



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 11, 2020

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Hope means a continual looking forward to the eternal world.

C.S. Lewis

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune

John Stanley

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June 26, 2016

PEALING OF THE BELLS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Jackson Palmer

OPENING SENTENCES

This is the day the Lord has made,
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

When we pass through the waters,
God is there with us.
When we suffer and feel hopeless,
God is there with us.
When we are joyful and celebrate,
God is there with us.
Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,
God is there with us, always.
Come, let us worship together with Emmanuel,
God with us.

Isaiah 43:2

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face despair and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.

Psalm 23

HYMN 716

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

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God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

Psalm 91

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Lord, we are quick to give into despair, and slow to trust your promises. We forget your care for us, the countless ways you provide, and your gracious response to our cries for help. We set aside relentless justice for the sake of comfort, and sacrificial compassion for the sake of self-preservation. We cannot justify our behavior, we can only confess it, repent and ask again for your mercy. Forgive us, Lord.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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May 17, 2015

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Gloria Patri

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.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Reverend Drumheller

At the conclusion of Faith Sharing with Children, children in grades K-2nd are encouraged to join Melissa Eudy for Children's Church via Zoom. The link for the Zoom call can be found in yesterday's worship email.

Presentation of Bibles

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May 12, 2019

ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Thomas Matthews

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside still waters, He restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for Thou are with me,
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.
Thou has anointed my head with oil, my cup runneth over.
Surely, goodness, and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord, forever.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, remind us who and whose we are. Shape us for your service in ways that shine Christ's light. Send your Spirit so that we will hear and respond rightly to your Word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

[Lamentations 3:19-24](#)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Onward with Hope

Reverend Drumheller

*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.

HYMN 819

Be Still My Soul

Finlandia

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide,
Who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future surely as the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord;
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Ellen Snyder

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

O How Blest Are They
Op. 122, No. 6

Johannes Brahms

Prayer of Dedication

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

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Benediction

Peter Angela

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. Amen.

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Thank you to Katherine Jolly, Ken Knight, and Andy McLeod, for helping to create this morning’s video. Thank you to Ellen Snyder for participating in worship.

The acolyte today is Jackson Palmer.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Jane Smith (mother of Heather Kilde), Lauren Reder (niece of Laura & Mike McLeod; spinal surgery), Bede Karr, Sandy Saunders, Ann Upchurch, David & Marsha Bell (friends of Debbie & John Hahn; David has cancer & an unknown infection), Clay Price (cancer; cousin of Steve Cumming), Banks Garrison, Yoder Whitley, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.



Children’s Church

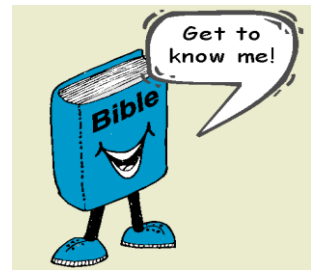
Join us in worship after *Faith Sharing with Children* in our own Zoom room for an online version of worship for kids (ages Kindergarten-2nd grade). The link for the Zoom call can be found in yesterday’s worship email.

Bibles are being presented today to third graders

Russ Carpenter, son of Katie & Matt Carpenter
Ashley Deese, daughter of Heather Hatley & Lee Deese
Leni Henkenjohann, daughter of Anna & Peter Henkenjohann

Get to Know Your Bible for Third Graders on Sunday, October 11

By third grade, most children are ready to move beyond a Bible storybook to reading the Bible for themselves. As an expression of our baptism vows, the congregation at First Presbyterian Church gives a Bible to each third grader and encourages participation of each child and parent in a *Getting to Know Your Bible* workshop. Bibles will be presented in worship, and parents and third graders will spend the afternoon with Matt via Zoom getting acquainted with the new Bible.



Education and Conversation

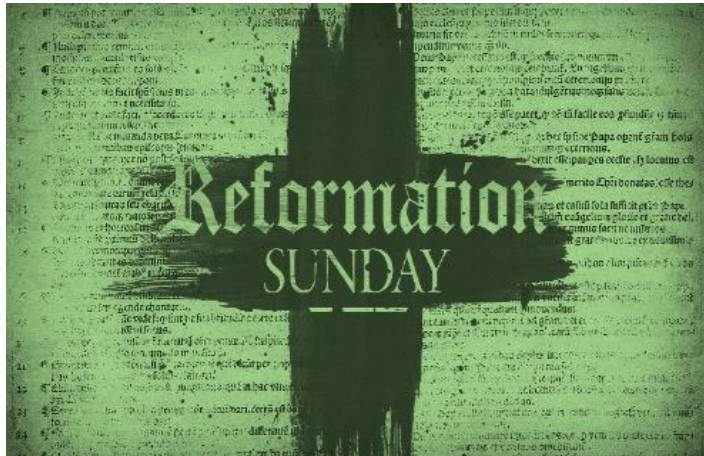
Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

*****Please note change of date.*****

Our congregation, along with many others, is continuing a challenging journey of educating ourselves about systemic racism in America. Members of the church have been gathering on Zoom to explore how we benefit from or are affected by systems of privilege, and how we might bring about a kingdom-oriented world in which, *we are all one in Christ* (Galatians 3:28).



