



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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June 3, 2018

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

We echo the petition of the Psalmist, O Lord: 'Make me to know your ways...; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me.' We want to know more of your word for us and your will for us.

Dr. Sibley Towner,
Former Professor at
Union Presbyterian
Seminary

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.

GATHERING SONGS

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| Hymn 413 | <i>Come into God's Presence</i> | all stanzas |
| Hymn 744 | <i>Arise, Your Light Is Come</i> | stanzas 1 and 4 |

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Break forth into songs of joy and gladness.

God is our God.

God made us. We are God's sons and daughters.

God's love for us never ends. God's care and concern for us last forever.

Let the world hear our songs of joy.

We will lift up our voices in songs of praise and offer our lives to God.

Let us bless God's name forever.

Psalm 100, adapted

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN 22**

God of the Sparrow

Roeder

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

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

Unison

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 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.

Glory to God hymnal
page 582

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**

**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

Mike McLeod

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the children's greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Mr. Drumheller

Presentation

Prayer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

[*Ephesians 1:11-14*](#)

Pew Bible, page 180

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

SERMON

Claiming an Inheritance

Mrs. Ayscue

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell. The story itself tells us God works his sovereign will among all peoples of the earth. We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe. We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help. We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power. We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God. To worship God is highest joy. To serve God is perfect freedom. Amen.

***HYMN 100**

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout
Star of the County Down

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

COMMISSIONING OF SUMMER TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Introduction

Charge

Prayer

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

Sermons are posted to the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org). You can usually find the previous Sunday's sermon by Wednesday.

From *A Declaration of Faith*; adopted by the Southern Presbyterian Church in 1977.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

Offertory *Andante Cantabile* Alexandre Guilmant

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* hymnal, page 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 546 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* Sicilian Mariners

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *God the Holy Trinity* David Halls

*POSTLUDE *Postlude on 'CWM Rhondda'* Maurice Whitney

*All who are able may stand.

We rejoice that you are worshiping with us today. If you are a member of this church, please seek out those who are visiting and welcome them to this family of faith. If you are visiting and would like to know more about the church and membership here, please speak with one of the ministers following worship.

The acolyte today is Graham Chapman. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Ushers: Jack Morton, captain; Taylor Barbee, Duncan Bryson, Jim Ivey, Robert Ivey, Greg Lisk Penny Morton, and Jeff Robertson **Outside Ushers:** Greg Lisk; Tom Norwood **Elder Greeters:** Al Andrew; Dona Lisk **Nursery:** Grayson Harris **Preschool Partners:** Kristie & Keith Bryson **Nana & Papa Team:** Carol Sasser; Debby Johnston **Children's Church:** Leah Beamon

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Rodney Morgan, Liz Davis, Eddie Wilson (continuing health concerns; brother of Elizabeth Wilson), Kathy Miles Gordon (tumor on pancreas; friend of Ruth Goodwin). **See newsletter for complete list.**

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on Sunday, June 3.

Music and Arts Camp Volunteers' Meeting on Sunday, June 3 at 11 a.m. in the Parlor

If you are signed up to volunteer for Music and Arts Camp this year, please plan to stay for a short meeting immediately following worship. This is when you will get information you will need pertaining to your role at camp this year. It's not too late to volunteer! If you have some time during the week of June 10th-14th, come join us as we sing, dance, create, and move with this precious group of children. Contact Leah Beamon (Lbeamon@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-438-5083) to let us know you can help.

