



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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September 12, 2021

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

PRELUDE *Adagio* Benedetto Marcello

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Nathaniel Eudy

PEALING OF THE CHIMES

OPENING SENTENCES Lillie Hancock, liturgist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH Lillie Hancock

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Lillie Hancock, liturgist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift our hearts to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us hear the good news!

**People: May we open our ears to listen.**

Leader: Let us sing to the Lord who is saving us.

**People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise!**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Lillie Hancock, liturgist

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN 620 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Lauda anima

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;  
Praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lillie Hancock, liturgist

Silence

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to welcome into our hearts your quickening Spirit of love and power. We have spurned the promptings of your Holy Spirit and ignored your presence. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. Wash away our sins; send rain on our dry ground; inflame our cold hearts; and direct our wandering feet into your ways. And all for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Lillie Hancock, 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**

COMMISSIONING OF TEACHERS AND LEADERS IN THE  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM

Gina Martin

Introduction

Commitment by Teachers and Leaders

Leader: Christian friends, as Jesus called men and women to service, so God has called us to participate in the redemption of all creation, and each of us has been given a unique expression of God's Spirit. We are to develop, refine, and use what has been given to us for the common good. At the celebration of baptism, we pledge ourselves to nurture one another in the faith. You, as teachers and leaders, carry a particular joy and responsibility. You were chosen from among us to teach us and our children. You are charged to represent the gospel of God with gentleness and insight as the Spirit guides you in your words and in your witness with us. Through your ministry, our faith will be nurtured and deepened. We look to you to equip us to live the truth of Jesus Christ in community, family, workplace, and world. Do you promise, by the grace of God, to give yourselves to this calling with diligence, energy, and love, and to be guided by the Spirit and the Word of God?

**Teachers and Leaders: We do, by God's grace.**

Leader: Friends, let us acknowledge the gifts and calling of our sisters and brothers.

**Congregation: We receive you as servants of Christ; we pledge to support you in your service. We will encourage you with our words and our prayers. We consider ourselves co-workers with you in the service of Christ.**

Charge

Leader: Servants of Christ, accept the service with which you have been entrusted. Do not neglect the gift that is in you. Present yourselves to God as approved workers, ever faithful to the Spirit of God. Remember always that Jesus called you friends as well as servants. Attend to prayer, for without God you can do nothing.

Prayer (unison)

**All: Spirit of the living God, in every age you have appointed teachers to tell of your power, justice, and love. We thank you for brothers and sisters in faith committed to teaching us your ways and your words. We give thanks for the evidence of your Holy Spirit that we and our children experience in this community of learning. We commend ourselves and our sisters and brothers to your constant love and guidance. Fill them with grace and grant them the strength and peace of your Spirit. Amen.**

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Dr. Scott Bullard

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

ANTHEM

*With a Voice of Singing*

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of His name,

Make His praise to be glorious.

With voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia, Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Scott Bullard

**O God, by your Spirit, tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus Christ our Savior.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Proverbs 1:20-33](#)

Dr. Scott Bullard

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Mark 8:27-38](#)

Dr. Scott Bullard

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Dr. Scott Bullard

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Nicene Creed*

Dr. Scott Bullard

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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

\*HYMN 730

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

Grand Isle

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,  
Who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green:  
They were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.  
They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love made them strong;  
And they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:  
And there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.  
They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still;  
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;  
For the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Lillie Hancock, liturgist

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Scott Bullard

**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 707

*Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

Hall

Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray; give us the mind of Christ each passing day;  
Teach us to know the truth that sets us free; grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.  
Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own; come thou within our souls and claim thy throne.  
Help us to shed abroad thy deathless love; use us to make the earth like heaven above.  
Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway; have in our inmost souls thy perfect way;  
Guard thou each sacred hour from selfish ease; guide thou our ordered lives as thou dost please.  
Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will; through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill.  
We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all; we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Scott Bullard

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*May the Road Rise to Meet You*

Mark Schweizer

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face; may the rain fall soft upon your field,  
And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.

