



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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May 22, 2022

Ascension of the Lord

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.

PRELUDE *O Risen Christ, Ascended Lord* John Dunstable

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Madelyn Taylor

*CALL TO WORSHIP Emily Andrew, liturgist

Psalm 93

The Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The Lord has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

The Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.

The Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever more.

The Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

By the power of the Holy Spirit, open our minds to the Word, your Son, who comes to us as one of us and ascends to the heavens to remain with us. Amen.

*HYMN *Come, Ye People, Rise and Sing* (see bulletin insert)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, day by day we have failed to believe in your presence and your promised forgiveness. We have not trusted in your power to give the riches we cannot see. We have not honored our sisters and brothers as heirs of your desired peace. We have not forgiven others or ourselves. Give us the wisdom and faith to be your body on earth, that we may rejoice in the presence of your saving bounty, to the glory of your ascended Son.

Silent Confession and Reflection

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE Glory to God

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me hymnal 582, stanza 1

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 Kim Marshall and Gina Martin
Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Faith Sharing with Children, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-3 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.

Recognition and Thanksgiving of Teachers, Leaders and Gina Martin

Text by Charles Wesley.
Anthem commissioned
by The Pratt Green
Trust for the 1995
Charles Wesley
Festival, Bristol
Cathedral

ANTHEM *Rejoice, The Lord Is King* Malcolm Archer

Rejoice, the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore;
Mortals give thanks and sing and triumph ever more;
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say rejoice.

Jesus, the Savior, reigns the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above;
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say rejoice.

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say rejoice.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us this day. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON [Acts 1:1-11](#) Pew Bible, page 110

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Witnesses* Reverend Cathy S. George

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*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 462

I Love to Tell the Story

Hankey

RECOGNITION AND THANKSGIVING FOR PAM KNIGHTEN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

Plein jeu: Premier Couplet du Kyrie

François Couperin

Doxology

Take My Life

hymnal 697, stanza 6

(The response will be sung by choir and congregation.)

Hendon

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;

Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and giving God, you are the one who first has given to us all that we need for life. Guide us to use what we now gather for the well-being of your church, for those in need of shelter and food, for all who suffer for want of your Word, and for nurturing faith in your people. In the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

*POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major – Jig Fugue

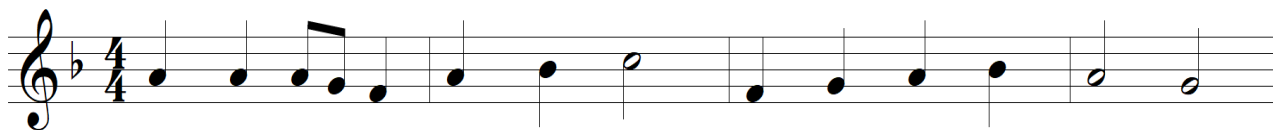
Dietrich Buxtehude

*All that are able may stand.

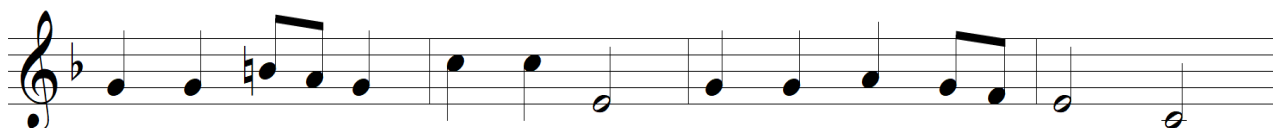
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Thank you to the Chancel Choir, Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, Emily Andrew, Kim Marshall, and Gina Martin for their leadership in worship today.

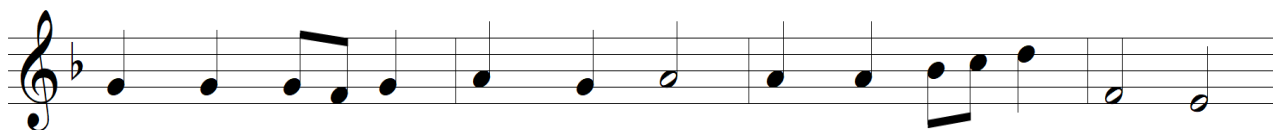
Come, Ye People, Rise and Sing



1. Come, ye peo - ple, rise and sing praise to God, who made you,
2. Praise we God the Fa - ther's name for our world's cre - a - tion,
3. Praise we God the on - ly Son, who in mer - cy sought us;
4. Grant us, Ho - ly Ghost, we pray, more and more to know Him,
5. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, help us to a - dore Thee,



and to heaven's e - ter - nal King bring the prayers He__ bade you;
and His sav - ing health pro - claim un - to ev - ery__ na - tion;
born to save__ a world un - done, out of death He__ brought us;
more and more and ev - ery day in our lives to__ show Him;
till, with all__ the an - gel host, low we fall be - fore Thee;



bring your praise for mer - cies past, all His love con - fess - ing,
till, His name by all con - fessed, ev - ery heart en - throne Him,
here a - while He showed His love, suf - fered un - com - plain - ing,
that with hearts by Thee made brave, strong and wise and ten - der,
till, through - out__ our earth - ly days guid - ed, loved, for - giv - en,



and on life, while life shall last, ask your Fa - ther's bless - ing.
and from farth - est east and west all His chil - dren own Him.
now He pleads for us a - bove, risen, as - cend - ed, reign - ing!
we, with all__ the powers we have, serv - ice meet may ren - der.
we can blend our songs to praise with the song of heav - en!