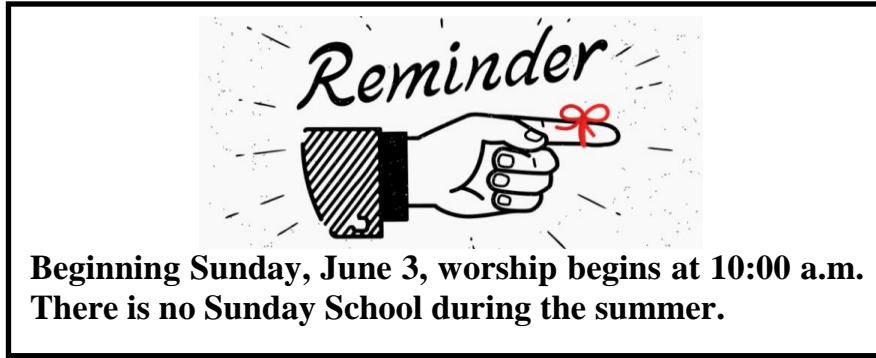
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Adam Jolly
Isabel McLeod

Gray Stone Day School
Gray Stone Day School

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Caroline McLeod B.S. in Biomedical Engineering with a minor in Chemistry from
The University of South Carolina
Jack Snyder B.S.B.A. in Marketing & Supply Chain Management from
Appalachian State University



Child Protection Policy Training

Sunday, June 3 at 9:00 a.m. in the Old Session Room

Child Protection Policy Training will be offered on Sunday, June 3 at 9:00 a.m. in the Old Session Room. If you are interested in volunteering with the children and/or youth at First Presbyterian Church over the summer at camps or in the fall, contact Leah Beamon (lbeamon@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722).

End-of-the-Year Brunch for Central Elementary School Staff

Friday, June 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Gym

A sign-up sheet is on the Mission Bulletin Board in the pit stop.

!!! Your help is needed !!!





LEMONADE ON THE LAWN



Every Sunday
Following Worship
in the Pit Stop
Beginning June 3

The Fellowship Committee invites you to the pit stop following worship every Sunday this summer for lemonade and a special treat. Come beat the heat, quench your thirst, and fellowship with friends!



SUMMER STUDY

Elizabeth and Matt will host a two-part summer study about what Christians can learn from atheists and agnostics. We have a tendency to live and interact within a bubble of people who think and believe the same way we do. We're going to attempt to step outside of that bubble and try to understand our own faith through the perspective of an outsider. Join us on June 18 and June 20 from 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. for dinner, conversation, and an opportunity to reflect on our faith.

**JUNE BOOK CONVERSATION
MONDAY, JUNE 25 AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE CHURCH PARLOR**

Desperation Road by Michael Farris Smith

Books are available for purchase for \$12.00 in the church office.

Will You Check Your Bookshelves?

We are looking to borrow 10-12 copies of Jan Karon's book, *Shepherds Abiding* (published in 2001), for the August book conversation. If you have one to loan, please let Kyle know (klambert@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) or drop it by the church.

FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS

On Father's Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of fathers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, JUNE 10.** Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Father's Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Father's Day, June 17.**

FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS

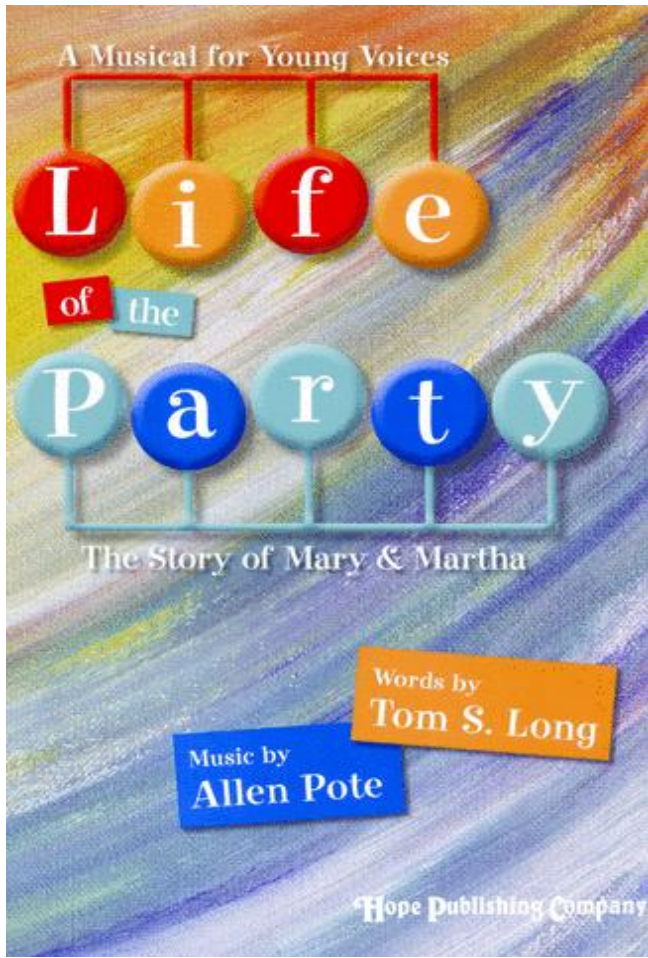
Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____