In October, we will be watching the film *13th* on Netflix. This documentary takes an in-depth look at the abolition of slavery in the 13th Amendment and the creation of the modern criminal justice system. Please join us on Zoom on Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss this film.



Reformation Sunday & Kirkin' o' Tartans Sunday, October 25

Though we will still be online for worship on Reformation Sunday, we will be celebrating in many of the ways we typically do. 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 every year, and we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Plans are being made to have a drive-thru opportunity for everyone to see our tartans and collect communion supplies (as well as other treats). Keep your eyes open for more information.

Around the Table with Jane & Friends... We will meet on Zoom on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. through October 27. Each week we will watch a video of a parishioner sharing something "around the table". We will also be reading and discussing scripture associated with events "around the table".

Wrestling with Scripture... In this series, Matt leads conversation about the role of the Bible in contemporary Christianity. Focusing on Biblical authority, we look at a variety of readings by scholars. Participants explore their own thoughts and beliefs about the authority of Scripture. We meet on via Zoom from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

!!! Thank You !!!

Martha Sue Hall extends appreciation to all those participating as a Silent Partner to our college students.



Trunk or Treat Volunteers Needed

This year, our church will be hosting an outdoor Trunk or Treat event on October 25th from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.! We need volunteers who are willing to decorate the trunks of their cars and give out candy to the children. The cars will be parked every 2 spaces to allow for social distancing. If you need ideas for decorations or would like to confirm your participation, please email Dorothy at dhart@fpcalbemarle.org. Donations of candy would also be greatly appreciated.

Children 5th grade and under are invited to participate in this event. Masks are required and costumes are encouraged! We will be having a parade for everyone to show off their costumes during the event and hope you can join us for some trunk or treating fun!



Community Table Lunch

On Saturday, November 7, First Presbyterian Church will provide lunch for the guests at the Community Table. Lunches are still take-out, therefore we will prepare bag lunches on November 6 in the church kitchen.

We will need donations of the following items for these lunches:

- Individual bags of chips
- Individual fruit cups
- Granola bars
- Homemade or bought cakes or cookies (no icing)
- Money to be used to help buy ham, cheese, and bread (money may be given to Kyle in the office)

A surplus of the above foods will be used to fill the backpacks for Central Elementary School children. **All donations need to be in the church kitchen by Wednesday afternoon, November 4. Please label your donation with a Community Table sign. When dropping off donations, call the church office to be sure someone will be there to let you in the kitchen. If you would like to help prepare sandwiches on November 6 or help assemble the bag lunches and hand them out on that Saturday (November 7), call Linda Anderson at 704-982-3723.**

Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:

Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies,
Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper,
Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Packing Dates: Wednesday, October 14 at 10:30 a.m.



Your on-going support of First Presbyterian Church is essential to the mission and ministry of the church and to the well-being of our ministry partners, locally and globally.

Thank you for your generosity.

Tithes and offerings may be mailed to:
First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578
Albemarle, NC 28002

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

If you have not already done so, please stop by the church to sign a hymnal for Kim and Jeff Robertson & Taylor and Lisa Johnston. Call before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Session has called a congregational meeting to be held on Zoom immediately after worship on Sunday, October 11. The purpose of the meeting is to elect deacons and ruling elders to the Class of 2021 and to elect members of the congregational Nominating Committee. The congregation will hear and act on the report presented by Nominating Committee member, Ken Knight. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Ken Knight, Chair, Bob Johnston, Andy McLeod, Barbara McManus, Sarah Michael, and Gayle Russell. Once the committee has presented the slate of officers, the floor will be open for additional nominations. As a matter of courtesy, please check with any person whose name you plan to place in nomination prior to doing so.

Nominating Committee – at large members for 2021

Bob Johnston, Ken Knight, Barbara McManus, Andy McLeod, Sarah Michael, Gayle Russell

DIACONATE

Keith Bryson...Keith moved to Albemarle as a 5 year old and was put into church service upon arrival by his father who was quite often doing small jobs around the church. Since he passed away in 2013, Reverend Ayscue took over the task of keeping me involved at First Presbyterian Church with numerous calls saying, *I was thinking about you*. My mother, Gloria Bryson, has been a member here 50+ years, and my wife, Kristie, close to 20 years. Our children, Duncan and Elizabeth, have been fortunate to have been raised within the church, which has been a major influence on their lives. In the past, I have served on both the diaconate and session, been involved with Sunday Youth, and for quite a few years have assisted with the Stanly County Youth Breakfast, which First Presbyterian Church has supported and hosted for many years. In addition to being involved in family life, I am also an avid pickleball player which keeps me young and fit!

