



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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February 28, 2021

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

MORNING MEDITATION

*We are already one. But we imagine that we are not. And what we have to recover is our original unity. What we have to be is what we are.*

Thomas Merton

PRELUDE

*Were You There?*

Dale Wood

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PEALING OF THE BELLS

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LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Stella Marks

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 22:23

All you who fear the Lord, praise him!

**Stand in awe of God, you offspring of Israel!**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dorothy Hart, liturgist

We gather as a community of disciples of Jesus.

**Recognizing our unity, and the love that we share,**

Hearing the call for justice and aware of our need for forgiveness,

**Relying upon the connections that sustain us,**

We gather as a beloved community.

**We gather to worship God.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY 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.**

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HYMN 761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* Beecher

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,  
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,  
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Hymn 415 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* Restoration  
Andy Cotton, soloist

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify,  
True belief and true repentance,  
Every grace that brings you nigh.

*Refrain:*

*I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

Acts 2:43-47

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

**God of mercy, you have called us to depend upon one another, to care for one another, and to journey together. You have called us into community. Yet, we have given in to fantasies of self-reliance, and the idol of rugged individualism. We have forgotten our neighbor and lost sight of your vision for a connected community. Forgive us, Lord.**

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

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RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS *hymn 643, stanza 3*

*Now Thank We All Our God* Nun danket alle Gott  
All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given;  
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
The God who was, and is, as shall be evermore.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Derek K. Hakes

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nations,  
O thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine! Amen.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, guide us by your Word through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so we may be reformed, restored, and renewed. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

[\*Ephesians 4:1-16\*](#)

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*The Body of Christ*

Reverend Drumheller

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

This is an excerpt from the Confession of Belhar, the newest creed included in our Book of Confessions. We use this affirmation in the season of Lent as a reminder of the gift and challenge of community.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### REFLECTION ON COMMUNITY

Natalie Niederer

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

*Voluntary in G Major*

William Walond

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Communion elements can be delivered or picked up at the church upon request. Please email mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org by the Thursday before worship.

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## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

*The Lord's Table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ and to those who want to trust him more.*

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

HYMN 301

*Let Us Build a House*

Two Oaks

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,

Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;

Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;  
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;

As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;

Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;

Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Richard Shephard

*Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go*

Forth in thy Name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue;  
Thee, only thee resolved to know in all I think or speak or do. Amen

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**Thank you** to Ken Knight and Andy McLeod for helping to create this morning's video. Thank you to Andy Cotton, Dorothy Hart, and Natalie Niederer for their participation in worship today.

**The acolyte today is** Stella Marks.

**The rose in the sanctuary** is in honor of the birth of William Spence McIntyre, son of Catherine and Rob McIntyre, on February 21.

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**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** The family of Muriel Williams (grandmother of Michelle Cumming), Sandy Saunders, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

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**In an effort to keep the newsletter prayer list updated**, please notify the church office (704-982-2722 or [pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org)) or Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or [hallmsh@hotmail.com](mailto:hallmsh@hotmail.com)) of changes.

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**Please stop by the church and sign a hymnal for Susan Pandich and for Mary Lane and Craig Minkler, & Emmett.** Call the church office before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).

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### **Pfeiffer Pfriends**

Please contact Martha Sue Hall if you would like to be a Pfeiffer Pfriend ([hallmsh@hotmail.com](mailto:hallmsh@hotmail.com) or 704-985-5821).

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### *Daily Scripture Readings during Lent*

<b>February 28</b>	<b>Mark 6:1-13</b>
<b>March 1</b>	<b>Mark 6:14-29</b>
<b>March 2</b>	<b>Mark 6:30-56</b>
<b>March 3</b>	<b>Mark 7:1-23</b>
<b>March 4</b>	<b>Mark 7:24-37</b>
<b>March 5</b>	<b>Mark 8:1-21</b>
<b>March 6</b>	<b>Mark 8:22-38</b>
<b>March 7</b>	<b>Mark 9:1-13</b>



## 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

Donations may be dropped off at the church.

**Packing Date: Wednesday, March 17 at 10:30 a.m.**

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### DRIVE-THRU LENT MEALS ON WEDNESDAYS

**MARCH 3, 10, 17, AND 24**

**FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.**

**RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON THE MONDAY PRIOR TO THE MEAL**

Lenten Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesdays during Lent: March 3, 10, 17, and 24. If you would like a Lenten meal, please RSVP by 2:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the meal. We will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.