First Presbyterian Church Music & Arts Camp June 10-14, 2018

FOR WHOM?

For you if you are age 4 (must turn 4 before June 30) or older - - all the way through completed 6th grade AND if you love to create, sing, and have fun with others. Everyone is welcome.

WHAT WILL WE DO?

We'll sing and dance, create sets, play percussion instruments, study the Bible in new ways, act, and play. It will be a full and exciting week.

WHEN WILL WE DO IT?

It all begins on Sunday, June 10 at 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

On June 11-14, these are the hours:

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| Ages 4-5 | 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. |
| Grades K-6 (completed) | 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. |

WHAT ELSE?

Early Bird Registration Fee is only \$40.00 (by May 24).

Late Registration Fee is \$45.00 (after May 24).

Children who have completed grades K-6 should bring a lunch each day.
Drinks will be provided.

**The camp's grand finale will be a performance of
Life of the Party...The Story of Mary & Martha
on Thursday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m.
(Ice Cream follows)**

Name _____ Age _____ & Grade Completed (as of June 11) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Parent's Name _____

Emergency Contact during hours of Music & Arts Camp _____

Food or other allergies _____

T Shirt Size: YX-Small (2-4) YSmall (6-8) YMedium(10-12) YLarge (14-16) YXLarge(18-20)
Adult S M L XL

Other things we should know about this child _____

Permission to Use Photographs: I grant to First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, the right to take photographs of my child/children during the 2018 Music & Arts Camp and to use such photographs for any purpose.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature _____ Printed Name _____
of parent or guardian (if under age 18)

Return registration form to:
First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578 126 West North Street
Albemarle, NC 28002

Questions? (704) 982-2722
or email Leah Beamon (lbeamon@fpcalbemarle.org)

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 3

Ten-Cents-A-Meal/Graduate Recognition/

Commissioning of Summer Conference Participants

- 9:00 am Child Protection Policy Training (Old Session Rm)
- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (Pit Stop)
- 11:00 am Music & Arts Camp Volunteers' Meeting (Parlor)
- 11:00 am Mission Committee (Session Rm)

Wednesday, June 6

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, June 7

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, June 8

- 9:30 am End-of-the-Year Brunch for Central School Staff (Gym)

Sunday, June 10

Deadline for Father's Day Flowers Form

- 9:00 am *Diaconate
- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (Pit Stop)
- 2:00 pm-5:00 pm Music & Arts Camp

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JUNE

- 03-Heather Deese
Mary Kesselman
- 04-Ben Newport
- 05-Sam Griffin
Caroline Lisk
Anne Montgomery
Morgan Hall Schultz
- 07-Andy Cotton
- 10-John Earnhardt
Jessica Palmer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JUNE

- 04-Connie & Adrienne Robinson
- 06-Dennis & Anita Gower

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR JUNE

Rice, Macaroni & Cheese, Pasta,
Stuffing, Instant Potatoes

**SAVE THE DATE
CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT
MORROW MOUNTAIN STATE PARK
OCTOBER 12-14
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON**