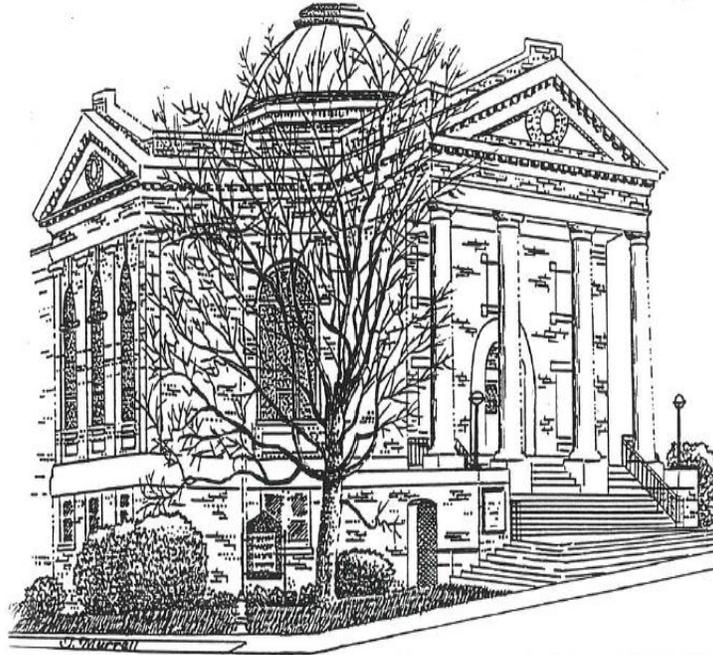


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*SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
October 23, 2022
20th Sunday After Pentecost*

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Please Register

“Prelude”

William Lloyd Webber

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Nathaniel Eudy, liturgist

Praise God, whom alone we worship and serve and to whom alone we give our lives.

Praise the Lord, to whom 'every knee shall bow and every tongue confess.'

Praise God, to whom we belong, in life and in death.

For nothing can 'separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

In praise and thanksgiving, let us worship God.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of courage, you gave Esther the strength to speak out and the intelligence she needed to save her people. Help us to believe that you are still present and active in this world and that your grace remains as an everlasting force in our lives. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 37

"Let All Things Now Living"

ASH GROVE

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, Pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Til shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.*

*By law God enforces. The stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine,
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing, with glad adoration a song let us raise,
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we know that you have called us to be your people and that you love us with an everlasting love. We thank you that you guide us through all of life, but life can sometimes be very discouraging. We don't always recognize your presence or accept your power. We often wallow in discouragement and doubt, weakening our ability to live as your people in the world. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to trust you more fully, for the sake of Christ.

Silent Confession and Reflection

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Those coming forward for Faith Sharing are invited to move to the chancel area during the Response.

*RESPONSE

"Glory Be to the Father"

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.*

THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Melissa Eudy

ANTHEM

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

David Schwoebel

*Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it mount of God's redeeming love.
Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I've come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me
when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. Oh, to grace how great a
debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above. I am bound for the kingdom, will you go
to glory with me" Hallelujah, praise the Lord.*

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 LESSON

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SERMON

“For Such a Time as This”

Rev. George

*HYMN 707

“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

HALL

*Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray, give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
Teach us to know the truth that sets us free; grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.*

*Take Thou our hearts, O Christ, they are Thine own; come Thou within our souls and claim Thy throne;
Help us to shed abroad Thy deathless love; use us to make the earth like heaven above.*

*Take Thou our wills, Most High! Hold Thou full sway; have in our inmost souls Thy perfect way;
Guard Thou each sacred hour from selfish ease; Guide Thou our ordered lives as Thou dost please.*

*Take Thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will; through our surrendered souls Thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to Thee—time, talents, all; we hear, and henceforth heed, Thy sovereign call.*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *A Brief Statement of Faith*, PC(USA)

In life and in death we belong to God. We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Liz Jolly, Deacon

RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Offertory

“Improvisation”

Dale Wood

* Response 612

“We Praise You, O God: (stanza 1)

KREMSER

*We praise you, O God, our redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Blessed be the Lord, for God is good, and God’s love endures forever. Gracious and giving God, help us to mirror your goodness through this offering. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN 822

