



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Albemarle, North Carolina

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August 22, 2021

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

PRELUDE *This Is My Father's World* Matt Hyzer

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Natalie Niederer

PEALING OF THE CHIMES

OPENING SENTENCES Katherine Jolly, liturgist Psalm 84:1-2

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**People: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH Katherine Jolly

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Katherine Jolly, liturgist Psalm 96:1-2

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;

**People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: Sing, and give praise to God's name;

**People: Tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY Katherine Jolly, liturgist

**Almighty and everlasting God, by your Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified. Hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which you have called us we may serve you in holiness and truth; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN 394 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* Westminster Abbey

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
Come, with all your lovingkindness; hear your people as we pray,  
And your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.

Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain;  
What they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain;  
And hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:  
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Katherine Jolly, liturgist

Silence

**God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Katherine Jolly, liturgist

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

\*RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE

Glory to God

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*  
**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

*Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of Faith Sharing with Children, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.*

Blessing of the Backpacks

Anna Wainwright

**Unison Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Keith Copeland

**Holy God, we celebrate this time of new beginnings. As these children and youth return to school, we ask you to bless their backpacks which hold their books, notebooks, markers, pens, pencils, hopes, and fears. We ask your blessing upon teachers, assistants, and administrators. Guide them towards compassion and grace. We pray, loving God, that you will bless our cherished children whom we have promised to love and nurture since their baptism. Give them energy and encouragement, keep them safe, and remind them every day that you are with them. Amen.**

SOLO

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Thomas A. Dorsey

Ann Crutchfield, Soprano

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone;  
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Keith Copeland

**Living God, help us to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING      [Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18](#)      Rev. Dr. Keith Copeland

NEW TESTAMENT READING      [Ephesians 6:10-20](#)      Rev. Dr. Keith Copeland

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON      *Whatever Will Make You Ready*      Rev. Dr. Keith Copeland

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      Rev. Dr. Keith Copeland

*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 351      *All Who Love and Serve Your City*      Charlestown

All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress,  
All who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless:

In your day of wealth and plenty, wasted work and wasted play,  
Call to mind the word of Jesus, *You must work while it is day.*

For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still,  
Drawing near a world that spurns him, offering peace from Calvary's hill.

Risen Lord, shall yet the city be the city of despair?  
Come today, our judge, our glory. Be its name *The Lord is there!*

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP      Katherine Jolly, liturgist

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER      Rev. Dr. Keith Copeland

**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.**

Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan,  
 Above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,  
 From paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.

From tender childhood's helplessness, from human grief and burdened toil,  
 From famished souls, from sorrow's stress, your heart has never known recoil.

The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace;  
 Yet long these multitudes to view the sweet compassion of your face.

O Master, from the mountainside, make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
 Among these restless throngs abide; O tread the city's streets again;

Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod;  
 Till glorious from your heaven above shall come the city of our God.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Keith Copeland

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* Ralph Vaughan Williams  
 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.

POSTLUDE

*Ricercare per Organo*

Floriano Arresti

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**Thank you to Ken Knight and James Cotton** for helping with audio and visual worship production this morning. Thank you Ann Crutchfield, Katherine Jolly, and Frank Poolos for their leadership in worship today.

**The acolyte today** is Natalie Niederer.

**We welcome Rev. Dr. Keith Copeland to the pulpit** this morning.

**Ushers for August:** Al Andrew, Emily Andrew, Jim Ivey, and Lee Snuggs

**Outside Ushers for August 22:** Jim Marshall; Chris Whitley

**Nursery:** Kate White    **Kids Care Crew:** Gayle & Ned Russell

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Jean Rabe (surgery for broken hip), Anita Gower (eye surgery), Marshall Rogers (recovering from back surgery), Debra Barnard, David Bryson, Susan & John Prevatte, Beverly Burchett, Gloria Bryson (rehab for broken hip; Trinity Place Room F9), Anna Hartsell (colon cancer; daughter of Janet & Gary Hartsell), Ann Snuggs, Mary Troutman, Nancy Jolly (Trinity Place), Claude Harwood, 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 pknighnten@fpcalbemarle.org) or Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or hallmsh@hotmail.com) of changes.

