnston, Ken Knight, Barbara McManus, Andy McLeod, Sarah Michael, Gayle Russell

DIACONATE

Keith Bryson...Keith moved to Albemarle as a 5 year old and was put into church service upon arrival by his father who was quite often doing small jobs around the church. Since he passed away in 2013, Reverend Ayscue took over the task of keeping me involved at First Presbyterian Church with numerous calls saying, *I was thinking about you*. My mother, Gloria Bryson, has been a member here 50+ years, and my wife, Kristie, close to 20 years. Our children, Duncan and Elizabeth, have been fortunate to have been raised within the church, which has been a major influence on their lives. In the past, I have served on both the diaconate and session, been involved with Sunday Youth, and for quite a few years have assisted with the Stanly County Youth Breakfast, which First Presbyterian Church has supported and hosted for many years. In addition to being involved in family life, I am also an avid pickleball player which keeps me young and fit!

Michelle Cumming...Michelle has lived in Albemarle for over 20 years. She works as a Teacher's Assistant at Central Elementary School. She is married to Steve Cumming, and they are parents to Ella Cumming who attends Gray Stone Day School as a sixth grader. Michelle loves going to the beach and finding treasures at Goodwill Stores. This is Michelle's second time serving as a Deacon for First Presbyterian Church.

Jim Hesley...Jim lives in Albemarle with his son Bubba, his wife Jenny, and their daughter Jordan. Jim has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for six years and has previously served on the Diaconate. Jim also serves as a youth advisor to the youth group. Along with "thelittlepuppies"(Jim's trusty sidekick), they love the youth group! Jim says, *Y'all got some really cool kids*.

Laura McLeod... Laura has been a member of First Presbyterian for twenty-two years. She lives in Albemarle with her husband Mike, and they have five children - Caroline, Ben, Isabel, Andy, and Leo. During her time here at First Presbyterian Church, she has served on both Session and Diaconate. While serving as an officer, she has been involved with numerous committees (too many to name)! She has also helped lead Sunday School, has taught Children's Church, and has worked with Music and Arts Camp. In her spare time, she enjoys running, walking, reading, watching her children play sports, and traveling. She looks forward to serving our church again!

SESSION

Al Andrew...Al has enjoyed being a member of this congregation his entire life. He is married to Becky and they are the proud parents of Emily (25) and Jay (23). Al retired from a teaching and coaching career five years ago and now work in insurance. He enjoys playing golf, attending concerts, and following all things UNC. Al looks forward to serving as an elder once again.

Katherine Jolly... Katherine is the daughter of Liz and Ben Jolly and the granddaughter of Bill and Nancy Jolly. She is a sophomore at Gray Stone Day School in Misenheimer, North Carolina. She enjoys swimming for both her school and competitive club team, playing the guitar, and reading. Katherine looks forward to serving as an elder next year!

SESSION (continued)

Mike King... Mike grew up in Clarksburg, West Virginia. He attended West Virginia University graduating in business administration. Subsequently, he attended Virginia Commonwealth University and received a Masters in Hospital Administration. Mike is retired, having finished his career as the CEO of Camden Clark Medical Center in Parkersburg, West Virginia. He is a honeybee keeper and is active in Scouts USA Central North Carolina Council. He is married to Cathy and has three children and four grandchildren.

Kim Marshall... Kim has been member of First Presbyterian for thirty years, since she & Jim were married in 1990. They have four beautiful children – Brittany, Ashley, Ginny, and Luke. And, they have four even more beautiful grandchildren – Olivia, Greta, James, and Grace. Kim works in Jim’s optometry practice and really enjoys serving on two non-profit boards, and feeding her reading obsession in her book clubs.

Ellen Whitley... Ellen is a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church. She is married to David Whitley of the congregation. They have a daughter Emily, and two granddaughters, Ansley and Emersyn. Ellen works for the Central NC Council of the Boy Scouts. She has previously served on the Diaconate and Session. She looks forward to serving the church on Session.

Education and Conversation on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Our congregation, along with many others, is continuing a challenging journey of educating ourselves about systemic racism in America. Members of the church have been gathering on Zoom to explore how we benefit from or are affected by systems of privilege, and how we might bring about a kingdom-oriented world in which, *we are all one in Christ.* (Galatians 3:28)

In September, we will be reading the book *White Fragility*. This book helps the reader understand racism as a practice not restricted to *bad people*. In doing so, the author moves our national discussion forward. Please join us on Zoom on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss this book.