POSTLUDE

*Psalm XIX*

Benedetto Marcello

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## Teachers and Leaders in Christian Education

Linda Anderson	Nathaniel Eudy	Sarah Michael
Al Andrew	Bob Gaither	Catherine Moeller
Becky Andrew	Kate Gibson	Matt Moeller
Emily Andrew	Debbie Hahn	Penny Morton
Kim Andrew	Lillie Hancock	Jill Niebler
Adrienne Averette	Heather Hatley	Courtney Niederer
Rebekah Ayscue	Jim Hesley	Beth Poolos
Taylor Barbee	Debby Johnston	Frank Poolos
Elizabeth Bryson	Katherine Jolly	Gayle Russell
Kristie Bryson	Liz Jolly	Ned Russell
Shannon Bullard	Dr. William Jolly	Carol Sasser
Hugh Carpenter	Heather Kilde	Rich Schaefer
Ann Crutchfield	Thora Kilde	Billie Jean Snuggs
Steve Cumming	Cathy King	Lee Snuggs
Hannah Domenech	Chris Mabry	Jane Snyder
Ann Duckwall	Kim Marshall	Thomas Taylor
Angie Earnhardt	Lee McLaurin	Caroline West
Cidney Eudy	Laura McLeod	Terri West
Joan Eudy	Leo McLeod	Kate White
Melissa Eudy	Ronnie Michael	Martha Wolf

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## GRANDPARENTS' DAY FLOWERS

### In memory of:

Johnny Andrew.....	Emily Andrew & Jay Andrew
Betty Long.....	Emily Andrew & Jay Andrew
Richard Long.....	Emily Andrew & Jay Andrew
Poppie Averette.....	Ella & Maddie Averette
Ian Bryson.....	Bryson Grandchildren & Great-Grands
Susan Green.....	Duncan Bryson & Elizabeth Bryson
Roy and Katie Dearstyne.....	Anna Feezor
Freck and Oleta Norwood.....	Anna Feezor
Robert and Muriel Burdett.....	Kate Gibson, Meg Mabry, & Jennifer Mabry
Leonard and Frances Mabry.....	Kate Gibson, Meg Mabry, & Jennifer Mabry
James and Susan Inman.....	Bill Hall
M. Palmer Harris and Martha Morgan Harris.....	Martha Sue
H.E. Tracey.....	Martha Sue
Ollie Hector Samples and Elsie Mae Samples.....	Dan Samples
Tracey Roy Armstrong and Mertie Armstrong.....	Dan Samples

### In honor of:

Mildred Andrew.....	Emily Andrew & Jay Andrew
Gran and Granddaddy Earnhardt.....	Ella, Maddie, Will, & Lanie
Grandma Averette.....	Ella & Maddie Averette
Gloria Bryson.....	Her Grandchildren & Great grandchildren
Bob Green.....	Duncan Bryson & Elizabeth Bryson
Trudy Eudy.....	Nathaniel Eudy, Cidney Eudy, & Julian Eudy
Virgil and Debbie Hinson.....	Nathaniel Eudy, Cidney Eudy, & Julian Eudy
Rodney Huneycutt.....	Nathaniel Eudy, Cidney Eudy, & Julian Eudy
Debbe and Tommy Gibson.....	Carter Gibson & Emma Gibson
Chris and Mark Mabry.....	Carter Gibson & Emma Gibson
Granddaddy Bill Hall and Papa Dan Samples.....	Palmer

### Given by:

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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 the Chancel Choir, Lillie Hancock, Frank Poolos, and Stan Scheer for their leadership in worship today.

**The acolyte today is Nathaniel Eudy.**

**We welcome Dr. Scott Bullard to the pulpit** this morning.

**Ushers for September:** Duncan Bryson, Keith Bryson, and Jim Hesley

**Outside Ushers for September 12:** Steve Cumming; Wes Eudy

**Nursery:** Kyle Lambert **Kids Care Crew:** Penny Morton

**Children's Church:** Liz Jolly & Laura McLeod

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**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Robin Howell (starting chemotherapy for return of lymphoma), Don Abernathy, Betty Lambert (mother of Penny Morton), Jean Rabe (recovering from surgery for broken hip; Trinity Place Room F1), Anita Gower, Marshall Rogers, Gloria Bryson, Anna Hartsell (colon cancer; daughter of Janet & Gary Hartsell), Ann Snuggs, Nancy Jolly (Trinity Place), Claude Harwood, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

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**Thank You**

Many thanks for the food, flowers, prayers, and visits since my hip surgery. What a special church family you all are.  
Gloria Bryson

**Many Thanks...**to the following people for their help with the Community Inn Dinner on Friday, September 3: Linda Anderson, Andy Cotton, Ruth Cotton, Nancy Joines, Marlene Sanges, Nathan Sanges, Carol Sasser, and Janet Schaefer.

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**Please join us for a morning of celebration as we kick off our Christian Education year!**

**Rally Day...Sunday, September 12th from 9:30 a.m.-10:40 a.m.**

**Location: Side Parking Lot (elevator area) Rain location: Gym**

**Handicap Parking on North Street**

**Feel free to bring a lawn chair! Pre-packaged breakfast will be available!**

**Commissioning of Teachers and Leaders in Christian Education during worship (11:00 a.m.)**

**Location: Sanctuary**

**We can't wait to see you!**

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**Faith Explorers**

**Our 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to a Pool Party & Pizza after worship on Sunday, September 12 at the home of Penny & Jack Morton**

Bring your bathing suit, towel, and sunscreen to church. We'll carpool from church to the Morton's home. Pick-up time: 3:00 p.m. at the Morton's home (40313 Hoops Court, Albemarle). Text Taylor Barbee (704-796-8302) by Friday, September 10 to let her know your Faith Explorer will attend.



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**Pfeiffer Pfriends...**If you are interested in participating in the Pfeiffer Pfriend program (similar to our Silent Partner program), please contact Martha Sue Hall (at hallmsh@hotmail.com or call her at 704-985-5821.





**Sunday School is for Everyone from 9:45 a.m.-10:40 a.m. beginning September 19**

The children and youth of the church will be using a brand new curriculum published by PCUSA called **Follow Me-Bible Practices for Faithful Living**. *Follow Me* is a curriculum that helps people of all ages follow Jesus. This up-to-date study is for lifelong Christians and those beginning to ask questions. Each unit centers around something Jesus told his followers to do. Jesus took these practices (behaviors, feelings & attitudes) and showed those around him how we can love God and love others. Participants will discover how we can take this practice out into the world and share faith in our community and beyond.

**Sunday School groupings are as follows:**

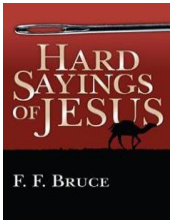
<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
Preschool (3-5 yr olds)	Preschool Room	Becky Andrew; Hannah Domenech; Angie Earnhardt
Grades K-3rd	Children's Church Room	Kim Andrew; Adrienne Averette; Taylor Barbee
Grades 4th-5th	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom	Heather Hatley; Penny Morton; Jill Niebler
Grades 6th-12th	Teen Room	Al Andrew; Emily Andrew

**Substitutes:**

Carol Sasser (Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> Grades) Billie Jean & Lee Snuggs; Steve Cumming (6th-12th grades)

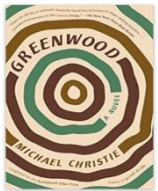
**Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation from 9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m.**

Lee McLaurin will serve as Sunday School attendant.



**Seeker's Class (Old Session Room-Basement) Led by: Dr. Bill Jolly**

Like his original hearers, many people today find Jesus' sayings hard. Some sayings are hard because they are difficult to understand, others because the demands they make on us are only too clear. F. F. Bruce examines seventy of the hard sayings of Jesus to clear away the cultural and historical difficulties which keep us from grappling with the real challenge of Jesus' message. Participants will look at a different hard saying each week and discuss.



**Book Study Sunday School Class (Classroom 2-Basement)**

**Led by: Kim Marshall and Courtney Niederer**

**Books provided.**

*A shining, intricate clockwork of a novel, Greenwood is a rain-soaked and sun-dappled story of the bonds and breaking points of money and love, wood, and blood—and the hopeful, impossible task of growing toward the light.*

**Greenwood Reading Schedule (from the paperback version):**

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|--|--------------------------------------|
| September 12 - Rally Day, overview of the book | October 3 - Discuss pages 213 - 314  |
| September 19 - Discuss pages 1 - 102           | October 10 - Discuss pages 315 - 394 |
| September 26 - Discuss pages 103 - 212         | October 17 - Discuss pages 395 - 501 |

**The Wired Word Sunday School Class (Church Parlor)**

**Led by: Various Facilitators**

The class meets each week and discusses current events and Bible verses that relate to that event. Every Thursday morning, an email is sent to class members from *The Wired Word* organization (a non-denominational group) that contains three key elements: 1) a two-page summary of a specific current event or news item, 2) a few *key questions* to stimulate your thinking about the article and 3) several Bible verses which relate directly to issues in the news article or the key questions. Because the lesson is different every week, it does not matter if you miss a week or more at a time for whatever the reason. Please come and give it a try!





