



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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Website: www.fpcalbemarle.org

May 29, 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bread for the World letters may be brought forward at this time.

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

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

Noel Rawsthorne

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leo McLeod

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Hesley, liturgist

Psalm 98

Sing to our God a new song.

God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bless us, O God with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all of our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*HYMN 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

Italian Hymn

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby

If Ye Love Me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father and He shall give you another comforter.
That he may abide with you forever, even the spirit of truth.
And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pour out your Holy Spirit among us, O God, in the reading of your word, that we would hear what you have to say to us this day. May your Holy Spirit be poured out upon us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[John 15:9-17](#)

Pew Bible, page 103

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

No Greater Love

Reverend Cathy S. George

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bill Jolly

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Theological Declaration of Barmen

The Christian Church is the congregation of the [people] in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church in human arrogance could place the Word and work of the Lord in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, purposes, and plans. Amen.

*HYMN 692

Spirit, Open My Heart

Wild Mountain Thyme

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.

DEDICATION OF BREAD FOR THE WORLD LETTERS

RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

Doxology

Beautiful Savior

Take My Life

David Cherwien

hymnal 697, stanza 6

Hendon

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

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

Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends and to know your will in the world. Therefore, we pray in Jesus' name that these tithes and offerings spread your love far and near. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN 331	<i>God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand</i>	National Hymn
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>Amen</i>	Peter C. Lutkin
*POSTLUDE	<i>Postlude on Victory</i>	Noel Rawsthorne

*All that are able may stand.		

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Thank you to the Chancel Choir, Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, Jim Hesley, and Bill Jolly for their leadership in worship today.

The acolyte today is Leo McLeod.

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

Outside Ushers for May 29: Jim Ivey; Tom Norwood

Elder Greeters: Mike King; Ellen Whitley

Sound: Evan Sanges **Film:** Elizabeth Bryson **Nursery:** Kate White

Kids Care Crew: Laura McLeod **Children's Church:** Ella Cumming; Nathaniel Eudy

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Helen Melton (niece & cousin, respectively, of Elizabeth Wilson & Mary Kesselman), The family of Wade Hatley (brother of Frankie Palmer), Gloria Bryson (broken leg-Atrium NorthEast), Cassie Lambert (tests; daughter-in-law of Kyle & Danny Lambert), Witt Snuggs, Doris Forte, Brayden Enzor (grandson of Gus & Pam Holbrook; 2 brain tumors, currently undergoing chemo and then radiation), Robin Howell, Carole Yost (home), Bill Cotton (brother of Andy Cotton), Don Abernathy, Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, , Nancy Jolly, Claude Harwood, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

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

Please return completed letters to the church for the May 29 Offering of Letters during worship. Place your Bread for the World Letter in the basket in front of the chancel.



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

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.

**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.

**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 next to the Church Parlor.





SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE BEGINNING SUNDAY, JUNE 5
Worship during the months of June, July, and August will take place at 10:00 a.m.
There will be no Sunday School during the summer months.

**End-of-the-Year Boxed Brunch for Central Elementary School Staff
To Be Delivered on Thursday, June 9**

Boxed brunches will be delivered to Central Elementary School teachers and staff on Thursday, June 9. Wednesday, June 8 is food preparation day at 10:00 a.m. in the kitchen. Thursday, June 9 at 8:30 a.m., volunteers will bag the brunches to deliver to Central School by 10:00 a.m. Please contact Ruth Cotton to say you can help (704-942-1381 cell; email: hugawolf@hotmail.com).



**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).

**Child Protection Training
Wednesday, June 15
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**



Those in need of Child Protection Training (anyone involved with the leadership of Christian Education) will meet Wednesday, June 15 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Light dinner provided. Please let Melissa know if you plan to attend (704-439-6747 or the5eudys@gmail.com).



Everyone is invited to join us on the first and last Wednesday of each month for a splashing good time in Christian Education this summer!

Water is such a powerful substance. It keeps us alive, helps grow foods we eat, and allows us times of enjoyment. What better theme for a summer of growth in Christian Education. As we enjoy the ability to come back together as a unified church family, please make note of the events in your Summer Newsletter.

June 8 Movie Night: Finding Nemo 7:00 p.m-9:00 p.m. Location: Church gym

Nemo isn't the only one around who could use some guidance and help from his friends and family to be "found". Come share in Nemo's story and enjoy movie-based snacks in our church gym. Bring a blanket or chairs to enjoy the show.

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: _____

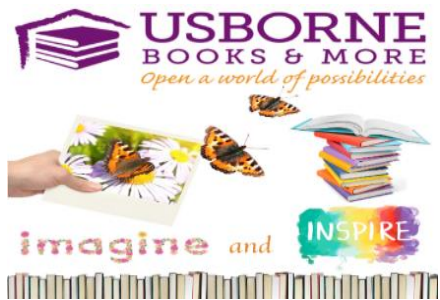
In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

**Pentecost Sunday
June 5**



Worship on Sunday, June 5 will be a celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit for the church. Red is the liturgical color for the day, so wear your red! We will also celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.



**Usborne Book Facebook Party from June 1-June 30
To Benefit the Children's Rooms at Church**

Usborne Books and More has a wide variety of fun and educational books, puzzles, and activities! All would greatly benefit the children's rooms at church. There will be a virtual Facebook party held for those that have one, but also the option to help even without having a Facebook! **All rewards from the party and shopping link will go toward purchasing books for the church.**

Are you wondering how you could help?

1. Purchase books for your children's bookshelves using the link provided.
 2. Purchase books off of the wishlist for the bookshelves in the children's rooms at First Presbyterian Church.
- Shopping link: <https://x11508.myubam.com/2375439> (wishlist can also be found at the top left once this link is clicked)

Wishlist link: <https://x11508.myubam.com/wishlist/cea842ca-9878-48d2-a469-ae7b00f22fad>

Thanks to Teresa Samples for coordinating this opportunity for our church to get new educational books in the preschool rooms.

**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!

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
Bob Johnston
Gayle Russell
Lee Snuggs
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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 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

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, June 1

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)

Thursday, June 2

10:00 am Staff Meeting

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

Friday, June 3

6:00 pm Community Inn Meal

Sunday, June 5

Day of Pentecost/Pentecost Offering

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Ten Cents a Meal Offering for Hunger

10:00 am *Worship

***childcare provided**

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

30-Jackson Lisk

31-David Holbrook

John Palmer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MAY

30-Al & Becky Andrew

Dan Samples & Martha Sue Hall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JUNE

01-Barbara Whitley

02-Iris Coggins

Ben Jolly

Mike King

Martha Wolf

03-Heather Hatley

Mary Kesselman

04-Witt Snuggs

05-Anne Montgomery

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JUNE

02-Ross & Peggy Finley

Jim & Kim Marshall

04-Connie & Adrienne Robinson

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.