



**The Weekly Bulletin**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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April 25, 2021

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

PRELUDE *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* St. Columba

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Holden Taylor

PEALING OF THE CHIMES

OPENING SENTENCES

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness.**

Psalm 100:1-2

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dorothy Hart, liturgist

John 10:11-18

We gather to worship the Good Shepherd,

**Who lays down his life for his sheep.**

We gather to worship Jesus Christ,

**Who calls us to lay down our lives for others.**

Easter people, Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

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.**

HYMN 10 *Sing Glory to the Name of God* Lasst uns erfreuen

Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The wilderness cannot contain the echoes of the great refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is wild and free, awhirl in holy mystery.

Alleluia, alleluia!

A secret wrapped in smoke and fire, still chanted by the temple choir:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

**O God, you have called us to love, not only in word or speech, but also in truth and action. You have laid down your life for us and commanded us to lay down our lives for one another. Still, O Lord, we offer empty thoughts and prayers when the world needs our hands and our feet. Still, O Lord, we fail to share our lives with the world, hiding behind a myth of independence. Forgive us, we pray.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

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

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

ANTHEM

*The Lord is My Shepherd*  
Ann Crutchfield, Soprano

Samuel Liddle

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

*John 10:11-18*

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Good Shepherd*

Reverend Drumheller

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. Amen.**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN 353

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*(Refrain)*

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;*

*All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* Randolph

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Adopted from the  
Confession of 1967

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**Thank you** to Ken Knight and Andy McLeod for helping with audio and visual worship production this morning. Thank you to Andy Cotton, Ann Crutchfield, and Dorothy Hart for their leadership in worship this morning.

**The acolyte today is** Holden Taylor

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Nancy Jolly (Trinity Place), Claude Harwood, Hoy Lanning and family, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

**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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**YOUTH CLUB END-OF-THE-YEAR PARTY AT PELICAN'S  
(1240 EAST MAIN STREET, ALBEMARLE)  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28 AT 4:00 P.M.**



We will gather at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at Pelican's for a round of Putt-putt and sweet treats. We hope you will make plans to join us as we play outdoors in a safe and socially-distanced way!

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**April Book Conversation**

**Monday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom with Courtney Niederer**

**Book: *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76026386946>

Meeting ID: 760 2638 6946

Passcode: Z71g4D

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**Education and Conversation on Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m.**

On Tuesday, April 27, we will gather at 7:00 p.m. in-person and via Zoom for Education and Conversation. We will use a resource we have referenced before: the 21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge. This time, we will discuss a series of short articles recommended by American and Moore. Contact Matt to sign-up for the conversation

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**Central Elementary School Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week**

Volunteers are needed to help box up food Monday, May 3 at 10:00 a.m. and transport to Central Elementary School at 11:00 a.m. Also, we need volunteers to make any kind of dessert, individually wrapped, and brought to church Monday afternoon (May 3) by 4:00 p.m. to be handed out to the Central Elementary School teachers and staff on Tuesday, May 4. Call or email Debby Johnston ([debbyjohnston@hotmail.com](mailto:debbyjohnston@hotmail.com) or 704-322-8139) to say you can help or for more information.





As vaccines become universally available and numbers continue to look hopeful in our community, our staff members are working in the office sporadically. Though this means that the office is more consistently open, we still ask that you call (704-982-2722) before coming to make sure that the building will be open. We also ask that you continue to support and care for our staff by wearing a mask while you are in the church building and by observing all CDC recommendations.

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**Graduate Information Needed by Thursday, May 13  
for Graduate Recognition on Sunday, May 23**



During worship on **May 23**, we will recognize First Presbyterian Church's graduates. If you have a family (or are graduating) member graduating from high school, college, or graduate school in the spring of 2021, please contact the church office (704-982-2722 or [pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org)) by **May 13** with the following information:

- Student Name
- Name of High School, College, or Graduate School
- Name of College Attending
- Degree (if graduating from College or Graduate School)

Join us as we celebrate our graduates as they complete their journeys and start the next chapter in their lives.

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**MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS**



On Mother's Day, the arrangements in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of mothers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail or deliver to the church office with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MAY 2**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Mother's Day Arrangements*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Mother's Day, May 9**. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

**MOTHER'S 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: \_\_\_\_\_



**FIRST FAMILY MEAL  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.  
RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 3  
PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL**

Our LAST First Family Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, May 5! Unfortunately, we are still unable to gather together for First Family in May. If you would like a First Family meal, please RSVP by Monday, May 3 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday, May 5 between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

**Cinco de Mayo Menu:  
Barbeque Chicken Taco, Rice, Black Beans and  
a choice of either Sweet Potato Cake, Pound Cake or Chocolate Chess Pie.**

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:  
call Anne Montgomery at 704-982-7823 or email Anne at [johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com](mailto:johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com)  
and let her know how many plates you need,  
if you would like sweet potato cake, pound cake or chocolate chess pie for each meal  
and  
if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).**

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS  
(COMPLETED 4th – 6th Grades)**

**June 21-24, 2021 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$40.00 per child Camp Limit of 12 children**

Do your children have a passion for cooking or love to help you prepare meals in the kitchen? Then perhaps a **cooking camp** is the perfect summer camp for them. This camp is offered to COMPLETED 4th-6th graders on **Monday, June 21 – Thursday, June 24 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** Young chefs expand their palates, kitchen hygiene and healthy eating habits, utensil skills, proper etiquette, cooking and baking and will experiment with flavors and ingredients. This camp will be packed with culinary excitement and tasty adventures! We will also be incorporating a field trip into the mix!