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St. Kevin
7.6.7.6.D

Hymn tune written in 1415, text reference: *Glory to God* #258, stanza 5

The acolyte today is Madelyn Taylor.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bob Palmer by Frankie Palmer.

Ushers for May: John Howell, captain; Derreck Huneycutt, Ken Knight, Natalie Niederer, Chris Whitley, and David Whitley

Outside Ushers for May 15: Steve Cumming; Jim Marshall

Elder Greeters: Mike King; Ellen Whitley

Sound: Evan Sanges **Film:** James Cotton **Nursery:** Carol Sasser

Kids Care Crew: Carol Sasser **Children’s Church:** Ella Cumming; Nathaniel Eudy

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Witt Snuggs, Doris Forte, Brayden Enzor (grandson of Gus & Pam Holbrook; 2 brain tumors, currently undergoing chemo and then radiation), Robin Howell, Helen Melton (niece of Elizabeth Wilson), Carole Yost (home), Bill Cotton (brother of Andy Cotton), Don Abernathy, Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Gloria Bryson, Nancy Jolly, Claude Harwood, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

The Mission Study Team (MST) will meet on Monday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Teachers and Leaders in Christian Education

Linda Anderson	Joan Eudy	Laura McLeod
Al Andrew	Melissa Eudy	Leo McLeod
Becky Andrew	Nathaniel Eudy	Sarah Michael
Emily Andrew	Cathy George	Catherine Moeller
Kim Andrew	Kate Gibson	Matt Moeller
Adrienne Averette	Debbie Hahn	Jill Niebler
Elizabeth Bryson	Lillie Hancock	Courtney Niederer
Keith Bryson	Heather Hatley	Beth Poolos
Kristie Bryson	Jim Hesley	Frank Poolos
Hugh Carpenter	Derreck Huneycutt	Gayle Russell
Katie Carpenter	Debby Johnston	Ned Russell
Ann Crutchfield	Bill Jolly	Carol Sasser
Ella Cumming	Katherine Jolly	Rich Schaefer
Steve Cumming	Liz Jolly	Billie Jean Snuggs
Emily Deese	Heather Kilde	Lee Snuggs
Hannah Domenech	Thora Kilde	Jane Snyder
Ann Duckwall	Cathy King	Caroline West
Angie Earnhardt	Kim Marshall	Terri West
Cidney Eudy	Lee McLaurin	

First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle

Blessing of the Bees

Wednesday, May 25

5:00 p.m.

403B West Main Street, Albemarle

Pastor Cathy will bless the bees who are busy making honey for the

Ukraine Bee Strong Project!

Light refreshments will be served afterwards, plus an opportunity to see Peter & Anna Henkenjohann's bee product operations.



The children and youth at First Presbyterian Church recently wrote prayers and messages to the people in the Ukraine on the inside of the bee hives, which is referred to as *Telling the Bees*. This is a traditional way of grieving for loss and offering sympathy to those who suffer. The children also painted the outside of the new hive boxes in the blue and yellow Ukrainian flag colors. Peter Henkenjohann moved a hive of bees into the new boxes and all of the honey produced by these bees will be bottled and sold with proceeds going to benefit a Ukrainian charitable organization.

#UKRAINEBEESTRONG

**LETTER WRITING ON SUNDAY, MAY 22 IN THE PIT STOP
9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M. AND 12:00 P.M.-1:00 P.M**



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

**OFFERING OF LETTERS
SUNDAY, MAY 29 IN WORSHIP**

Today is Bread for the World Letter Writing Sunday! Packets for writing Senators Richard Burr and Thom Tillis, and Representative Richard Hudson are available in the Pit Stop on Sunday 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., as well as during the week of May 22 outside the church office.

Please return completed letters to the church for the May 29 Offering of Letters during worship.

Alternative methods of making your voice heard:

1. Go to bread.org and write congress website and follow the prompts to access and submit form letters or
2. Call the Capital switchboard 800-822-7323 to be connect to the offices of our Congressmen.

**May Book Conversation
Monday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m.
at Jalapeños Mexican Restaurant
(1416 US 52 North, Albemarle)**

Book: *The Girls in the Stilt House* by Kelly Mustian

**Lemonade on the Lawn
Volunteers Needed**

We need volunteers to sign-up for Lemonade on the Lawn. Lemonade on the Lawn hosts provide a nice refreshment following worship during the summer months. If you are interested in hosting with cookies and lemonade, contact Michelle Cumming (704-984-4035 or michellecumming85@yahoo.com) and sign-up in the Pit Stop on the Bulletin Board.



FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS



On Father's Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of fathers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, JUNE 12.** Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Father's Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Father's Day, June 19.**

FATHER'S 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: _____



**FAITH ON THE FIFTH OFFERING
FOR BOOK BUDDIES LITERACY CAMP
SUNDAY, MAY 29**

Central United Methodist Church has scheduled a Book Buddies Literacy Camp this summer for June 20-July 29. The camp will be open from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and will include 24 rising first graders who would benefit from low student-to-teacher ratio educational opportunity. They ask for donations (it costs an average of \$1600 per camper) and/or volunteers. During the week, scholars will have 3 hours of instruction in the morning and enrichment activities in the afternoon. The Mission Committee has decided to support this program by donating the Faith on the Fifth Offering in May and encouraging members of First Presbyterian Church to contact Central United Methodist Church if they are interested in helping.

**INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP
AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?**



Are you looking for a church home? Have you been visiting for a while and think you might like to put down roots? Are you simply interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of First Presbyterian Church? We would love to talk to you about what being a member looks like! Please contact Rev. Cathy George (cgeorge@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722), or Sandy Rogers (sandyrogers119@msn.com or 704-244-1191), chair of the Membership Committee!



**We Need Volunteers
for the *Amazingly Created* Camp**

If you have some time the week of June 20-24, come join us as we love and share how *Amazingly Created* these adorable group of children are! For more information, contact Melissa Eudy (704-439-6747 or the5eudys@gmail.com) or Adrienne Averette (704-428-2866 or adrienne.earnhardt@gmail.com).

The 2021 Nominating Committee welcomes your suggestions of persons to be considered for service as Deacon or Ruling Elder. In thinking of folks who may be qualified to serve, please consider the following: worship attendance, participation in church activities, service rendered to the church, Christian living in daily life, and ability to work cooperatively with others. Please check with your nominee(s) to confirm he/she is willing to serve if elected. Terms are for 3 years. Refer to the lists on the back of the bulletin and newsletter for current officers.



Suggestions for Deacon

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

Suggestions for Ruling Elder

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

or email committee members:

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Ken Knight, Chair | kbknight17@gmail.com |
| Bob Johnston | thumper8484@hotmail.com |
| Gayle Russell | gayleruss@gmail.com |
| Lee Snuggs | leesnuggs22@gmail.com |
| Ellen Snyder | ellens@carolina.rr.com |

REGISTRATION FORM

AMAZINGLY CREATED

First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle
Kid's Camp

Monday, June 20-Friday, June 24 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Ages 4 years old – Rising 6th Graders

Please complete a form for each child.

***REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2022**

FOR WHOM? Ages 4 years old – Rising 6th Graders

WHEN WILL WE DO IT? Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

WHAT ELSE? Registration Fee: \$25.00 Bring a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Name of Child _____ Age _____ & Grade Completed (as of June 10) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Parent's Name (s) _____

Emergency Contact during hours of Music & Arts Camp _____

Food or other allergies _____

T-Shirt Size – Circle One:

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 _____

Do you have a need for Early Drop-Off or Late Pick-Up?

- Early Drop Off (before 9 am) Late Pick-Up (after 2 pm) No Issues

Permission to Use Photograph: I grant to First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, the right to take photographs of my child/children during the 202 Amazingly Created 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 Melissa Eudy
(704-439-6747 or the5eudys@gmail.com)

For Office Use Only

Date Received _____

Staff Initials _____

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 22

*Ascension of the Lord Sunday/Bread for the World Letter Writing Sunday/
Recognition of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education*

- 8:45 am Diaconate Meeting
- 9:00 am-11:00 am Bread for the World Letter Writing (Pit Stop)
- 9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Reception (Pit Stop)
- 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Bread for the World Letter Writing (Pit Stop)
- 6:00 pm-8:00 pm SNL End of the Year Party (meet at Jalepenos)

Monday, May 23

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 6:00 pm Mission Study Team
- 6:30 pm Book Conversation (Jalepenos)
- 8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations

Wednesday, May 25

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 5:00 pm Blessing of the Bees (403B West Main St., Albemarle)
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 26

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Sunday, May 29

*Seventh Sunday of Easter/Faith on the Fifth Offering
for Book Buddies Literacy Camp/Bread for the World Offering of Letters*

- 9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship

***childcare provided**

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.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

- 22-Richard Lambert
- 26-Chris McLaurin
Shelley Shedd
- 27-Gerald Poplin
- 28-Rebekah Ayscue
- 30-Jackson Lisk
- 31-David Holbrook
John Palmer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MAY

- 22-Mike & Cathy King

Elders

Al Andrew, John Earnhardt,
Bill Jolly, Mary Kesselman,
Mike King, Ken Knight,
Kim Marshall, Andy McLeod,
Catherine Moeller, Sandy Rogers,
Ellen Snyder, Chris Whitley,
Ellen Whitley

Deacons

Emily Andrew, Keith Bryson,
Shannon Bullard,
Michelle Cumming, Wes Eudy,
Martha Sue Hall, Lillie Hancock,
Jim Hesley, Liz Jolly,
Myron Lowder, Laura McLeod,
Lee Snuggs