“When We Are Living”

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

*When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God we belong to God.*

*Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God we belong to God.*

*'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace
Whether we suffer or sing rejoicing, we belong to God we belong to God*

*Across this wide world, we shall always find, those who are crying with no peace of mind
But when we help them, or when we feed them, We belong to God we belong to God.*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 746 “Send Me, Jesus”

THUMA MINA

*Thuma mina. Thuma mina, thuma mina, Somandla.
Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me, Lord.
Lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus, lead me, Lord.
Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus, fill me, Lord.
Thuma mina. Thuma mina, thuma mina, Somandla.*

*POSTLUDE

“Almande”

Pierre Phalèse

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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Thank you to Stan Scheer, Frank Poolos, Nathaniel Eudy, Liz Jolly, and Melissa Eudy for their leadership in worship today.

The acolyte today is Ashley Deese.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Dave, Anna, Mason and Addie Feezor by Holly and Tom Norwood.

Ushers for October : Jim Hesley, captain: Myron Lowder, Elizabeth Bryson, Jim Ivey, Lee Snuggs, Leo McLeod.

Outside Ushers for October 23: Chris Whitley, Ronnie Michael.

Elder Greeters Ellen Whitley, Ken Knight.

Sound: Evan Sanges **Film:** Jackson Palmer **Nursery:** Bailey Mitchell

There is no Children's Church during October. Children are encouraged to remain in worship.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Claude Harwood, Wayne Palmer, Penny Welling (friend of the congregation), Gloria Bryson (Bethany Woods), Ann Byrd (Home), Tim Rodgers, Doris Forte-Spring Arbor, Brayden Enzor (grandson of Gus & Pam Holbrook); (Home), Carole Yost (Home), Don Abernathy, Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Nancy Jolly, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler, Elizabeth Wilson, Polly Moose-recovering from hip surgery, Ann Snuggs, Susan Pandich-breast cancer, Jason Miller (friend of the congregation). The family of Peggy Smith (Mother of Kim Andrew) See newsletter for complete list.



FIRST FAMILY GATHERING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 6:00 P.M.

RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

DINE IN GYM

Menu: Spaghetti, Meatballs, Marina Sauce, Salad, Garlic Bread and Assorted Desserts.

Please RSVP to the church office 704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org.

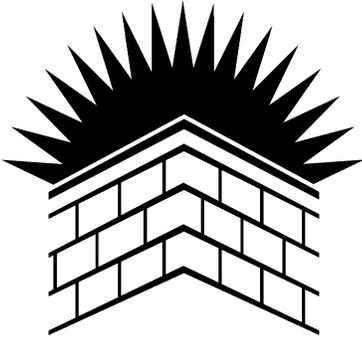
Due to the cost of food our Suggested Donation is \$6 per person....

Maximum of \$20 per immediate family.

Please come with correct change or a check written to First Presbyterian Church.



FAITH ON THE FIFTH OFFERING
FOR ROY HINSON CANCER CENTER/ATRIUM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH



The Christian Education Corner

Join us for SUNDAY SCHOOL !
Children (K-5th graders) meet in the childcare area downstairs (music 9:45-10:05 in choir room)
Youth (6th-12th graders) meet upstairs in the Youth Room
The Wired Word meets in the Parlor
Dr. Jolly's Discussion Class gathers in the Old Session Room
Those who Love to Read meet in the Gaither Classroom.
Questions & Conversations will meet upstairs in the Conversation Room.

If you are not on the SPOND app please download it. That is the easiest way for all of us to keep in touch. Here is the link to join https://group.spond.com/LTOXZ



Do you love handing out candy to kiddos at Halloween? We have a task for you! We are looking for 10 cars or stations for our Trunk or Treat on Sunday, Oct 30 at the YMCA park. If you are willing to help, please let Melissa know (meudy@fpcalbemarle.org; 704-439-6747).

Monday Night Bible Study 9th-12th graders at the home of Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr.) Mondays at 8:30 pm.



Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry will be at Central Elementary on Monday, October 24th.