Women’s Retreat is set for October 9-11



Our Women’s Retreat will be both in-person (socially distanced with masks) and online October 9-11. The theme for this year is *The Power of Staying* and how God can work through our staying. Join us for all or part of the retreat! For more information, contact Melissa Eudy (the5eudys@gmail.com or 704-439-6747).

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**

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.



Children's Church

Join us after the children's moment in our own Zoom room for an online version of worship for kids. We will read Scripture, have music, and do activities to help keep our Kindergarten-2nd grade students involved. Zoom login information will be available with worship information. Contact Melissa Eudy (the5eudys@gmail.com or 704-439-6747) for more information.

Sunday School is for Children starts at 10:15 a.m. beginning September 20

In the early years, parents lay the foundation for a life of faith in their children. This happens at home and through experiences the parent provides for their child(ren). Sunday School allows children to explore their faith in new ways with other adults and children. Our Sunday School program utilizes an age appropriate curriculum called *Grace and Gratitude*.

Sunday School groupings are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
Grades K-5	Zoom Room	Penny Morton
Grades 6-12	Zoom Room	Matt Drumheller

K-5th Graders....Zoom Room...Our elementary youth Sunday School classes will continue to meet together this fall! Penny Morton will be leading this class using the curriculum, *Grace and Gratitude*.

6th-12th Graders...Zoom Room...Our middle school and high school Sunday School classes will continue to meet together this fall. Matt will be leading this class.

Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation from 9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

The Wired Word

Led by Rich Schaefer

Location: Zoom

The Wired Word class is an opportunity for a group of us to discuss current events and also look at them from a biblical perspective. Each week the editors of the Wired Word provide us with a summary of a meaningful news event and then help guide our discussion with "key questions" as well as bible verses that relate to issues in the news article.

The lessons are emailed to you every Thursday morning. You can read it at your convenience and then think about it as much or as little as you want before we meet via Zoom on Sunday mornings. To get started please send your email address to me at richard.schaefer@gmail.com and I will get you set up to receive the Wired Word each Thursday morning.



Youth Club has begun via Zoom for our K - 5th graders! We are exploring the Beatitudes this fall. **Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders)** meet from 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and **Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders)** meet from 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Please keep our children in your prayers as we do Youth Club in a very different way this year. If you would like to sign up your child to participate, or you'd like to help with the program, please contact Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).

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).

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

Duncan Bryson's Eagle Scout Project Fundraiser

Who is it for?

Duncan Bryson's Life Scout at Troop 82

What are we eating?

2 Barbecue Chicken Tacos

Cilantro Lime Rice

Pound Cake

When?

Wednesday, September 30 with pick-up between 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Where:

First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle

126 West North Street

Why?

I am raising funds for my Eagle Scout project.

I plan to build benches for the Rock Creek Park 2-mile trail.

Donations appreciated – All check made out to BSA Troop 82.

RSVP to Duncan Bryson at 704-984-8864.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 27

- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship
- 7:00 pm Youth Group (sanctuary – socially distanced/mask required)

Monday, September 28

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 7:00 pm Book Conversation via Zoom
- 8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton at the home of Debby & Bob Johnston (1212 Heritage Drive, Albemarle)

Tuesday, September 29

- 10:00 am Around the Table with Jane Snyder & Friends via Zoom
- 12:00 pm October Newsletter Deadline
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Wrestling with Scripture with Matt via Zoom

Wednesday, September 30

- 6:45 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm Online Story Time (Preschoolers)
- 3:30 pm-4:00 pm Youth Club Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders) via Zoom
- 4:00 pm-4:30 pm Youth Club Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders) via Zoom

Thursday, October 1

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

Saturday, October 3

- 7:00 pm Youth Group Outdoor Movie Night in Locust

Sunday, October 4

*World Communion Sunday/The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper/
Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger*

- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship

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!
SEPTEMBER**

- 27-Carter Gibson
Caroline West
- 28-Desmond Bullard
Ruth Goforth
- 30-Kennady Atwater
Hannah Martin
Jordan Morgan

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
SEPTEMBER**

- 27-John & Jessica Palmer

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
OCTOBER**

- 01-Graham Chapman
Eston West
- 02-Joan Boling
- 04-Andy McLeod

This week’s worship video will become available at 11:00 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.

**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.