



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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February 21, 2021

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

MORNING MEDITATION

*Do not waste time bothering whether you love your neighbor; act as it you did.*

From *Mere Christianity*  
by C.S. Lewis

PRELUDE

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

Dale Wood

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PEALING OF THE BELLS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Ellie Niederer

OPENING SENTENCES

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust.**

Psalms 25:1-2

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as a community of disciples of Jesus.

**Recognizing our unity, and the love that we share,**

Hearing the call for justice and aware of our need for forgiveness,

**Relying upon the connections that sustain us,**

We gather as a beloved community.

**We gather to worship God.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your strength. Amen.**

Mark 1:9-15

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HYMN 366                      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*                      Hyfrydol  
Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:  
Changed from glory in to glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crown before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Hymn 415                      *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*                      Restoration  
Frank Poolos, soloist

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

#### *Refrain:*

*I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

Acts 2:43-47

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

**God of mercy, you have called us to depend upon one another, to care for one another, and to journey together. You have called us into community. Yet, we have given in to fantasies of self-reliance, and the idol of rugged individualism. We have forgotten our neighbor and lost sight of your vision for a connected community. Forgive us, Lord.**

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

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RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS                      hymn 643, stanza 3  
*Now Thank We All Our God*                      Nun danket alle Gott

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given;  
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
The God who was, and is, as shall be evermore.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM *God So Loved the World* John Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son.

That who so believeth in Him should not perish,

But have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,

But that the world through Him might be saved.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, guide us by your Word through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so we may be reformed, restored, and renewed. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING [\*John 13:31-35\*](#)

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *The Beloved Community* Reverend Drumheller

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice, and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

REFLECTION ON COMMUNITY Heather Kilde

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory *What Wondrous Love Is This* David N. Johnson

Prayer of Dedication

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

*The Lord's Table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ and to those who want to trust him more.*

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

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February 14, 2016

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 is an excerpt from the Belhar Confession, the newest creed included in our

Book of Confessions.

We use this affirmation in the season of Lent as a reminder of the gift and challenge of community.

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Communion elements can be delivered or picked up at the church upon request. Please email Matt mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org by the Thursday before worship.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**

HYMN 306                      *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*                      Dennis  
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**                      *Sevenfold Amen*                      John Stainer  
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**Thank you** to Duncan Bryson and Leah Kilde for helping to create this morning’s video. Thank you to Mary Lane for serving as today’s liturgist.

**The acolyte today is** Ellie Niederer.

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**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** The family of Bede Karr, Cooper Hudon (grandson of Roger & Darlene Hudson; at home recovering from covid heart-related issues), Sandy Saunders, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
 Belinda “Bede” Karr  
 August 29, 1950 – February 13, 2021

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**In an effort to keep the newsletter prayer list updated,** please notify the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org) or Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or hallmsh@hotmail.com) of changes.  
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**Please stop by the church and sign a hymnal for Susan Pandich and for Mary Lane and Craig Minkler, & Emmett.** Call the church office before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).  
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**Pfeiffer Pfriends**

Please contact Martha Sue Hall if you would like to be a Pfeiffer Pfriend (hallmsh@hotmail.com or call her at 704-985-5821).

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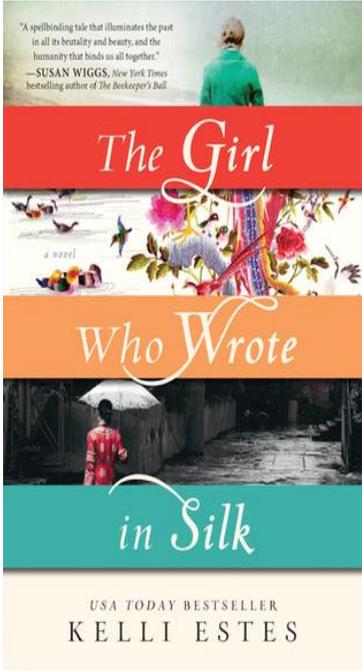
**February Book Conversation**  
**Monday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**  
 Book: *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli Estes

A historical novel inspired by true events, Kelli Estes’s brilliant and atmospheric debut is a poignant tale of two women determined to do the right thing and the power of our own stores.

*The smallest items can hold centuries of secrets.*

Inara Erickson is exploring her deceased aunt’s island estate when she finds an elaborately stitched piece of fabric hidden in the house. As she peels back layer upon layer of the secrets it holds, Inara’s life becomes interwoven with that of Mei Lein, a young Chinese girl mysteriously driven from her home a century before. Through the stories Mei Lein tells in silk, Inara uncovers a tragic truth that will shake her family to its core – and force her to make an impossible choice.

