



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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April 18, 2021

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE *Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness* Johannes Brahms

PEALING OF THE CHIMES

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Seth Richards

OPENING SENTENCES AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

When Jesus speaks, our hearts burn within us;

Our eyes are opened when he breaks the bread.

CALL TO WORSHIP Katherine Jolly

When the disciples were certain that Jesus was dead,

He stood among them and said, *Peace be with you.*

Let us watch for the risen Christ this day,

Bursting in with new life and new hope.

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

PRAYER OF THE DAY 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 826 *Lift High the Cross* Crucifer

(Refrain)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)

All newborn servants of the Crucified
Bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)

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Luke 24:36-48

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

What love you have given us, O God, that we should be called your children. What love you have given us, O Christ, that we should share a table with you. Forgive us when we act as if we are your only children: when we do not recognize your image in the faces of strangers, enemies, or friends; when we do not share our own tables, forgetting that we need each other. Forgive us, O Christ, maker of peace, and teach us to follow in your way.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE

Glory to God

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* David Schwoebel

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 redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I've 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.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let Thy grace, Lord, 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.

I am bound for the kingdom, will you go to glory with me.

Hallelujah, praise the Lord.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word.

Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36-48

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Witnesses

Reverend Drumheller

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February 11, 2018

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February 15, 2015

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Debby Johnston

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

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O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King the triumphs of God's grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinners ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
The mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above the church in earth and heaven.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Peter C. Lutkin

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October 27, 2019

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen.

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Thank you to Duncan Bryson and Ken Knight for helping with audio and visual worship production this morning. Thank you to Katherine Jolly for her leadership in worship this morning.

The acolyte today is Seth Richards.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Claude Harwood, Hoy Lanning and family, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

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.

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).



In-Person Worship Information beginning Sunday, April 18

How To Register

All worshippers will need to register before coming to worship on Sunday morning to ensure that we are not exceeding the maximum number of safe participants.

- Registration will be limited to 50 people.
- Registration will open on the Monday immediately preceding the Sunday of worship. You may register between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm on Monday and Tuesday.
- To register, worshippers need to call the office number (704-982-2722) and speak with a person. Voicemails will not be considered registrations.
- When registering, please let us know how many people will be in your family group.

What To Expect

When you come to worship in person, please help us to stay safe and healthy by following these guidelines.

- Please put on a mask before you enter the building and keep your mask on (covering your mouth and nose) for the duration of worship.
- Please enter the building through the front door of the sanctuary facing North Street. If you cannot climb the steps you may use the ramp from the parking lot or the elevator.
- To avoid creating gather points where people are exposed to one another, please do not gather outside the door before or after worship for long periods of time.
- After entering the sanctuary, an usher or elder will help you locate an open seat.
- Please maintain at least 6 feet of space between your family group and other family groups that are present.
- At the conclusion of worship, an usher or elder will direct you to leave the sanctuary.

Worship

Worship will look different as we adjust the service to make it as safe as possible. Here's what you can expect.

- In order to reduce contact points there will not be a bulletin, an offering collection, or communion.
- Because we will not be handing out a bulletin, we encourage you to print one out before you come, or access the bulletin with your smartphone.
- The worship service will be shorter to decrease the amount of potential exposure time.
- We will ask people not to sing.



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

The level of hunger in the US is higher than in the Great Depression. We remember seeing pictures of people standing in bread lines and our parents (or grandparents) have told us of people coming to the door to ask for food. Thankfully we have a better system of caring now, but we still need to advocate for justice in the supply and distribution of nutritious food for our hungry neighbors. Pick up a writing packet at the church which contains a sample letter to our Congressmen along with writing supplies or see the April newsletter for communicating with them by phone or email

April 25 is the designated Sunday for Letter Writing, but you can write, call, or email our Congressmen any time beforehand. There is a basket on the table outside the church office for completed letters. Please remember to write your return address on the envelop as well as on the letter itself. The church will stamp and mail the letters.



MOTHER’S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

On Mother’s Day, the arrangements in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of mothers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail or deliver to the church office with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MAY 2**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Mother’s Day Arrangements*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Mother’s Day, May 9**. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be

donated to the Minister’s Discretionary Fund.

MOTHER’S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

REGISTRATION FORM



**First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle
Sunday, June 13-Thursday, June 17, 2021**

***SPACE IS LIMITED.**

***KINDERGARTEN-6TH GRADE ONLY**

***REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2021**

FOR WHOM?

For you if you have completed Kindergarten all the way through completed 6th grade.

Space is limited due to COVID19:

Kindergarten-1st Grade: Maximum of 10 Children

2nd-3rd Grade: Maximum of 10 Children

4th-6th Grade: Maximum of 20 Children

WHEN WILL WE DO IT?

It all begins on **Sunday, June 13 at 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.** On June 14-17, the hours are **9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

WHAT ELSE?

Registration Fee: \$20.00

Snacks & drinks will be provided.

Everyone should be masked and socially distanced.

The final performance will be filmed for people to watch at home.

Name _____ Age _____ & Grade Completed (as of June 13) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Parent's Name _____

Emergency Contact during hours of Music & Arts Camp _____

Food or other allergies _____

T-Shirt Size: YX-Small (2/4) Y-Small (6/8) Y-Medium (10/12) Y-Large (14/16) Y-XLarge (18/20)
Adult S M L XL

Other things we should know about this child _____

Permission to Use Photograph: I grant to First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, the right to take photographs of my child/children during the 2021 Music & Arts Camp and to use such photographs for any purpose.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature _____ Printed Name _____

of parent or guardian (if under age 18)

**Return form to:
First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578
126 West North Street
Albemarle, NC 28002**

**Questions? Contact the church office at (704) 982-2722 or
email klambert@fpcalbemarle.org**

For Office Use Only

Date Received _____

Staff Initials _____

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 18

- 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 Worship

Monday, April 19

Begin Reservations for In-Person Worship for Sunday, April 25

- 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

Wednesday, April 21

- 6:45 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 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, April 22

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

Sunday, April 25

- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Worship
- 5:00 pm Youth Group

**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.**

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, April 21 at 10:30 a.m.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

- 18-Elizabeth Wilson
- 19-Cooper Atwater
- 20-Peggy Finley
- 22-Marshall Rogers
- 23-Emma Gibson
Polly Moose
- 24-Liz Davis
Anita Gower
Alexis Poolos
Jacqueline Poolos
Nicole Poolos
- 25-Emma Grace Lemons
Tommy Murrell

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

APRIL

- 19-Robert & Myra Land
- 22-Jim & Lori Ivey
- 24-Robin & Melissa Lemons
- 25-Steve & Kate Melone