Michelle Cumming...Michelle has lived in Albemarle for over 20 years. She works as a Teacher's Assistant at Central Elementary School. She is married to Steve Cumming, and they are parents to Ella Cumming who attends Gray Stone Day School as a sixth grader. Michelle loves going to the beach and finding treasures at Goodwill Stores. This is Michelle's second time serving as a Deacon for First Presbyterian Church.

Jim Hesley...Jim lives in Albemarle with his son Bubba, his wife Jenny, and their daughter Jordan. Jim has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for six years and has previously served on the Diaconate. Jim also serves as a youth advisor to the youth group. Along with "thelittlepuppies"(Jim's trusty sidekick), they love the youth group! Jim says, *Y'all got some really cool kids*.

Laura McLeod... Laura has been a member of First Presbyterian for twenty-two years. She lives in Albemarle with her husband Mike, and they have five children - Caroline, Ben, Isabel, Andy, and Leo. During her time here at First Presbyterian Church, she has served on both Session and Diaconate. While serving as an officer, she has been involved with numerous committees (too many to name)! She has also helped lead Sunday School, has taught Children's Church, and has worked with Music and Arts Camp. In her spare time, she enjoys running, walking, reading, watching her children play sports, and traveling. She looks forward to serving our church again!

SESSION

Al Andrew... Al has enjoyed being a member of this congregation his entire life. He is married to Becky and they are the proud parents of Emily (25) and Jay (23). Al retired from a teaching and coaching career five years ago and now work in insurance. He enjoys playing golf, attending concerts, and following all things UNC. Al looks forward to serving as an elder once again.

Katherine Jolly... Katherine is the daughter of Liz and Ben Jolly and the granddaughter of Bill and Nancy Jolly. She is a sophomore at Gray Stone Day School in Misenheimer, North Carolina. She enjoys swimming for both her school and competitive club team, playing the guitar, and reading. Katherine looks forward to serving as an elder next year!

Mike King... Mike grew up in Clarksburg, West Virginia. He attended West Virginia University graduating in business administration. Subsequently, he attended Virginia Commonwealth University and received a Masters in Hospital Administration. Mike is retired, having finished his career as the CEO of Camden Clark Medical Center in Parkersburg, West Virginia. He is a honeybee keeper and is active in Scouts USA Central North Carolina Council. He is married to Cathy and has three children and four grandchildren.

Kim Marshall... Kim has been member of First Presbyterian for thirty years, since she & Jim were married in 1990. They have four beautiful children - Brittany, Ashley, Ginny, and Luke. And, they have four even more beautiful grandchildren - Olivia, Greta, James, and Grace. Kim works in Jim's optometry practice and really enjoys serving on two non-profit boards, and feeding her reading obsession in her book clubs.

Ellen Whitley... Ellen is a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church. She is married to David Whitley of the congregation. They have a daughter Emily, and two granddaughters, Ansley and Emersyn. Ellen works for the Central NC Council of the Boy Scouts. She has previously served on the Diaconate and Session. She looks forward to serving the church on Session.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 11

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders/

Get to Know your Bible for 3rd Graders & Parents with Matt via

Zoom following the Congregational Meeting

- 9:00 am Diaconate Meeting via Zoom
- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship
- 12:00 pm Congregational Meeting via Zoom
- 1:00 pm Youth Group Hike at Morrow Mountain State Park

Monday, October 12

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton at the home of Debby & Bob Johnston (1212 Heritage Drive, Albemarle)

Tuesday, October 13

- 10:00 am Around the Table with Jane Snyder & Friends via Zoom
- 12:00 pm October Newsletter Deadline
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Wrestling with Scripture with Matt via Zoom

Wednesday, October 14

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 1:00 pm Online Story Time (Preschoolers)
- 2:00 pm Circle #5 meets in the Pit Stop
- 3:30 pm-4:00 pm Youth Club Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders) via Zoom
- 4:00 pm-4:30 pm Youth Club Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders) via Zoom
- 7:00 pm Youth Group Virtual Game Night

Thursday, October 15

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

Friday, October 16

- 7:15 pm Youth Group Haunted Climb at Carolina Challenge Ropes Course

Sunday, October 18

- 8:30 am Session Meeting via Zoom
- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship
- 7:00 pm Youth Group (socially distanced-mask required)

All staff members are working at home whenever possible, and the church building is closed most of the time. The church's answering machine is being checked periodically; however, in case of an emergency, please contact Matt (540.449.5319) directly.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

- 12-Ella Cumming
- 13-Isabel McLeod

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

OCTOBER

- 13-Trey & Kate Gibson
- 16-Keith & Kristie Bryson

This week's worship video will become available at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. To access the worship video, go to the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the worship banner or search for the church on *YouTube* and click on the appropriate video.