



**The Weekly Bulletin**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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August 1, 2021

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

PRELUDE *For the Beauty of the Earth* Konrad Kocher

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Leo McLeod

PEALING OF THE CHIMES

OPENING SENTENCES Kim Marshall, liturgist

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,

**People: Let us go to the house of the Lord!**

Psalm 122:1

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: We gather in faith as the world changes around us.

**People: We bring our joys and our burdens, our dread, and our dreams.**

Leader: We gather in the name of the One who reminds us that while we do not know what the future holds...

**People: The Lord holds the future.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**God of new months and new seasons, you have blessed us with these summer days, and we thank you for all that is new, just as we thank you for the past. For the saints who have led us this far, and the saints among us in this place and far away, we thank you. And, we dedicate this time of worship in the name of Jesus who has come and is coming again.**

\*HYMN 100

*My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

Star of the County Down

*The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger may be brought forward at this time.*

My soul cries out with joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

*(Refrain)*

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, And the world is about to turn.*

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from this throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;  
There are tables spread; every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.  
(Refrain)

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,  
Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.  
(Refrain)

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and soul, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

**People: 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

### FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

*Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of Faith Sharing with Children, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.*

SOLO

*The Lord Is My Shepherd*  
Ann Crutchfield, Soprano

Samuel Liddle

The congregation is encouraged to participate in the prayer with the children.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy God, as we gather for a new day and a new chapter in the life of this congregation, speak to us through your Scriptures, words that inspire and comfort. May the hearing of your Word grant us comfort for today and joy for tomorrow. Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Psalm 122*

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, *Let us go to the house of the Lord!*

**People: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Leader: Jerusalem-built as a city that is bound firmly together.

**People: To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**

Leader: For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

**People: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May they prosper who love you.**

Leader: *Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.*

**People: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, Peace be within you.**

Leader: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Matthew 24:3-8](#)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*What's Next?*

Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston

### \*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 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.**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*(Refrain)*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

*(Refrain)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*(Refrain)*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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.**

\*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.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* Ralph Vaughn Williams  
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.

POSTLUDE

*Go My Children, With My Blessing*

Welsh Traditional

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**Thank you to** Bob Johnston and Adam Jolly for helping with audio and visual worship production this morning. Thank you Ann Crutchfield, Michelle Efird, and Kim Marshall for their leadership in worship today.

**We welcome Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston, General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Charlotte,** to the pulpit today.

**The acolyte today is** Leo McLeod.

**We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering** for hunger today.

**The flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Helen Mount.

**Ushers for August:** Al Andrew, Emily Andrew, Jim Ivey, and Lee Snuggs

**Outside Ushers for August 1:** Steve Cumming; Ronnie Michael

**Nursery:** Kate White    **Kids Care Crew:** Laura McLeod

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Matt & Claire-George Drumheller (moving), Mellanie Morgan, Marshall Rogers (back surgery), Everett Hudson, Judy Hudson, Debra Barnard, David Bryson, Susan & John Prevatte, Beverly Burchett, Gloria Bryson (rehab for broken hip; Trinity Place Room F9), Anna Hartsell (colon cancer; daughter of Janet & Gary Hartsell), Ann Snuggs, Mary Troutman, Nancy Jolly (Trinity Place), Claude Harwood, 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@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:pknighnten@fpcalbemarle.org)) or Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or [hallmsh@hotmail.com](mailto:hallmsh@hotmail.com)) of changes.

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**The COVID Task Force will be meeting soon,** but until then and in light of new CDC recommendations, all worshippers are encouraged to wear masks while in the sanctuary. Thank you.

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**Thank you for your donations of 308 pounds of items for the SCCM Circle the Sanctuary campaign.** Your donations will assist those in our community.

**Please stop by the Pit Stop and sign a hymnal for Mark & Paula Donham, Lee & Barbara McManus, and Sam Shepherd.** Call the church office before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).

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## Lemonade on the Lawn



Join us for *Lemonade on the Lawn* following 10:00 a.m. worship during the summer. We will meet outside under the tree on the corner of First & North Streets. Thank you to Gayle and Ned Russell for hosting Lemonade on the Lawn today.

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**We are in need of donations of new or like new children's books** for ages 2 years old-6 years old for our children's department. Donations may be brought to the church office.

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## Summer Vesper Service

**Sunday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the YMCA Park  
(115 CB Crook Drive, Albemarle)**

You are invited to join us for worship on Sunday, August 15  
at the YMCA Park at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like, you are also invited to bring a favorite dessert or ice cream to share.  
We'll spend time outdoors enjoying God's creation!

