



**The Weekly Bulletin**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

**MORNING MEDITATION**

*Good shepherd, seek me out, and bring me again into your fold. Smile upon me with your favor, that I may dwell in your house all the days of my life, and praise your name forever. Amen.*

Based on a  
prayer of Jerome  
(c. 342-420)

**PRELUDE**

*To God Be the Glory*

arr. Sandra Eithun

Handbells:

Ann Crutchfield, Wiley Crutchfield, Martha Sue Hall,  
Courtney Niederer, Natalie Niederer, and Beth Poolos

Piano: Frank Poolos

**PEALING OF THE BELLS**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Hugh Carpenter

**OPENING SENTENCES**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Psalm 107

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dorothy Hart

Psalm 99

Exalt the Almighty and worship on God's holy mountain,

**For the Lord our God is holy.**

Look! The Lord draws near; come into the presence of the Holy One.

**Let us behold the glory of our God.**

**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.**

First Presbyterian Church  
Worship Archive  
January 19, 2020

HYMN 307                      *God of Grace and God of Glory*                      Cwm Rhondda  
God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
Crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! The host of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory ever more.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,  
Serving thee whom we adore.

John 21

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

**Merciful God, you have called us to live into faith and hope. You have called us to move onward into the future trusting in your grace and providence. You have called us to express your love by caring for others. Yet we give in to fear rather than embracing hope. We give in to apathy rather than embracing faith. Forgive us when we fail to live up to your calling.**

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

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

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May 17, 2015

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 Matt Drumheller

*At the conclusion of Faith Sharing with Children, children in grades K-2<sup>nd</sup> 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                    *One Faith, One Hope, One Lord*                    Craig Courtney  
One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died.  
One voice, one song we lift in praise to Him  
Who was and is and shall be evermore.  
There is one body, one Spirit, as you were called to one hope.  
One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, who is in you all.  
Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts,  
we are given to each other for the unity of faith,  
that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God in the fullness of Christ.  
One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died.  
One voice, one song we lift in praise to Him  
Who was and is and shall be evermore.  
One faith, one hope, one Lord, one God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING        [Matthew 28:16-20](#)                    Alison Atwater, reader  
This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON                    *Onward*                    Reverend Drumheller

\*AFFIRMATION 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 the 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.**

HYMN 726                    *Will You Come and Follow Me*                    Kelvingrove  
Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known:  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?  
Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?  
Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?  
Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

First Presbyterian Church  
Worship Archive  
September 8, 2019

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.

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February 10, 2019

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

*Meditation*

Peter Hurford

Prayer of Dedication

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*A Clare Benediction*

John Rutter

May the Lord show his mercy upon you;

May the light of his presence be your guide:

May he guard you and uphold you;

May his spirit be ever by your side.

When you sleep, may his angels watch over you;

When you wake, may he fill you with his grace:

May you love him and serve him all your days,

Then in heaven may you see his face.

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**Thank you to** Wiley Crutchfield, James Cotton, and Katherine Jolly for helping to create this morning's video. Thank you to Alison Atwater, Dorothy Hart, and The Handbell Choir (Ann Crutchfield, Wiley Crutchfield, Martha Sue Hall, Courtney Niederer, Natalie Niederer, Beth Poolos) for participating in worship.

**The acolyte today is** Hugh Carpenter.

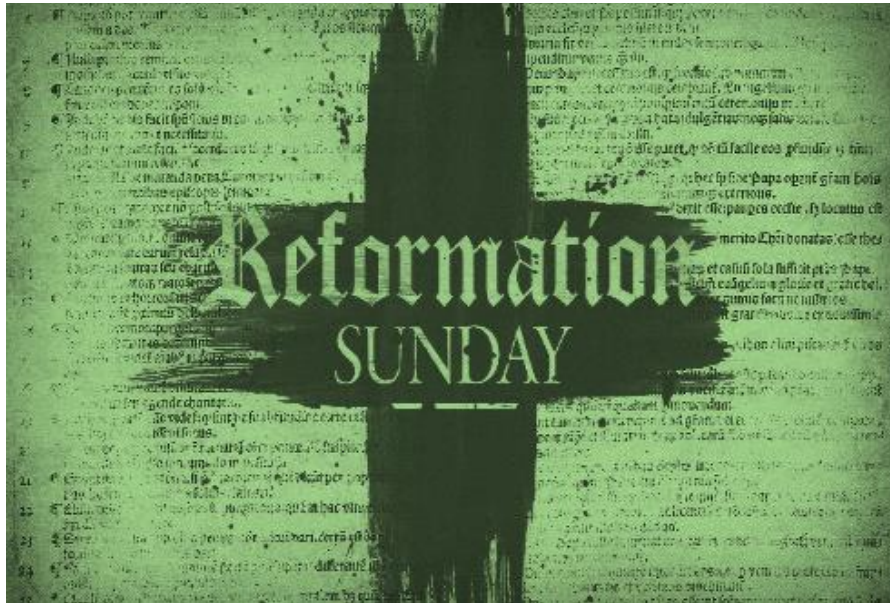
**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Lauren Reder (niece of Laura & Mike McLeod; spinal surgery), Bede Karr, Sandy Saunders, Ann Upchurch, David & Marsha Bell (friends of Debbie & John Hahn; David has cancer & an unknown infection), Clay Price (cancer; cousin of Steve Cumming), Banks Garrison, Yoder Whitley, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

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### Children's Church

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.

