



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

In observing the Sabbath, one is both giving a gift to God and imitating God.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Merle's Tune'

Michael Burkhardt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

For God has shone in our hearts to give knowledge of the glory of God.

Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

*CHORAL INTROIT

Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing

Arthur H. Messiter

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, who brings us mornings and beginnings, touch our hearts to hear your call today. Grant us faith to rely on your power in us that the life of Jesus may be made visible as we glorify you alone. Amen.

*HYMN 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Westminster Abbey

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

God who formed our inward parts and knows our hearts, forgive us. Instead of acknowledging you as our God, we make our own idols. Instead of proclaiming Jesus Christ as our Lord, we proclaim ourselves. Instead of turning to the Holy Spirit, we attempt to attain your way in our own understanding. Redirect our wrong ways and lead us to the ways that make Jesus visible in our lives.

*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.

From
*Mudhouse
Sabbath* by
Lauren Winner.

Glory to God
hymnal
page 582

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Barbara McManus

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Shine in the darkness, O God, and shine in our hearts, so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may grow in the knowledge of your glory, proclaiming Jesus Christ and not ourselves, until his life is made visible in us, even in us. Amen.

This psalm is a poetic meditation on God's nearness and intimacy.

OLD TESTAMENT READING [Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18](#) Pew Bible, page 545

The leader will read the odd numbered verses; the congregation will respond by reading the even numbered verses.

Of the numerous settings of Psalm 100 written over time, it would be difficult to find any that express better the unbounded joy of this exuberant anthem written by 41 year old Philip Stopford. His written direction in the music tells the performers that *the music of both the choir and organ should sparkle with joy.*

ANTHEM

Jubilate

Philip W. J. Stopford

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
Serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord He is God:
It is He that hath made us and not we ourselves.
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.
Be thankful unto Him and speak good of His name.
For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endureth from generation to generation.
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.

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Mark 2:23-3:6](#)

Pew Bible, page 34

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

How Shall We Use It?

Mrs. Ayscue

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. 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!*

From
A Brief Statement of Faith. This confession was written following the reunion of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA and the Presbyterian Church in the US in 1983.

*HYMN 378 *We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom* Merle's Tune
During the hymn, ushers will collect your written prayers to be included in the Prayers of the People.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Mr. Drumheller

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.

My Offering
cards are in the pews. As a regular practice, you are invited to take one, reflect on your giving, and place it in the offering plate when it comes to you.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

God lifts the burdens from our shoulders and frees our hand from work, giving the gift of rest.

In freedom and joy, we give back to God a portion of all we have received, that others may rest in fullness of life.

Offertory *Andante Moderato* Healey Willan

*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

*HYMN 700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* I'm Gonna Live

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ* Christian Gregor

*POSTLUDE *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Dale Wood

*All who are able may stand.

This African American spiritual is a testimony to the resilience and reliance on God of a people bound in slavery.

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 Jackson Palmer. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jim Ivey, Jr. by Margaret Ivey and family.

The rose in the sanctuary is given in honor of the birth of Emilia Maria Luna, daughter of Kellyn (Poole) and Luis Luna, who was born on May 30.

Ushers: Jack Morton, captain; Taylor Barbee, Duncan Bryson, Jim Ivey, Robert Ivey, Greg Lisk, Penny Morton, and Jeff Robertson **Outside Ushers:** Mark Mabry; Jack Morton **Elder Greeters:** Al Andrew; Dona Lisk **Nursery:** Grayson Harris **Preschool Partners:** Leah Beamon; Heather Deese **Nana & Papa Team:** Mary & Frank Green **Children's Church:** Lynn Poplin

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Betty Stancil (sister of Bill Hall; health concerns)m Frank Osborne (brother of Lillie Hancock), Rodney Morgan, Eddie Wilson (continuing health concerns; brother of Elizabeth Wilson), Kathy Miles Gordon (tumor on pancreas; friend of Ruth Goodwin). **See newsletter for complete list.**



Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. There is no Sunday School during the summer.



**LEMONADE
ON THE
LAWN
EVERY SUNDAY
FOLLOWING
WORSHIP
IN THE
PIT STOP**



**To the 2018 Music & Arts Camp performance of
Life of the Party...
The Story of Mary & Martha
Thursday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.
Ice Cream social following in the gym.**

JUNE BOOK CONVERSATION ON 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.

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: _____



Vespers & Homemade Ice Cream

- What is it?** An outdoor, informal, child-friendly, worship opportunity
- When is it?** Sunday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m.
- Where is it?** At the home of Connie Wallace & Ken Knight (45118 Byrd Rd., Albemarle)
- What else?** Bring a chair and contact the church office if you can bring a freezer of ice cream.

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.



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.

Summer Movie Night on Wednesday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gym

Movie: *The Lion King*

Come watch a movie with a great plot, captivating characters, and memorable music!

*Bring the entire family out to enjoy a movie with friends, popcorn, candy & drinks...

*Bring a chair or blanket and plan to relax and laugh out loud!!!

Endowment Committee Grants

The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until **July 12**. Applications are available in the church office. If you have questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org). Applications may be submitted by individual church members or committee chairpersons. Once funding requests are received, the Endowment Committee will review the applications and determine which requests will be funded. Personal interviews may be requested if further information is needed regarding a funding request. If you have questions about the application process, please contact the office. Endowment Committee members include: Steve Cumming, Chair; Lee McLaurin, ex-officio, Laura Blalock, Patrick Currie, Bob Gaither, and Mary Kesselman.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

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

Monday, June 11

- 9:00 am-11:30 am Music & Arts Camp (Ages 4-5)
- 9:00 am-2:00 pm Music & Arts Camp (Grades K-6)

Tuesday, June 12

- 9:00 am-11:30 am Music & Arts Camp (Ages 4-5)
- 9:00 am-2:00 pm Music & Arts Camp (Grades K-6)

Wednesday, June 13

- 9:00 am-11:30 am Music & Arts Camp (Ages 4-5)
- 9:00 am-2:00 pm Music & Arts Camp (Grades K-6)

Thursday, June 14

- 9:00 am-11:30 am Music & Arts Camp (Ages 4-5)
- 9:00 am-2:00 pm Music & Arts Camp (Grades K-6)
- 7:00 pm *Music & Arts Camp Finale Performance with
Ice Cream Social following in the gym

Sunday, June 17

Father's Day

- 8:30 am *Session
- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (Pit Stop)

*childcare provided

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JUNE

- 10-John Earnhardt
Jessica Palmer
- 12-Merrin Kinley
Rich Schaefer
- 13-John Howell
Laura Beth Marks
- 16-Janet Schaefer
- 17-Holland Currie
Lynn Poplin
Kim Robertson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JUNE

- 12-Jack & Joan Boling
- 14-Frank & Mary Green
Sam & Kay Griffin
Marshall & Cam Rogers
Bill & Barbara Lindley
- 15-Hugh & Debbie Wainwright
- 16-Jeff & Kim Robertson

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**