



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Albemarle, North Carolina

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August 15, 2021

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE *Day by Day* Oscar Agnfelt

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Hugh Carpenter

PEALING OF THE CHIMES

OPENING SENTENCES Natalie Niederer, liturgist

Psalm 118:24

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness!

Leader: Come into His presence with singing!

People: Know that the Lord is God.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise!

People: Give thanks to the Lord, bless His name!

Leader: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

People: And His faithfulness to all generations.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life. Give us grace to thankfully receive the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
 The Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!
 The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed,
 We bow before your holy name, forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will.
 In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,
 Deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.

Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest,
 A land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.
 There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
 And trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
 Your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
 We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name:
 The first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Gracious God, we confess that we often fall short of being our best in our relationship with you and with others. Please forgive us of those, and all other things that miss the mark of your calling upon our lives. Do not let us fall into temptations, and deliver us from evil, we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. 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

How Great Thou Art
 Craig Taylor, Bass

Stuart K. Hine

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy, and seek to incorporate in our lives, what you say to us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Genesis 15:1-6](#)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Romans 8:12-18](#)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Promises Given, Promises Kept

Reverend Alyce Spells Kelly

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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 sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Christian church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

St. Peter

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

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 401

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;

Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.

We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;

Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.

Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;

Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:

Here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;

Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* Ralph Vaughan 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

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

Marty Haugen

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Thank you to Ken Knight and Andy McLeod for helping with audio and visual worship production this morning. Thank you Michelle Efird, Natalie Niederer, Frank Poolos, and Craig Taylor for their leadership in worship today.

The acolyte today is Hugh Carpenter.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Maude and Jim Boysworth.

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

Outside Ushers for August 15: John Earnhardt; Jack Morton

Nursery: Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Liz Jolly; Katherine Jolly



We welcome Reverend Alyce Spells Kelly to the pulpit today. Reverend Kelly is an ordained Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) since 1995. Born in a religious family she is a PK (Preacher's Kid) who was brought up in the church and taught the responsibility of contributing to church and society. Her ministerial call includes releasing the Word of God in preaching and teaching, mentoring, counseling, and writing.



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ALYCE SPELLS KELLY MINISTRIES

Reverend Kelly is honorably retired from pastoral ministry with the Presbyterian Church (USA) and remains a member of the Presbytery of Charlotte. Since retirement in 2014, she has continued her involvement in the church and in her community. She is a conference speaker, Bible study teacher, workshop leader, contributor to ecumenical and interdenominational churches, and both secular and Christian organizations. Reverend Kelly has written and published two books. *The Eighth Day: Preparation for Life After Death* is her second and most recent book. *The Golden Boom, A Message of Hope and Promise to the Baby Boomer Generation* is her first book. She uses the acronym of her name, ASK Ministries, to convey that there are answers to our questions about God and about life.

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We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Anita Gower (eye surgery), Matt & Claire-George Drumheller (moving), Marshall Rogers (recovering from 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 pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org) or Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or hallmsh@hotmail.com) of changes.



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



Summer Vesper Service on Sunday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the YMCA Park

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

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





**Save the Date for
Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, August 22 during worship**



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 the Kilde family for hosting Lemonade on the Lawn today.

CENTRAL SCHOOL BOXED LUNCHES FOR TEACHERS & STAFF ON MONDAY, AUGUST 16

We will be serving lunch to Central Schools Staff on Monday, August 16 at 12:00 p.m. We are asking for donations of food to make the boxed lunches. Please bring your donations to the church on Sunday, August 15 by 11:15 a.m. If you would like to donate, please call/ text Ruth Cotton (704-942-1381 or hugawolf@hotmail.com).

Food Items Needed:

40 chicken salad sandwiches – already made	6 pasta salad to serve 10 people – meatless
40 pimento cheese sandwiches – already made	Dessert – 4 pound cakes with no icing
6 large seedless cucumbers	

We will need help on Monday, August 16 at 10:00 a.m. to get the boxes ready. If you can help, please contact Jane Snyder (704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org).

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).



Acolyte Training

Rising 5th graders will have the opportunity in the coming year to serve as acolytes during worship. If your child is interested in participating in worship in this way, there will be a training opportunity for them on Sunday, August 29 after worship. Children will meet with Melissa & Wes Eudy to learn all about acolyting. If you'd like to sign-up, please contact the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighnten@fpcalbemarle.org).

For Your Information...

Pastoral Emergencies

Rev. Ardy Skidmore, minister at Locust Presbyterian Church, will be our contact for pastoral emergencies. Please call Laura McLeod, 704-796-0487 or Martha Sue Hall, 704-985-5821, and they will contact Rev. Skidmore.

Who do I contact now that we don't have a Head of Staff?

Pastoral Care & Pastoral Emergencies:

Laura McLeod, 704-796-0487 or Martha Sue Hall, 704-985-5821

Prayer Concerns for the Bulletin:

704-982-2722, share the information with a church volunteer or Pam Knighten

General Christian Education Questions & Kids Crew:

Kim Marshall, 980-621-6577 or Gayle Russell, 704-438-2779

Sunday School & Youth Club: Gina Martin, 704-982-2722 or 704-244-0186

Youth Group: Melissa Eudy, 704-439-6747

Morning Prayer (Monday and Wednesday): Debbie Hahn, 704-985-9419

Signing up to be a Silent Partner: Emily Andrew, 704-322-5510

As a reminder, Kyle Lambert is now our only full-time staff member. Pam Knighten, Gina Martin, and Jane Snyder continue their work for our church part time. Please be mindful of asks of our staff during this time of transition.

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

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| 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)



GRANDPARENTS’ DAY FLOWERS

On Grandparents’ Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of grandparents. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.** Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Grandparents’ Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Grandparents’ Day, September 12.**

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY FLOWERS

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

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 15

- 8:30 am Session Meeting In-Person & via Zoom
- 8:45 am Diaconate Meeting In-Person & via Zoom
- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn
- 11:00 am Faith Explorers Parent Planning Meeting (Session Room)
- 7:00 pm Summer Vesper Service at the YMCA Park

Monday, August 16

- 10:00 am Volunteers Assemble Boxed Lunches for CES
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Volunteers Deliver Boxed Lunches for CES
- 5:00 pm Rally Day Planning Meeting (Session Room)

Tuesday, August 17

Deadline for the September Newsletter

Wednesday, August 18

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Thursday, August 19

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

Saturday, August 21

Presbytery Meeting via Zoom

Sunday, August 22

- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn

***childcare provided**

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

- 15-Sheryl Stewart
- 16-Kimbal Chapman
Elaine Coats
- 18-Sarah Michael
Brett Richards
- 19-Mark Andrew
Don Joines
- 20-Doris Forte
Frankie Palmer
- 21-Lainie Lentz

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

AUGUST

- 15-Bubba & Jennifer Hesley
- 17-Roger & Gina Martin
- 18-Lee & Billie Jean Snuggs
- 20-Chris & Anissa Chapman

**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.

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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