The logo for Children's Church features the words "Children's" in a red, rounded font above the word "church" in a blue, rounded font. The text is set against a white background with a colorful, abstract border of dots and lines in shades of green, yellow, and blue.



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

9:30 am-10:30 am Drive-Thru Pick-Up of Communion Supplies and Treats, & View Tartan Display  
11:00 am Reformation Sunday Online Worship

Though we will still be online for worship on Reformation Sunday, we will be celebrating in many of the ways we typically do. Through familiar words and sounds, we will celebrate both our denominational Scottish heritage and the history of the Protestant Reformation.

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**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”.

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**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.

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## Trunk or Treat Volunteers Needed

This year, our church will be hosting an outdoor Trunk or Treat event on October 25th from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.! We need volunteers who are willing to decorate the trunks of their cars and give out candy to the children. The cars will be parked every 2 spaces to allow for social distancing. If you need ideas for decorations or would like to confirm your participation, please email Dorothy at [dhart@fpcalbeamarle.org](mailto:dhart@fpcalbeamarle.org). Donations of candy would also be greatly appreciated.

Children 5th grade and under are invited to participate in this event. Masks are required and costumes are encouraged! We will be having a parade for everyone to show off their costumes during the event and hope you can join us for some trunk or treating fun!





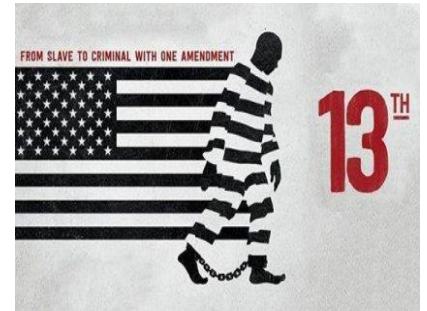


The church office will be closed  
 Tuesday, October 27-Thursday, October 29.



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**Education and Conversation**  
**Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**  
**\*\*\*Please note change of date.\*\*\***



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).

Before the conversation, please watch the film *13<sup>th</sup>* on Netflix. This documentary takes an in-depth look at the abolition of slavery in the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment and the creation of the modern criminal justice system. Please join us on Zoom on Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss this film.

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**Community Table Lunch**

On Saturday, November 7, First Presbyterian Church will provide lunch for the guests at the Community Table. Lunches are still take-out, therefore we will prepare bag lunches on November 6 in the church kitchen.

We will need donations of the following items for these lunches:

- Individual bags of chips
- Individual fruit cups
- Granola bars
- Homemade or bought cakes or cookies (no icing)
- Money to be used to help buy ham, cheese, and bread (money may be given to Kyle in the office)

A surplus of the above foods will be used to fill the backpacks for Central Elementary School children. **All donations need to be in the church kitchen by Wednesday afternoon, November 4. Please label your donation with a Community Table sign. When dropping off donations, call the church office to be sure someone will be there to let you in the kitchen. If you would like to help prepare sandwiches on November 6 or help assemble the bag lunches and hand them out on that Saturday (November 7), call Linda Anderson at 704-982-3723.**

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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.

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.



*nward*

*with Faith & Hope*

**Consecration Sunday  
Sunday, November 1**

Please mail in your pledge to the church office by November 1 (Consecration Sunday) so our officers can complete the budget. We ask that you give your heartfelt consideration to financially supporting the wonderful work our church does both locally and in our world.

Thank you for your generosity of time, thought, and deed as you support the church.

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, October 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 Online Worship
- 7:00 pm Youth Group (socially distanced-mask required)

**Monday, October 19**

- 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)

**Tuesday, October 20**

- 10:00 am Around the Table with Jane Snyder & Friends via Zoom
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Wrestling with Scripture with Matt via Zoom
- 7:00 pm Education & Conversation via Zoom

**Wednesday, October 21**

*Church Office Closed*

- 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-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, October 22**

*Church Office Closed*

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

**Friday, October 23**

*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday, October 24**

- 6:30 pm Youth Group Movie Night (Locust)

**Sunday, October 25**

*Reformation Sunday/Kirkin' o' the Tartans/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

- 9:30 am-10:30 am Drive Thru Pick-Up of Communion Supplies and Treats, & View Tartan Display
- 11:00 am Online Worship
- 1:00 pm New Officer Training
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Trunk-or-Treat

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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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
**OCTOBER**

21-Leo McLeod  
22-Billie Jean Snuggs  
24-Danny Saltzman  
Martha White

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**  
**OCTOBER**

19-Art & Sandy Rogers  
24-Keith & Christine Andrew  
25-Mark & Chris Mabry

**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.