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**Food Pantry**

### Needs for SCCM

#### Food Items

- Black Eyed Peas
- Navy Beans
- Mixed Vegetables
- Lima Beans
- Kidney Beans (light or dark)
- Sliced Carrots
- 2 lb. bags of sugar
- 2 lb. bags of flour (all-purpose & self-rising)
- Saltine crackers
- Pancake syrup
- Mustard
- Ketchup
- Mayonnaise
- Breakfast Cereal (Plain & Sweetened)
- Ramen Noodles (all flavors)
- Small bottles of ground pepper

#### Non Food Items

- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent

#### Items Not Needed At This Time

- Canned Corn or Canned Green Beans
- Canned Sweet Peas
- Chickpeas
- Soups
- Whole & Sliced Potatoes

# Central Elementary School Supplies List

The 2021-2022 school year will be here soon and school supplies are in stores ready for purchase. Please take the list below and begin shopping for much needed supplies for our partner school, Central Elementary. **BRING YOUR DONATION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO THE CHURCH AND DROP-OFF IN THE DESIGNATED BIN IN THE PIT STOP.**

## Student Supplies

Crayons – 16 or 24 count Crayola brand only	Zipper Pencil Pouch or Plastic Pencil Box
Elmer's brand Glue Sticks	Plain Solid 2-pocket folders
#2 Pencils	Pocket folders with prongs
#2 Beginner Jumbo Pencils (for Kindergarten students)	Pencil top erasers
Composition Hard Cover Wide-Ruled books (not spiral bound)	Highlighters (packs)
70-sheet wide-ruled 1-subject composition books	Crayola brand Colored Pencils
Scissors (child & youth sizes)	Crayola Markers
Playdoh brand play-doh	Clipboards
Pink Pearl Eraser	Ear Buds
Card Stock Paper	Headphones
Expo Dry Erase Markers (large & small size)	Small Pencil Sharpener
Notebook Paper (wide-ruled & regular-ruled)	Sticky Notes

## Classroom Supplies Needed Include:

Lysol or Clorox Wipes, Kleenex, Copy Paper, Hand Sanitizer, Band-aids, and Ziplock Sandwich Bags (Quart and Gallon)



zoom

## **Morning Prayer on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom**

Members of FPC have been gathering on Zoom each Monday and Wednesday morning to share joys and concerns, to pray, and to spend time *together*. This has become an important way to see and speak with one another. We invite you to join us in these regular meetings. The Zoom link can be accessed through the church's website Morning Prayer banner ([www.fpcalbemarle.org](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)).

## **Bible Study and Conversation**

**Meets via Zoom on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.**

Join Catherine and Matt Moeller for fellowship and biblical reflection. The material for this online discussion will be selected from pieces of scripture. Each Monday, you will receive an email with the selected devotional for the week. Discussion will focus on the significance and application of the scripture. This is a great opportunity for Bible study and connecting with a cross-section of our church family. Contact Catherine Moeller ([mattandcatherine@hotmail.com](mailto:mattandcatherine@hotmail.com)) to say you are interested or need more information. Please join us!





**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, August 1**

*Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger*

*Lemonade on the Lawn*

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Rally Day Planning Meeting (Session Room)

**Monday, August 2**

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

11:00 am Staff Meeting

8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt

**Tuesday, August 3**

10:00 am Mission Committee Meeting (Session Room)

7:30 pm Congregational Care Committee Meeting (Pit Stop)

**Wednesday, August 4**

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

**Thursday, August 5**

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

**Friday, August 6**

*Meal for the Community Inn*

**Sunday, August 8**

*Lemonade on the Lawn*

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Christian Education Committee (Session Room)

**Attention College Students & Parents...**Please contact Emily Andrew (em.andrew21@gmail.com or 704-322-5510) with your college mailing address and email address. Thank you.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**AUGUST**

01-Michelle Cumming

Madelyn Taylor

03-John McIntyre

04-Terrie Holshouser

05-Caroline McLeod

07-Keith Wolf

08-Leslie Carter

Martha Sue Hall

Melanie Hendrix

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**AUGUST**

06-Gus & Pam Holbrook

**SILENT PARTNERS NEEDED**

First Presbyterian Church college students will begin the 2021-2022 school year soon. We need people to serve as a Silent Partner to these college students. Contact Emily Andrew (em.andrew21@gmail.com or 704-322-5510) to sign-up to be a Silent Partner.

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**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.

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**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Worship during August will take place at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School will resume in September.

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**Thank you for your generosity.**

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Click on the GIVE button.**