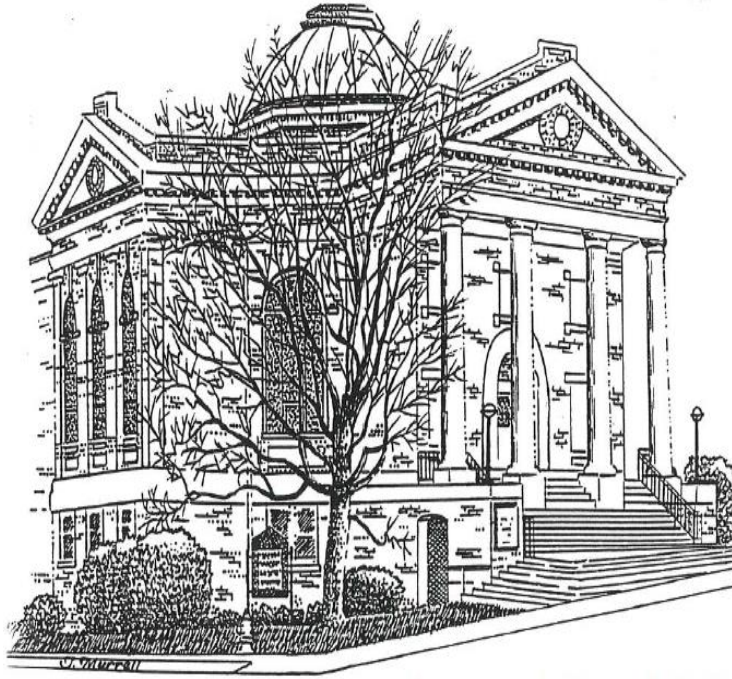


# *First Presbyterian Church Albemarle, North Carolina*



*May 14, 2023  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

## *SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY*

### **GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign the Friendship Register*

PRELUDE

*"Every Morning is Fresh and New"*

Gunther Gottsche

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Emma Gibson, acolyte

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118

Carter Gibson

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

**We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

The Lord is God,

**And he has given us light....**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

**You are my God, I will extol you.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Elizabeth Bryson

**Almighty God, on this day set aside for mothers, we are grateful that you continue to gift us with strong women who help nurture children and help them grow. For that we offer our love and praise. We ask that you lay a healing hand upon those who are struggling. Continue to work your miracles so that we may share this good news with others through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN 157

“I Danced in the Morning”

LORD OF THE DANCE

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth, At Bethlehem I had my birth.*

*Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; They came to me and the dance went on. Refrain*

*I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame;  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; And they left me there on a cross to die. Refrain*

*I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, But I am the dance and I still go on. Refrain*

*They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. Refrain*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Seth Richards

**Dear God, we confess that we have sinned against you and your teaching. We confess that we have fallen short of your word. We acknowledge that we have chosen wrong rather than leave it in your hands. Help us love thy neighbor as thyself. Help us learn from our mistakes and show us mercy. Grant us the ability to stay away from such sin. In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

*Silent Confession and Reflection*

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*Response 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

(chorus)

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

**THE WORD**

ANTHEM

“Feed My Lambs”

Natalie Sleeth

*Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;  
In My name lead them forth gently as a shepherd.  
When they wander, when they stray, their protector be.  
As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to me.*

*Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;  
In My name lead them forth gently as a shepherd.  
Unto all who lose the way Hope and comfort be.  
As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to Me.*

*Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;  
In My name lead them forth gently as a loving shepherd of the Lord.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leo McLeod

**Almighty God, allow us to hear and absorb your holy scripture by opening and cleansing our hearts and minds to prepare for your glory. Amen**

Old Testament Reading

[Psalm 66:8-20](#)

Emily Deese

New Testament Reading

[1 Peter 3:13-22](#)

Thora Kilde

SERMON

Katherine Jolly, Leah Kilde, and Andy McLeod

\*HYMN 300

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

Scholtes

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We Will work with each other, we will work side by side; We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come; And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Ella Cumming