The truck will be arriving immediately after car riders to unload, and will distribute to families/community members that drive through from 5:00 – 6:00 PM.

We are in need of some volunteers who are willing to help disburse food to families that come through. If you are able to help us during the 5 to 6 window, please let me know so we can add you to our list. Your help will be greatly appreciated!



Contact Kristie Bryson at kristie.bryson@stanlycountyschools.org



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Boxes are in the Pit stop and need to be returned to the sanctuary on November 6.

The cost this year to cover the shipment for a OCC shoebox is \$10. When you pick your shoebox up from the pit stop, check the inside for a "How to Pack a Shoebox" pamphlet. This pamphlet shows you how to pack a box, has boy and girl labels (to be put on the top of the box) and the envelope for the \$10 check/cash is also included.

SERRV Bazaar on Sunday, October 23 and 30

On Sunday mornings in the Pit Stop: October 23 & 30, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Review the Fall/Christmas catalog and place your order!

Also, catalogs will be available for your review in the church office during regular business hours.



Everyday Essentials
Community Care Closet

When money is tight, and food and gas expenses all the money people have, there come are often less on a person's list of priorities. The JPM Community Care Clinic strives to take care of people, not just their medical needs. Consider donating some of these "Everyday Essentials" to our Care Closet.

All donations stay here in Stark County. For online, monetary donations, visit our website at www.communitycareclinicbemarle.org.

Soap	Toothbrush	Paper Towels
Shampoo	Deodorant	Dish Detergent
Conditioner	Lotion	Toilet Paper
Toothpaste	Clothes Detergent	

**Your help is needed for collecting essential care items for the
 Essential Care Closet**
Please drop off items in the designated area in Pit Stop.
Thank you for your generous support!

FREEZER FEST

Date: Saturday, November 5, 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen hosted by Kristie Bryson
 We will make Sausage Muffins, Ham Biscuits and Spinach Balls that you can put in your freezer to get a jump-start on holiday treats. Bring 3 large containers or freezer bags to transport your goodies home and into the freezer. Or, you can donate some of your goodies to the Christmas Kitchen. Cost: \$30.00 Limit: 10 people



You must RSVP to Jane Snyder by Tuesday, November 1 (jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-438-3358).

REFORMATION SUNDAY & KIRKIN OF THE TARTANS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30



Through familiar words and sounds, we will celebrate both our denominational Scottish heritage and the history of the Protestant Reformation. We will include the tartans that we use each year, and we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Shortbread and cider will be available in the Pit Stop after worship.

VETERANS DAY FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

On Veterans Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of veterans. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver or place in the offering plate your money with the form below no later than Sunday, November 6. Please make your check payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and designate for Veterans Day Arrangements. The names of donors and those being remembered/honored will be listed on Sunday, November 13. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.



VETERANS 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: _____

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 23

20th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am SERRV Catalogs Pit Stop

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

6:00 pm SNL

Monday, October 24

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12:00 pm God Wink

8:30 pm Bible Study 9th-12th grade –Home of Debby Johnston
1212 Heritage Dr.

Wednesday, October 26

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 27

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

Sunday, October 30

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday & Kirkin' of the Tartans

Faith on the Fifth Offering for Roy Hinson Cancer Center/Atrium

9:00 am SERRV Catalogs Pit Stop

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Fall Festival- YMCA Park

***childcare provided**

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October

24- Danny Saltzman

Martha White

26- Luke Marshall

27- Elizabeth Ayscue

28- Judson Bullard

29- Lilly Hancock

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

October

25- Chris and Mark Mabry

Elders

Al Andrew, John Earnhardt, Bill Jolly, Mary

Kesselman,

Mike King, Ken Knight, Kim Marshall, Andy

McLeod,

Catherine Moeller, Sandy Rogers, Ellen Snyder,

Chris Whitley, Ellen Whitley

Deacons

Emily Andrew, Keith Bryson, Shannon Bullard,

Michelle Cumming, Wes Eudy, Martha Sue Hall,

Lillie Hancock, Jim Hesley, Liz Jolly, Myron Lowder,

Laura McLeod, Lee Snuggs

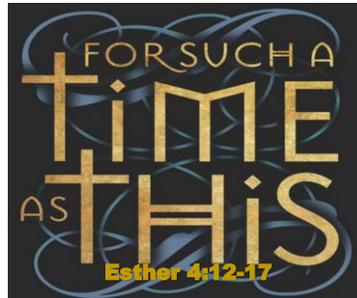
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Albemarle, NC 28002



Online giving can be done through the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org). Click on the GIVE button.