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**Blessing of the Backpacks  
Sunday, August 22 during worship**

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**IMPORTANT COVID INFORMATION- UPDATED**

The church COVID Task Force met on Thursday, August 12. After much discussion, for the health and welfare of our members and our community, and with GREAT emphasis placed on keeping our children safe, the committee has set the following guidelines:

**BEGINNING SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021**

- ❖ Masks are required for all individuals, 2 years of age and up, at ALL FPC indoor functions /activities/SS/ Worship, etc.
- ❖ There is NO limit on numbers at this time. Please be thoughtful in your actions.
- ❖ Masks will always be provided at the church for adults and children in case they are needed.
- ❖ After worship, the Supply Minister will stand outside the door at the sanctuary so “crowding” will not take place.
- ❖ Hand sanitizer is available. Please use it.
- ❖ Bulletins will continue to be available.
- ❖ Singing will continue.
- ❖ Lemonade on the Lawn will continue through August.
- ❖ Communion will be given with prepackaged elements.
- ❖ Acolyte’s can wear robe.
- ❖ No Elders Greeters.
- ❖ Ushers will continue their duties.
- ❖ All volunteers and paid employees involved in any children’s program(s) are required to be vaccinated.
- ❖ No activity in the Education Building other than Sunday childcare & Wednesday Youth Club.
- ❖ All toys, chairs, tables and bathrooms, (used that day) are to be wiped clean with a Clorox wipe or sprayed and wiped clean.
- ❖ **UPDATE:** Individually packaged snacks/drinks will be provided for Youth Club children on Wednesdays.
- ❖ **UPDATE:** First Family meals will be drive-thru.
- ❖ Church Committees, Community Committees/groups are welcome to use the main building for meetings. However, any child that might accompany a parent to a meeting must stay in the same room with the parent at all times.
- ❖ All surfaces (chairs and tables and bathrooms if used) have to be wiped clean (with spray or wipes) after any committee meets.
- ❖ NO gym use EXCEPT FOR WEDNESDAY YOUTH CLUB.

Your patience and flexibility are appreciated as we continue to deal with the pandemic.  
If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the church office (704-982-2722).

COVID TASK FORCE: Ellen Snyder, Debbie Bennett, Ben Jolly, Bob Johnston

# Lemonade on the Lawn

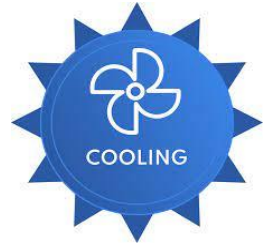


Join us for *Lemonade on the Lawn* following 10:00 a.m. worship during the summer. We will meet outside under the tree on the corner of First & North Streets. Thank you to the McLeod family for hosting Lemonade on the Lawn today.

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**Please stop by the Pit Stop and sign a hymnal for Mark & Paula Donham, Lee & Barbara McManus, and Sam Shepherd.** Call the church office before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).  
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## Faith on the Fifth on Sunday, August 29

Donations will be directed to SCCM for assistance with electrical bills associated with cooling fees in the summer.



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## Acolyte Training on Sunday, August 29 following worship



Rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders will have the opportunity in the coming year to serve as acolytes during worship. If your child is interested in participating in worship in this way, there will be a training opportunity for them on Sunday, August 29 after worship. Children will meet with Melissa & Wes Eudy. If you'd like to sign-up, please contact the church office (704-982-2722 or [pknighnten@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:pknighnten@fpcalbemarle.org)).

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## For Your Information...

### Pastoral Emergencies

Rev. Ardy Skidmore, minister at Locust Presbyterian Church, will be our contact for pastoral emergencies. Please call Laura McLeod, 704-796-0487 or Martha Sue Hall, 704-985-5821, and they will contact Rev. Skidmore.