**DRIVE-THRU MEAL**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.**

**RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

**PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL**

We had such great success with our drive-thru meals last year, therefore, we have decided to add a drive-thru meal on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. Please contact Jane Snyder (jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-438-3358) to let her know if you would like to volunteer in any capacity. This will not work without volunteers! Drive-Thru Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, September 15! Please RSVP by Monday, September 13 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday, September 15 between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, the kitchen staff wears masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

Menu:

Spaghetti and Meatballs with Marinara, salad, garlic bread and Skeet Ayscue's Chocolate Chip Cookie

Vegetarian Option: No meatballs, just marinara

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 704-796-5841 or email Anne at johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com and let her know how many plates you need, if you would like the vegetarian option and if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).

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**!!! YOUTH CLUB IS BACK !!!**



The theme for the year ahead, *Welcome All* loving God and others by practicing what Jesus told his followers to do, will focus on four aspects of Christian hospitality:

*Welcome others as God welcomes you.*

*See Christ in every person: friend, stranger, enemy.*

*Know your gifts of hospitality and encourage others' gifts.*

*Challenge othering.*

**Youth Club 2021-2022 begins Wednesday, September 15 from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.**

**Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> grade (Trusty Travelers) 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade (Faith Explorers)**

**Join us each week for recreation, snack, Bible time, art/activity, mission, & music!**

**Handbells led by Mr. Frank Poolos will be offered to children in grades 3-5 from 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.**

**Contact Gina Martin for more information (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org).**

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**PrimeTimers' Boxed Lunches**

**Drive-Thru or Delivery**

**Thursday, September 16 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Menu:

**Debbie Wainwright's Chicken Salad, Croissant, Grapes,**

**Chips, Oatmeal Cookie, Water**

**Please RSVP to Laura McLeod by Noon on Monday, September 13.**

**Call or text: 704-796-0487 Email: mcleod2@windstream.net**

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**Chrismon Workshop**

There will be a Chrismon workshop on Friday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the pit stop. If you are interested in making a Chrismon for the Christmas Tree, contact Ruth Cotton (hugawolf@hotmail.com or 704-942-1381).



## IMPORTANT COVID INFORMATION- UPDATED

The church COVID Task Force has set the following guidelines during COVID as of Sunday, August 15:

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Communion will be given with prepackaged elements.
- ❖ Acolyte 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

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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

*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.*

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, September 12**

*Rally Day/Commissioning of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education/  
Grandparent's Day*

8:45 am Diaconate Meeting In-Person & via Zoom

9:30 am-10:40 am Rally Day

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders) Sunday Pool &  
Pizza Party Outing at the home of Penny & Jack Morton  
(40313 Hoops Court, Albemarle)

6:30 pm-8:00 pm SNL

**Monday, September 13**

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Deadline to RSVP for PrimeTimers' Luncheon

2:00 pm Deadline to RSVP for Drive Thru Meal

8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations with  
Steve Cumming & Debby Johnston at the home of  
Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr., Albemarle)

**Wednesday, September 15**

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

3:30 pm-5:30 pm Youth Club (K-5<sup>th</sup> Graders)

5:00 pm-6:00 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Drive Thru Meal

5:30 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club Handbells with Frank Poolos

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**Thursday, September 16**

11:30 am-12:30 pm PrimeTimers' Drive-Thru Luncheon

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

**Friday, September 17**

10:00 am Chrismon Workshop (Pit Stop)

**Sunday, September 19**

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

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

6:30 pm-8:00 pm SNL

**\*childcare provided**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
SEPTEMBER**

13-Jane Pickler

15-Jim Hesley

16-Kyle Marks

David Morgan

17-Peggy Rogers

18-Nathaniel Eudy

19-Becky Miller

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!  
SEPTEMBER**

12-Mike & Heather Hatley

15-Banks & Susan Garrison

16-Don & Sheryl Stewart

**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.

**High School Faith Conversations  
with Steve Cumming & Debby Johnston  
at the home of Debby Johnston  
(1212 Heritage Drive, Albemarle)**

**8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.**

**Starts Monday, September 13 for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
graders**

For more information,  
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(704-322-8139 or

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