



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina
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May 2, 2021

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* Henry Purcell

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Cooper Atwater

PEALING OF THE CHIMES

OPENING SENTENCES

Beloved, let us love one another.

We love because God first loved us.

I John 4:7, 19

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Judson Bullard, liturgist

John 15:1-8

We gather to praise and worship God,

The one who created us for love.

We gather to worship the true vine,

The one in whose love we abide.

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 450

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heaven-ward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

O Christ, you are the true vine, and you have made us your branches. In your grace, we find strength, and in your love, we are set free. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who have been freed, when we act as if the Easter story did not turn the world upside down. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who are your branches, when we forget that we are rooted in you and bound to one another by your Spirit. Forgive us, O Christ, our one true vine.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation

*Profession 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 on 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.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Prayer

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

Feed My Lambs

Natalie Sleeth

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.

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.

The Apostles' Creed is used as part of the baptismal liturgy. This has been practice since the early church.

SCRIPTURE READING

[John 15:1-8](#)

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pruning

Reverend Drumheller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Randolph

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

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Thank you to James Cotton and Wiley Crutchfield for helping with audio and visual worship production this morning. Thank you to Andy Cotton, Ann Crutchfield, and Judson Bullard for their leadership in worship this morning.

The acolyte today is Cooper Atwater.

William Spence McIntyre, son of Catherine and Rob McIntyre, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Al Andrew is assisting as Elder.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Nancy Jolly (Trinity Place), 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 pknighnten@fpcalbeamarle.org) or Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or hallmsh@hotmail.com) of changes.

As is our custom, we will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering on the first Sunday of each month. Your generous support of this offering provides food for families in Stanly County and throughout our Presbytery. You may participate in the offering by giving online or mailing a check to the church.

Bread for the World letters may be brought to the church office for mailing.

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).

Central Elementary School Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

Volunteers are needed to help box up food Monday, May 3 at 10:00 a.m. and transport to Central Elementary School at 11:00 a.m. Also, we need volunteers to make any kind of dessert, individually wrapped, and brought to church Monday afternoon (May 3) by 4:00 p.m. to be handed out to the Central Elementary School teachers and staff on Tuesday, May 4. Call or email Debby Johnston (debbyjohnston@hotmail.com or 704-322-8139) to say you can help or for more information.





As vaccines become universally available and numbers continue to look hopeful in our community, our staff members are working in the office sporadically. Though this means that the office is more consistently open, we still ask that you call (704-982-2722) before coming to make sure that the building will be open. We also ask that you continue to support and care for our staff by wearing a mask while you are in the church building and by observing all CDC recommendations.

Graduate Information Needed by Thursday, May 13 for Graduate Recognition on Sunday, May 23



During worship on **May 23**, we will recognize First Presbyterian Church's graduates. If you have a family (or are graduating) member graduating from high school, college, or graduate school in the spring of 2021, please contact the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighnten@fpcalbeamarle.org) by **May 13** with the following information:

Student Name

Name of High School, College, or Graduate School

Name of College Attending

Degree (if graduating from College or Graduate School)

Join us as we celebrate our graduates as they complete their journeys and start the next chapter in their lives.

2021 Flower Calendar

The 2021 flower calendar is posted in the pit stop. If you wish to put flowers in the church in honor or memory of someone or just to provide beauty to the service, please sign up on the calendar. **Flowers may be ordered from any local florist.** Contact Emily Andrew (704-322-5510 or em.andrew21@gmail.com) for more information.



**FIRST FAMILY MEAL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.
RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 3
PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL**

Our LAST First Family Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, May 5! Unfortunately, we are still unable to gather together for First Family in May. If you would like a First Family meal, please RSVP by Monday, May 3 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday, May 5 between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

**Cinco de Mayo Menu:
Barbeque Chicken Taco, Rice, Black Beans and
a choice of either Sweet Potato Cake, Pound Cake or Chocolate Chess Pie.**

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 chocolate chess pie for each meal
and
if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).**



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS
(COMPLETED 4th – 6th Grades)**

June 21-24, 2021 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$40.00 per child Camp Limit of 12 children

Do your children have a passion for cooking or love to help you prepare meals in the kitchen? Then perhaps a **cooking camp** is the perfect summer camp for them. This camp is offered to COMPLETED 4th-6th graders on **Monday, June 21 – Thursday, June 24 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** Young chefs expand their palates, kitchen hygiene and healthy eating habits, utensil skills, proper etiquette, cooking and baking and will experiment with flavors and ingredients. This camp will be packed with culinary excitement and tasty adventures! We will also be incorporating a field trip into the mix!

**For more information, to register for camp, or to volunteer contact Jane Snyder at
704-982-2722/704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org**



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: _____



In-Person Worship Information

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.

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, May 2

The Sacrament of Baptism

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

9:00 am Diaconate Meeting In-Person & 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, May 3

Deadline for Mother's Day Flower form

Central Elementary School Teacher/Staff Appreciation

10:00 am-4:00 pm Registration for In-Person Worship

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

2:00 pm Deadline to RSVP for First Family Meal

8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt

8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton

Tuesday, May 4

Central Elementary School Teacher/Staff Appreciation

10:00 am-4:00 pm Registration for In-Person Worship

Wednesday, May 5

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

11:00 am Staff Meeting

1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Pit Stop)

5:00 pm-6:00 pm First Family Meal Pick-up or Delivery

Thursday, May 6

National Day of Prayer

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

Saturday, May 8

1:00 pm Youth Group Ropes Course at Rock Creek Park

Sunday, May 9

Mother's Day

Scholarship Recipients Recognition

9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom

10:15 am Children Sunday School via Zoom

11:00 am 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.

**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.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

03-Carole Yost

04-Brad Boone

07-Sam Shepherd

08-Barbara McManus

Lee Snuggs

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MAY

03-Kyle & Taylor Barbee

09-Lee & Barbara McManus