**For more information, to register for camp, or to volunteer contact Jane Snyder at  
704-982-2722/704-438-3358 or [jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org)**



## **In-Person Worship Information**

### ***How To Register***

All worshippers will need to register before coming to worship on Sunday morning to ensure that we are not exceeding the maximum number of safe participants.

- Registration will be limited to 50 people.
- Registration will open on the Monday immediately preceding the Sunday of worship. You may register between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm on Monday and Tuesday.
- To register, worshippers need to call the office number (704-982-2722) and speak with a person. Voicemails will not be considered registrations.
- When registering, please let us know how many people will be in your family group.

### ***What To Expect***

When you come to worship in person, please help us to stay safe and healthy by following these guidelines.

- Please put on a mask before you enter the building and keep your mask on (covering your mouth and nose) for the duration of worship.
- Please enter the building through the front door of the sanctuary facing North Street. If you cannot climb the steps you may use the ramp from the parking lot or the elevator.
- To avoid creating gather points where people are exposed to one another, please do not gather outside the door before or after worship for long periods of time.
- After entering the sanctuary, an usher or elder will help you locate an open seat.
- Please maintain at least 6 feet of space between your family group and other family groups that are present.
- At the conclusion of worship, an usher or elder will direct you to leave the sanctuary.

### ***Worship***

Worship will look different as we adjust the service to make it as safe as possible. Here's what you can expect.

- In order to reduce contact points there will not be a bulletin, an offering collection, or communion.
- Because we will not be handing out a bulletin, we encourage you to print one out before you come, or access the bulletin with your smartphone.
- The worship service will be shorter to decrease the amount of potential exposure time.
- We will ask people not to sing.

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**breadfortheworld**  
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

**Bread for the World**  
**Letter Writing...Sunday, April 25**  
**Offering of Letters...Sunday, May 2**

This is Bread for the World Letter Writing Sunday! Our hungry neighbors at home and abroad need our advocacy for nutritious food. If you haven't already communicated with our representative in Congress, please do so now. The Offering of Letters, calls, and emails is scheduled during worship on a following Sunday.



**REGISTRATION FORM**



**First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle  
Sunday, June 13-Thursday, June 17, 2021**

**\*SPACE IS LIMITED.**

**\*KINDERGARTEN-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ONLY**

**\*REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2021**

**FOR WHOM?**

For you if you have completed Kindergarten all the way through completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Space is limited due to COVID19:

Kindergarten-1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Maximum of 10 Children

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Maximum of 10 Children

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Maximum of 20 Children

**WHEN WILL WE DO IT?**

It all begins on **Sunday, June 13 at 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.** On June 14-17, the hours are **9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

**WHAT ELSE?**

**Registration Fee: \$20.00**

**Snacks & drinks will be provided.**

**Everyone should be masked and socially distanced.**

**The final performance will be filmed for people to watch at home.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ & Grade Completed (as of June 13) \_\_\_\_\_

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) Y-Small (6/8) Y-Medium (10/12) Y-Large (14/16) Y-XLarge (18/20)  
Adult S M L XL

Other things we should know about this child \_\_\_\_\_

**Permission to Use Photograph:** I grant to First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, the right to take photographs of my child/children during the 2021 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 form to:  
First Presbyterian Church  
P.O. Box 1578  
126 West North Street  
Albemarle, NC 28002**

**Questions? Contact the church office at (704) 982-2722 or  
email [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)**

**For Office Use Only**

**Date Received** \_\_\_\_\_

**Staff Initials** \_\_\_\_\_

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, April 25**

- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Worship
- 5:00 pm Youth Group

**Monday, April 26**

*Begin Reservations for In-Person Worship for Sunday, May 2*

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 7:00 pm April Book Conversation with Courtney Niederer via Zoom
- 8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton

**Tuesday, April 27**

- 7:00 pm Education & Conversation

**Wednesday, April 28**

- 6:45 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Youth Club End-of-the-Year Party at Pelican’s

**Thursday, April 29**

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

**Sunday, May 2** *Bread for the World Offering of Letters/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 Worship

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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!**

**APRIL**

- 25-Emma Grace Lemons  
Tommy Murrell
- 26-Ella Averette  
John Kilde
- 27-Ethan Richards
- 28-Aaron Whisnant
- 29-Harold Sharpe

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**APRIL**

- 25-Steve & Kate Melone
- 28-Kevin & Adrienne Averette
- 29-Steve & Elaine Coats

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**MAY**

- 02-Bob & Donna Gaither
- 03-Kyle & Taylor Barbee

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 First Presbyterian Church  
 P.O. Box 1578  
 Albemarle, NC 28002**

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