



First Presbyterian Church  
Worship Archive  
January 26, 2020

HYMN 401

*Here in This Place*

Gather Us In

Here in this place the new light is streaming;  
Now is the darkness vanished away;  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery.

We are the old who yearn for your face.

We have been sung throughout all of history,  
Called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water;

Here we will take the bread of new birth.

Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,

Call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,

Not in some heaven, light years away:

Here in this place the new light is shining;

Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Leviticus 19:18

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

**God, you call us to love our neighbor, to care for the widow, the orphan, and the weakest among us. Yet, far too often, we tend to our own selfish needs rather than caring for those in need. You have charged us to do the difficult work of love, but we would rather care for and about ourselves. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us for abandoning love for selfishness.**

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

*At the conclusion of Faith Sharing with Children, children in grades K-2<sup>nd</sup> are encouraged to join Duncan Bryson, Elizabeth Bryson, and Kristie Bryson for Children's Church via Zoom. The link for the Zoom call can be found in yesterday's worship email.*

ANTHEM *I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes* Leo Sowerby

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:

He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

The Lord is my keeper; thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, not the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil,

He shall preserve thy soul,

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in

From this time forth, and even for evermore. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and 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.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

[Numbers 27:1-11](#)

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*Justice – An Act of Love*

Reverend Drumheller

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people. God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged. God calls the church to follow Him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps the orphans and widows, and blocks the path of the ungodly. The church must, therefore, stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.**

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

This affirmation is based  
on a section of the  
Confession of Belhar.  
This confession was  
written in Apartheid-era  
South Africa.

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March 11, 2018

HYMN 756

*O God of Every Nation*

Llangloffan

O God of every nation, of every race and land,  
Redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand.  
Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,  
In love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.

From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,  
From trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,  
From pride of race and station and blindness to your way,  
Deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.

Lord, strengthen those who labor that all may find release  
From fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase;  
When hope and courage falter, your still small voice be heard;  
With faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,  
When hatred and division give way to love and peace,  
Till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign  
And Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

### 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

*Magnificat, Op. 18, No. 14*

Marcel Dupré

Prayer of Dedication

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *New Testament Benediction* Christian Gregor

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. Amen.

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**Thank you to** Ken Knight and Andy McLeod for helping to create this morning's video, and to Gayle Russell for her participation in worship.

**The acolyte today is** Ellie Niederer.

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Ann Hatcher (mother of Ann Snuggs; recovering from fall), Gus Feather, Judy Ross (diagnosis of pancreatic cancer; friend of Tom & Holly Norwood), Lauren Reder (niece of Laura & Mike McLeod), Bede Karr, Sandy Saunders, Ann Upchurch, Banks Garrison, Yoder Whitley, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

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**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  
Donations may be dropped off at the church.

**Packing Date: Wednesday, November 11 at 10:30 a.m.**

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**The Prayer Shawl Ministry**



Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, November 11 at 1:30 p.m. in the Pit Stop. Please contact Peggy Finley 704-985-1136 or [maf447@windstream.net](mailto:maf447@windstream.net) if you have questions.

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**Angel Tree 2020**

There is an ornament waiting for you or your group on the Christmas tree in the Pit Stop. Beginning Tuesday, November 10, you are invited to stop by and select one or more with the name of a Central Elementary School student or their sibling. **The building is usually open Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9 am to 5 pm, but please call ahead to be sure someone will be there to let you in.** If you are unable to stop by the church building when it is open, please contact Peggy Finley to make other arrangements.

You will be provided with not only their Christmas gift wish-list but guidelines for how best to bring delight to that child on Christmas Day. **Be sure to fill in your name or the name of your group/ family on the appropriate lines (s) on the sign-up sheet. Each child's name is linked to a specific number on the sheet.** The unwrapped gifts need to be returned to the church in a large plastic bag by **Sunday, December 6.** Should you have any questions, contact Peggy



Finley at 704/985-1136 or [maf447@windstream.net](mailto:maf447@windstream.net).

## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Packing a shoebox will be the best gift that you can give a child because he/she will also receive the great, good news of Jesus, our Savior. Each child who receives a shoebox also receives a colorful book in their own language which tells them the story of Jesus. It is estimated that at least 30 family members or friends will also read the book. Plastic preprinted boxes are available in the church Pit Stop. **Please pick up a box with suggestions/directions for packing, fill your box, and return it to the church office by Thursday, November 12.**



**The shoeboxes will be dedicated in worship on November 15.**

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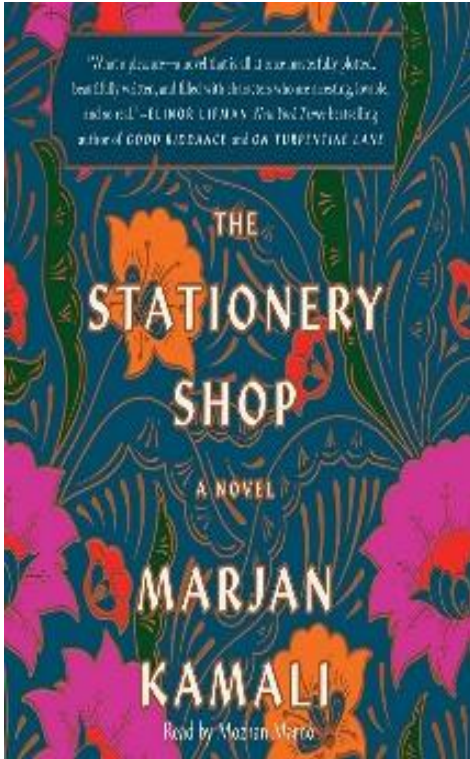
### Book Conversation

**Monday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

**\*Please note date change.**

**Book: The Stationery Shop by Marjan Kamali**

We will meet via Zoom on Monday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *The Stationery Shop* by Marjan Kamali. This is the story of Roya, a dreamy, idealistic teenager living amid the political upheaval of 1953 Tehran, finds a literary oasis in kindly Mr. Fakhri's neighborhood stationery shop, stocked with books and pens and bottles of jewel-colored ink. Then Mr. Fakhri, with a keen instinct for a budding romance, introduces Roya to his other favorite customer—handsome Bahman, who has a burning passion for justice and a love for Rumi's poetry—and she loses her heart at once. Their romance blossoms, and the little stationery shop remains their favorite place in all of Tehran. We hope you'll join us.



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78920583346>

Meeting ID: 789 2058 3346

Passcode: XbXXp8

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### SCCM FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

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| Peanut Butter          | Navy Beans              |
| Jelly                  | Great Northern Beans    |
| Mayonnaise             | Cannellini Beans        |
| Mustard                | Lima Beans              |
| Ketchup                | Kidney Beans            |
| Evaporated Milk        | Cream Corn              |
| Self-Rising Flour      | Chicken Broth           |
| All-Purpose Flour      | Beef Broth              |
| Tomato Soup            | Pre-Sweetened Cereal    |
| Cream of Mushroom Soup | Applesauce              |
| Cream of Chicken Soup  | Canned Pineapple        |
| Canned Potatoes        | Canned Peaches          |
| Spaghetti              | Canned Pears            |
| Black Eye Peas         | Canned Fruit Cocktail   |
| Sliced Carrots         | Canned Mandarin Oranges |
| Mixed Vegetables       | Beef Stew               |
| Green Beans            | Canned Chicken          |



**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, November 8**

- 9:00 am Diaconate Meeting via Zoom
- 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
- 5:00 pm Youth Group at Pelicans

**Monday, November 9**

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer 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)

**Wednesday, November 11**

*Veteran's Day*

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 1:00 pm Online Story Time (Preschoolers)
- 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Pit Stop)
- 3:30 pm-4:00 pm Youth Club Trusty Travelers (K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders) via Zoom
- 4:00 pm-4:30 pm Youth Club Faith Explorers (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders) via Zoom

**Thursday, November 12**

*Deadline to return Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes to the church office*

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

**Sunday, November 15**

*Dedication of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes*

- 8:30 am Session Meeting via Zoom
- 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
- 1:00 pm-4:00 pm New Officer Training
- 3:30-5:30 pm S'mores Night (lower parking lot)

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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 Matt (540.449.5319) directly.

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**Thank you for your generosity.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
NOVEMBER**

- 08-Leni Henkenjohann  
Nancy Joines  
Mary Louise Sawyer
- 09-Ann Duckwall  
Ross Holshouser  
Sarah Newport
- 11-Rose Saltzman  
Bill Stevenson
- 12-Jay Andrew
- 13-Lori Ivey
- 14-Carol Sasser

**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](http://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](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)).  
Click on the GIVE button.**