



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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February 7, 2021

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

MORNING MEDITATION

*Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies; let it resound loud as the rolling sea.*

James Weldon Johnson,  
1900

PRELUDE *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Dale Wood

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PEALING OF THE BELLS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leo McLeod

OPENING SENTENCES

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Psalm 118:24

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Great is our God and abundant in power,  
**With wisdom beyond our understanding.**  
It is God who numbers all the stars  
**And gives each of them a name,**  
Yet bends and heals the broken hearted,  
**And binds up all their wounds.**

Psalm 147

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Gracious God, hear our songs. Gather us in as one people, that we may worship you as one body. Heal our broken hearts and bind up our wounds, that we may come into your presence healthy and whole. As we seek your wisdom, help us discern your will as we live and act out of your love. Amen.**

Psalm 147

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HYMN 819

*Be Still My Soul*

Finlandia

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide,  
Who through all changes faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future surely as the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord;  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

**O God, our creator, sustainer, and redeemer, we confess our feelings of exile and alienation, and we wonder where you are. We fear your absence when in fact you are most present to us. Restore in us a sense of your comfort and care. Renew our strength so that we might mount up with wings like eagles. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

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

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#### RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

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

#### FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

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#### ANTHEM

*Precious Lord*

Thomas A. Dorsey

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.  
  
When my way grows dear, precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone;  
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall,  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

[Mark 2:1-12](#)

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Revealed: The Healer*

Reverend Drumheller

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Amen.**

HYMN 353

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*(Refrain)*

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;*

*All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;

In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

*(Refrain)*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;

When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

*(Refrain)*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,

Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

*(Refrain)*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Martha Sue Hall

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

*Offertory*

Theodore Dubois

Prayer of Dedication

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Benediction*

Peter Angela

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.

Amen.

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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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**Thank you** to James Cotton and Wiley Crutchfield for helping to create this morning's video.

**The acolyte today is** Leo McLeod.

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**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** The family of Bryce Kimrey, Bede Karr, Sandy Saunders, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

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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](mailto:pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org)) or Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or [hallmsh@hotmail.com](mailto:hallmsh@hotmail.com)) of changes.

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**Please stop by the church and sign a hymnal for Susan Pandich.** Call the church office before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).

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**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING DRIVE-THRU DONATIONS  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 FOLLOWING WORSHIP**



On Sunday, February 7 following worship, please join with us in the Souper Bowl of Caring! Our congregation will be supporting those facing food insecurity this winter by donating canned goods to SCCM. Donations of soup and other canned items may be dropped off at the church after worship on Sunday, February 7.

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**Pfeiffer Friends**

Last fall, the Health Sciences Program of Pfeiffer University opened its doors in downtown Albemarle, and now estimate enrollment to be 90 students. Many of these students are a long way from home and they have taken a leap of faith to be in this program. Several downtown church, including First Presbyterian Church, are moving forward with a partnership with these students similar to our Silent Partner program. There are two main differences: the relationship will last about 27 months (the length of each program) and the Pfeiffer student will know who their friend is. We hope that there will be communication at least once a month between the friend and the student.



We will match a member of one of our churches with a Pfeiffer student. To support these hard-working students, the community member will send notes of encouragement, gift cards, gift boxes, or anything to support them. For your convenience, these items can be dropped off at the Pfeiffer campus in downtown Albemarle or mailed directly to your student.

For more information, please email Martha Sue at [hallmsh@hotmail.com](mailto:hallmsh@hotmail.com) or call her at 704-985-5821.



**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Drive-Through  
Tuesday, February 16 from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.  
RSVP by 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 15**

Unfortunately, we are unable to safely gather together this year for Shrove Tuesday. If you would like a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Meal, please RSVP by Monday, February 15 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Tuesday, February 16 between 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while packaging your plates. Keith Bryson is coordinating the cooking, so call him if you want to help (704-984-0254). All proceeds will be used to fund the *10-Cents-a-Meal* program.

**Menu:  
Pancakes and Syrup, Link Sausage. and Fruit**

**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 you need, and  
if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).**

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**Ash Wednesday  
Wednesday, February 17**

Due to COVID, our normal Ash Wednesday schedule will change slightly this year. You will still have two opportunities to observe this important holiday.



**Noon Ash & Communion Elements Drive-Thru**

At 12:00 p.m., you are invited to come drive through the church parking lot to receive a container with ashes. You can take this container with you and place ashes on your own head in observance of the holiday and in recognition of our need for God's forgiveness. Communion elements will also be available in preparation for evening worship.

**5:30 p.m. Ash & Communion Elements Drive-Thru  
and  
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Online Worship**

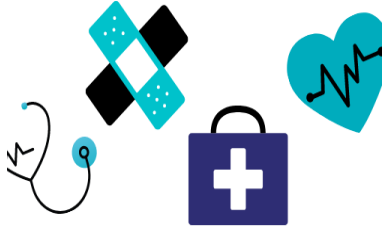
If you are unable to come get ashes during the day, come drive through the church parking lot before the evening worship service. There will also be communion elements available.

Join us online at 6:30 p.m. for a time of contemplative worship together. This service will include music, Scripture, prayer, the invocation of ashes, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

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**Updated Address for Lindsey (Whitley) Harward**  
Lindsey Harward  
c/o Carolyn & Mel Whitley  
30 Cumberland Terrace Drive, #1F  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

## 2021 Community Health Assessment Survey



Do you have an opinion about health issues and community concerns? Do you want to make a difference? Here is your opportunity to be heard. The Stanly County Health Department and Atrium Health Stanly are jointly conducting the 2021 Community Health Assessment. A public opinion survey is a key component of this assessment. Stanly County residents 15 years old and older are being asked to complete this survey. The survey can be accessed at the Stanly County Health Department's website <http://health.stanlycountync.gov/> or Stanly County's website <https://www.stanlycountync.gov/> through February 17, 2021. It will only take 15-20 minutes to complete a survey.

Why should you complete a survey?

1. Your input makes a difference as the results from the survey are used by the hospital and health department to help determine their priorities and develop action plans.
2. You help bring funds to Stanly County as this report is used by county municipalities, agencies, organizations and others to obtain grants. Most grantors request a community health assessment when writing grants. This community health assessment report can be used to meet that requirement.

If you would like more information about this community health assessment, please contact Debbie Bennett at 704-986-3016 or [dbennett@stanlycountync.gov](mailto:dbennett@stanlycountync.gov).

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## SCCM FOOD PANTRY NEEDS



**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, February 7**

*Souper Bowl of Caring Drive-Thru Drop-Off Donations following worship  
Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger*

- 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 followed by Souper Bowl of Caring donations drop-off drive-thru
- 5:00 pm Youth Group

**Monday, February 8**

- 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

**Tuesday, February 9**

- 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Confirmation Class via Zoom

**Wednesday, February 10**

- 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

**Thursday, February 11**

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

**Sunday, February 14 *Transfiguration Sunday***

- 9:00 am Diaconate Meeting via Zoom
- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship
- 11:30 am-12:30 pm Valentine’s Day Treat Drive-Thru
- 5:00 pm Youth Group

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

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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.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
FEBRUARY**  
08-Mellanie Morgan  
09-Debbie Bennett  
10-Susan Pandich  
11-Katherine Jolly  
12-Karen Hinkle  
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!  
FEBRUARY**  
09-Bill & Diane Stevenson