**The menu will be emailed in advance.**

#### Menu for Wednesday, March 3:

**The Eudy Family's BBQ, Red Slaw and Pound Cake  
accompanied with Macaroni and Cheese, Baked Beans and a Roll.**

#### Menu for Wednesday, March 10:

**Elizabeth Ayscue's Tomato Bisque, Crackers, & Pound Cake**

#### Menu for Wednesday, March 17:

**Chicken Pot Pie & Pound Cake**

#### Menu for Wednesday, March 24:

**Ann Duckwall's Chicken Niçoise Salad**

**(Grilled Chicken, Mixed Greens, Roasted Potatoes, Marinated Beans, Tomatoes, Carrots, Boiled Egg, Homemade Croutons)  
served with a house French dressing, and choice of pound cake, sweet potato cake, or brownie**

**Suggested Donation: \$5 per person....Maximum of \$15 per family.**

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

**All we need you to do is reserve some OR all meals:**

**call Anne Montgomery at 704-796-5841 or email Anne at [johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com](mailto:johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com)  
and let her know how many plates and desserts you need, and if it will be a pickup or delivery  
(include address and any special instructions).**

**After sharing your meal together at home, you can log on to a weekly Zoom call at 7:00 p.m. There will be dedicated time for you to catch up with your FPC friends and family, and we will close each week with a time of worship and music together.**



**First Presbyterian Church continues to provide dinner on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at the Community Inn.**

We usually plan to feed around 10 guests.

If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Ruth Cotton (hugawolf@hotmail.com).

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**Prayer Partners during Lent**

Members of First Presbyterian Church have begun intentionally praying for one another this Lent as part of our annual Prayer Partners program. If you did not have a chance to sign up, but would like to be given someone to pray for, please contact Matt Drumheller at mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org.

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**SCCM FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Pancake Syrup, Canned Lima Beans, Great Northern Beans, Canned Navy Beans, Canned Black Beans, Canned Black Eyed Peas, Canned Mixed Vegetables

Please bring donations to:

506 South First Street, Albemarle

Monday-Thursday

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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**Join the Team for Those in Need.**  
Make your donation today to help tackle the need for over 14 billion meals in 2021!

  

**Give today and join us in tackling hunger in Stanly County!**

**Donations will go towards our Souper Bowl of Caring Campaign and support feeding our neighbors.**

**Give online at [www.sccminc.org/donate](http://www.sccminc.org/donate) or mail your gift toL**

**Stanly Community Christian Ministry**

**P.O. Box 58**

**Albemarle, NC 28002**

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**From the Scholarship Committee...**

Scholarship applications are available Monday, March 1 on the church website ([www.fpcalbemarle.org](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)). **The deadline to return completed applications is Tuesday, April 6.**

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2021 are: Steve Coats, Chair, Ben Jolly, and Courtney Niederer.

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, February 28** *Second Sunday in Lent*

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

- 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
- 5:00 pm Youth Group

**Monday, March 1**

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 2:00 pm Deadline to RSVP for First Family Meal
- 8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton

**Tuesday, March 2**

- 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Confirmation Class via Zoom

**Wednesday, March 3**

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Pit Stop)
- 3:30 pm-4:00 pm Youth Club Trusty Travelers (K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders) via Zoom
- 4:00 pm-4:30 pm Youth Club Faith Explorers (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders) via Zoom
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm First Family Meal Pick-Up
- 7:00 pm Lent Gathering via Zoom

**Thursday, March 4**

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

**Friday, March 5**

*World Day of Prayer*

**Sunday, March 7**

*Third Sunday in Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger*

- 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
- 5:00 pm Youth Group

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**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.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**FEBRUARY**

28-Carroll Holbrook

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**MARCH**

- 02-Al Andrew
- Jordan Davis
- Luke Davis
- Natalie Niederer
- Ellen Snyder
- 05-Becky Andrew
- 06-Keith Andrew
- Robert Ivey
- 07-Chris Mabry

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church's website ([www.fpcalbemarle.org](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)).  
Click on the GIVE button.**

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**All staff members are working at home whenever possible to limit the risk of COVID exposure.** While there is often someone present at the church, the building will be open sporadically. If you need to come by the church, please call first to make sure the building is open. The church's answering machine is being checked periodically; however, in case of an emergency, please contact Matt (540.449.5319) directly.