### Who do I contact now that we don't have a Head of Staff?

Pastoral Care & Pastoral Emergencies:

Laura McLeod, 704-796-0487 or Martha Sue Hall, 704-985-5821

Prayer Concerns for the Bulletin:

704-982-2722, share the information with a church volunteer or Pam Knighten

General Christian Education Questions & Kids Crew:

Kim Marshall, 980-621-6577 or Gayle Russell, 704-438-2779

Sunday School & Youth Club: Gina Martin, 704-982-2722 or 704-244-0186

Youth Group: Melissa Eudy, 704-439-6747

Morning Prayer (Monday and Wednesday): Debbie Hahn, 704-985-9419

Signing up to be a Silent Partner: Emily Andrew, 704-322-5510

*As a reminder, Kyle Lambert is now our only full-time staff member. Pam Knighten, Gina Martin, and Jane Snyder continue their work for our church part time. Please be mindful of asks of our staff during this time of transition.*

# Central Elementary School Supplies List

The 2021-2022 school year will be here soon and school supplies are in stores ready for purchase. Please take the list below and begin shopping for much needed supplies for our partner school, Central Elementary. **BRING YOUR DONATION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO THE CHURCH AND DROP-OFF IN THE DESIGNATED BIN IN THE PIT STOP.**

### Student Supplies

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| Crayons – 16 or 24 count Crayola brand only<br>Elmer’s brand Glue Sticks<br>#2 Pencils<br>#2 Beginner Jumbo Pencils (for Kindergarten students)<br>Composition Hard Cover Wide-Ruled books (not spiral bound)<br>70-sheet wide-ruled 1-subject composition books<br>Scissors (child & youth sizes)<br>Playdoh brand play-doh<br>Pink Pearl Eraser<br>Card Stock Paper<br>Expo Dry Erase Markers (large & small size)<br>Notebook Paper (wide-ruled & regular-ruled) | Zipper Pencil Pouch or Plastic Pencil Box<br>Plain Solid 2-pocket folders<br>Pocket folders with prongs<br>Pencil top erasers<br>Highlighters (packs)<br>Crayola brand Colored Pencils<br>Crayola Markers<br>Clipboards<br>Ear Buds<br>Headphones<br>Small Pencil Sharpener<br>Sticky Notes |
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### Classroom Supplies Needed Include:

Lysol or Clorox Wipes, Kleenex, Copy Paper, Hand Sanitizer,  
 Band-aids, and Ziplock Sandwich Bags (Quart and Gallon)

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### GRANDPARENTS’ DAY FLOWERS

On Grandparents’ Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of grandparents. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.** Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Grandparents’ Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Grandparents’ Day, September 12.**

### GRANDPARENTS’ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, August 22**

*Blessing of the Backpacks*

8:30 am Session Meeting In-Person & via Zoom

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn

**Monday, August 23**

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

7:00 pm Book Conversation in the Pit Stop & via Zoom

8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt

**Wednesday, August 25**

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

11:00 am Staff Meeting

**Thursday, August 26**

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

**Sunday, August 29**

*Faith on the Fifth Offering for SCCM Cooling Assistance*

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Acolyte Training (sanctuary)

11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn

**\*childcare provided**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
**AUGUST**  
 24-Adrienne Averette  
 29-Melissa Lemons

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**  
**AUGUST**  
 23-Ben & Liz Jolly  
 Bill & Jane Pickler  
 25-John & Robin Howell  
 26-John & Angie Earnhardt  
 28-Stephan & Leslie Kinley

**SILENT PARTNERS  
 NEEDED**

First Presbyterian Church college students will begin the 2021-2022 school year soon. We need people to serve as a Silent Partner to these college students. Contact Emily Andrew (em.andrew21@gmail.com or 704-322-5510) to sign-up to be a Silent Partner.

**Attention College Students & Parents...**Please contact Emily Andrew (em.andrew21@gmail.com or 704-322-5510) with your college mailing address and email address. Thank you.

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**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Worship during August will take place at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School will resume in September.

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**Thank you for your generosity.**

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**Albemarle, NC 28002**

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