The offering as part of our worship is a response to God's grace. The plates will be passed by the ushers or you may make your gift by scanning the QR Code here. Thank you for your generosity.

October 23, 2022



Consecration Sunday is November 6th

Be on the lookout for your pledge card! If you haven't received this week, please let the Church office know.

“Painting the Picture of Stewardship”

Serving those in need

On Sunday, October 16, Emily Andrew, Deacon painted the picture of some of the ways our Church helps those in need. She said:

“Our church makes a critical impact on this community by serving those in need. Our faithful and continuing financial generosity as a congregation defines areas of specific need and encourages our members to participate in lessening the burdens of others. Our church financially supports many of the agencies tasked with providing organized, formal assistance outreach. Our members participate as volunteers at all levels in many of these agencies and in two also serve in major leadership roles: the Crisis Assistance Ministry and the Backpack program at Central Elementary School.

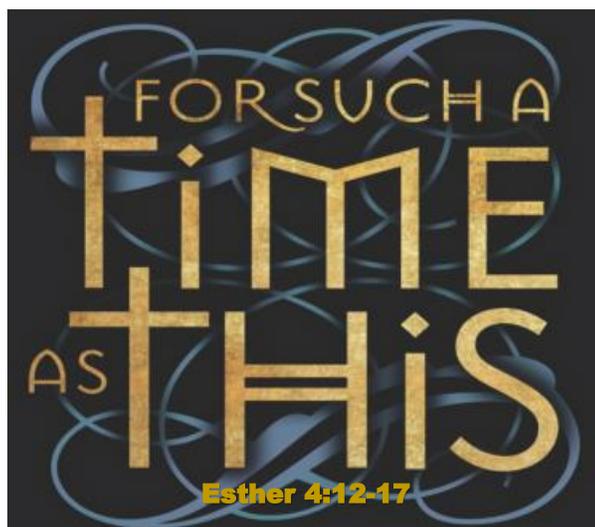
Crisis Assistance Ministry is an organization that helps people bridge short term emergency financial needs. Because of job loss, family medical needs, or some other interruption, these neighbors are behind in their utility bills, rent, or mortgage payments. Often families face eviction or having the power shut off in their homes. Crisis Assistance Ministry, sponsored by the Stanly County Ministerial Association, is of critical importance in providing a practical lifeline for people as they try to get through an immediate crisis.

Likewise, the Backpack program is a major source of assurance for students on weekends when there is no access to school breakfasts or lunches. Our church has supported this major act of caring for many years. At the present time, twenty large backpacks are made up monthly for food insecure families who live right here in Albemarle! They are carefully packed with nourishing, easy to prepare food items. And, if there are several children in the pre- assigned homes, our quiet, efficient church members always pack so that there is enough for each child!

Yes, this is First Presbyterian Church at its best as it energetically contributes to the well-being of our neighbors! Because of your faithful giving, our congregation joins the church universal in changing lives!!

Your faithful and generous giving has a direct impact on the mission and ministry of Albemarle First Presbyterian Church!”

Over the last several weeks, the Stewardship Committee, during the Offertory moments, has shared the many ways our Church provides to those in need. This is made possible by your generous contributions. Please help us continue our mission and prayerfully consider pledging to the Church if you have not in the past and increasing your 2023 pledge, if you do pledge, so that we can continue our current work and seek new opportunities to serve Christ. The Stewardship Committee is grateful for your generous spirit!



Consecration Sunday

November 6

You will have an opportunity to return your pledge cards during worship on Consecration Sunday. Following worship, everyone is invited to a luncheon provided by your Fellowship Committee.

We hope you will plan to stay and enjoy fellowship and delicious food.

On the Menu:

Chuck Roast, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,
Yeast Rolls

Please bring a dessert to share.