*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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Nathaniel Eudy

**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.**

RECONGNITION OF GRADUATES

Melissa Eudy and Ruth Cotton

RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Offertory

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Wayne Kerr

\*Response 607

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDRETH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jackson Palmer

**Dear God, we are so grateful for the many blessings you bestow upon us. With gratitude we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. We ask your blessings upon this offering. May it bless others as we have been blessed. Amen.**

SENDING

\*HYMN 450

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

*Be thou my vision, o lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, high king of heaven, my treasure thou art*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, o bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, o Ruler of all.*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Peter C. Lutkin

\*POSTLUDE

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

Wilbur Held

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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Thank you to Michael Rowland, Frank Poolos, Chancel Choir, Melissa Eudy and the Youth for their leadership in worship today.

The acolyte today is Emma Carter.

Ushers for May: Jim Hesley (captain), Liz Bryson, Ella Cumming, Ashley Deese, Cidney Eudy, Leo McLeod.

Outside Ushers for May 14: Ronnie Michael, Lee Snuggs

Elder Greeters: Mike King; Ellen Whitley

Streaming Coordinator: Evan Sanges      Film: James Cotton      Nursery: Bailey Mitchell  
Kids Crew: Jim Hesley

There will be no Children's Church or Faith Sharing today.

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We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Claude Harwood, Penny Welling (friend of the congregation), Gloria Bryson (Trinity Place), Ann Byrd (Home), Tim Rodgers, Doris Forte-Spring Arbor, Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Nancy Jolly, Jane Scheer, Elizabeth Wilson, Tara Mackey (friend of Linda Anderson), Jason Miller (friend of the congregation), Laura Frazier, Debbie Hinson, Rita Morgan, Mike Jewell (brother-in-law of Linda Anderson), Marlene Sanges, Pam Knighten, Aza Hudson. See newsletter for complete list.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES**

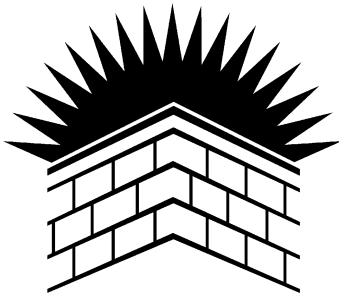
First Presbyterian Church recognizes the following high school graduates:

**Graham Chapman**, son of Anissa & Chris Chapman, will graduate from Gray Stone Day School. He will attend Applachian State Unviersity majoring in Finance and Banking.

**Katherine Jolly**, daughter of Ben & Liz Jolly, will graduate from Gray Stone Day School. She will attend UNC Chapel Hill in the fall majoring in Political Science.

**Leah Kilde**, daughter of Heather & John Kilde, will graduate from Gray Stone Day School. She will attend Savannah College of Art and Design double majoring in Film & TV and Dramatic Writing.

**Andrew (Andy) McLeod**, son of Laura & Mike McLeod, will graduate from Gray Stone Day School. He will attend NC State University in the fall majoring in Engineering.



We encourage children to remain in worship!  
 There are worship bags available for them in  
 both lobbies of the church.  
 Feel free to pick these up anytime  
 before, during or after worship.

*The Christian Education Corner*

If you are not on the Middle School & High School SPOND app please download it. That is the easiest way for all youth to keep in touch. Here is the link to join <https://group.spond.com/LTOXZ>

**Monday Night Bible Study** 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders at the home of Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr.) Mondays at 8:30 pm.



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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN THE REGISTER**



The Membership Care Committee encourages you to be faithful in signing the Friendship Register in worship on Sundays and to register online if you worship there. It helps us know when you are not here, which is very important.