**Join Zoom Meeting**  
**<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76026386946>**  
**Meeting ID: 760 2638 6946**  
**Passcode: Z71g4D**



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*Daily Scripture Readings during Lent*

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| <b>February 21</b> | <b>Mark 2:18-28</b> |
| <b>February 22</b> | <b>Mark 3:1-19</b>  |
| <b>February 23</b> | <b>Mark 3:20-35</b> |
| <b>February 24</b> | <b>Mark 4:1-20</b>  |
| <b>February 25</b> | <b>Mark 4:21-41</b> |
| <b>February 26</b> | <b>Mark 5:1-20</b>  |
| <b>February 27</b> | <b>Mark 5:21-43</b> |
| <b>February 28</b> | <b>Mark 6:1-13</b>  |



**DRIVE-THRU LENT MEALS ON WEDNESDAYS  
FEBRUARY 24, AND MARCH 10, 17, AND 24  
FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.**

**RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON THE MONDAY PRIOR TO THE MEAL**

Lenten Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesdays during Lent: February 24, March 10, 17, and 24. If you would like a Lenten meal, please RSVP by 2:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the meal. We will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

**The menu will be emailed in advance.**

**Menu for Wednesday, February 24 (RSVP by Monday, February 22 at 2:00 p.m.):**  
**Ann Snugg's White Chicken & Bean Chili (pint size) and Pound Cake**

**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 704-796-5841 or email Anne at [johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com](mailto:johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com)**  
**and let her know how many plates and desserts you need, and if it will be a pickup or delivery**  
**(include address and any special instructions).**

**After sharing your meal together at home,**  
**you can log on to a weekly Zoom call at 7:00 p.m.**  
**There will be dedicated time for you to catch up with your FPC friends and family,**  
**and we will close each week with a time of worship and music together.**



**Education and Conversation**

**Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m.**

Our February conversation will take place Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. We will be exploring a new format: the podcast. Season two of the podcast Scene on Radio is called Seeing White. This season explores several interesting aspects of race. We will be starting with episode two, but we will also open the conversation up to other episodes. All of the episodes in the relevant season can be found at <http://www.sceneonradio.org/seeing-white/>

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**SCCM FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Pancake Syrup, Canned Lima Beans, Great Northern Beans, Canned Navy Beans,  
Canned Black Beans, Canned Black Eyed Peas, Canned Mixed Vegetables

Please bring donations to:

506 South First Street, Albemarle

Monday-Thursday

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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**Join the Team for Those in Need.**

Make your donation today to help tackle  
the need for over 14 billion meals in 2021!



**Between now and the end of February, join us in tackling hunger in Stanly County.  
Donations will go towards our Souper Bowl of Caring Campaign and support feeding our neighbors.**

**Give online at [www.sccminc.org/donate](http://www.sccminc.org/donate) or mail your gift toL  
Stanly Community Christian Ministry  
P.O. Box 58  
Albemarle, NC 28002**

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, February 21**

*First Sunday in Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

- 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
- 5:00 pm Youth Group

**Monday, February 22**

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 7:00 pm February Book Conversation with Courtney Niederer via Zoom
- 8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton

**Tuesday, February 23**

- 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Confirmation Class via Zoom
- 7:00 pm Education & Conversation via Zoom

**Wednesday, February 24**

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 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
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Drive-Thru Lent Meal
- 7:00 pm Lent Gathering via Zoom

**Thursday, February 25**

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

**Sunday, February 28** *Second Sunday in Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

- 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

<b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>
21-Nora Carpenter
22-Will Lentz
Ben Lisk
25-Robbie Stevenson
Ann Upchurch
26-Calvin Huneycutt
28-Carroll Holbrook

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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.**

<b>Tithes and offerings may be mailed to: First Presbyterian Church P.O. Box 1578 Albemarle, NC 28002</b>
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<b>Online giving can be done through the church's website (<a href="http://www.fpcalbemarle.org">www.fpcalbemarle.org</a>). Click on the GIVE button.</b>
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**All staff members are working at home whenever possible to limit the risk of COVID exposure. While there is often someone present at the church, the building will be open sporadically. If you need to come by the church, please call first to make sure the building is open. The church's answering machine is being checked periodically; however, in case of an emergency, please contact Matt (540.449.5319) directly.**