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**Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:**

Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper, Cans of Tuna, Chicken Helper, Cans of Chicken, Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

**Next Packing Date: Wednesday, May 24 at 10:30 a.m.**

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**Scholarship Recognition**

**Sunday, May 21**

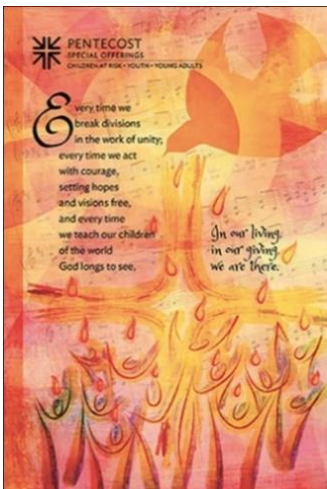


Scholarship recipients will be recognized in worship on Sunday, May 21. The Scholarship Committee members are: Catherine Moeller, Chair, Shannon Bullard, Wes Eudy, Kim Marshall, and Lee McLaurin.

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**DAY OF PENTECOST**

**Sunday, May 28**



**PENTECOST**  
 SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

The Pentecost Offering connects us with children, youth and young adults — each with gifts to share — and offers them opportunities to build a solid foundation of faith to last a lifetime.



# LAST DRIVE-THRU MEAL

WEDNESDAY, May 17- FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.

RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 15

PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL

Menu: Black Bean Pie, Mixed Green Salad, Fruit and Pound Cake

call Anne Montgomery at 704-796-5841 or email Anne at [johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com](mailto:johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com)

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## TESTING PROCTORS NEEDED AT CENTRAL SCHOOL

EOG testing is set for May 26, May 31 and June 1 at Central School. **Proctors are desperately needed!** Testing starts at 9:00 am and will last 2 to 3 hours at most. If you can help, contact Erik Johnson at [Erik.Johnson@stanlycountyschools.org](mailto:Erik.Johnson@stanlycountyschools.org) or [Kristi.bryson@stanlycountyschools.org](mailto:Kristi.bryson@stanlycountyschools.org)

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## PRIMETIMERS' BOXED LUNCHES

Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Lunch in the Pit Stop.**

Menu: **Chicken Pot Pie and Salad**

Please contact Myron Lowder at 704-438-7628 (text or call) or email [lowderme@live.com](mailto:lowderme@live.com) by noon on Monday, May 15. \$5 donation.



**If anyone can help make desserts, set up and/or clean up please contact Myron.**

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## FPC Lunch Outing to *Flynn's Village Grill* in Gold Hill

Tuesday, May 23 at 11:30 am

Let's get together for lunch – Dutch Treat! We will meet at Flynn's Village Grill in Gold Hill at 11:30 am on TUESDAY, May 23. If you would like to carpool, meet at church at 11:00 am. Let us know if you can join us! Jane Snyder 704-438-3358.

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The Piedmont Choral Society (PCS) presents its annual free concerts with orchestral accompaniment on Friday, May 19 at 7 pm and on Sunday, May 21 at 3 pm. The concert music is American Gospel.

All are welcome. No tickets needed.

Calvary Lutheran Church, 950 Bradley St N.E, Concord. Contact for Info: Ann Crutchfield, 704 985 2050

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, May 14**

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day/Youth Sunday/Recognition of Graduates*

- 8:45 am Diaconate
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 6:00 pm SNL (TBD if having)

**Monday, May 15**

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study- home of Debby Johnson

**Tuesday, May 16**

- 5:00 pm Homes of Hope Mtg, Pitstop/gym/kitchen

**Wednesday, May 17**

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 5:00 pm Last Drive Thru Meal
- 6:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 18**

- Noon Prime Timers Lunch in Pit Stop
- 4:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

**Sunday, May 21**

*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Scholarship recognition*

- 8:30 am Session
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 6:00 pm SNL (TBD if having)

**\*childcare provided**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**May**

- 15- Stephan Kinley
- 16- Roger Martin
- 17- Liz Jolly  
Ken Knight  
Art Rogers
- 18- Jackson Shedd
- 19- Jim Sawyer  
Natalie Taylor
- 20- Jim Ivey, III  
Bill Lindley

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

- 17- Tom & Holly Norwood

**Church Staff**

Transitional Pastor, Rev Catherine George  
 Transitional Director of Christian Ed, Melissa Eudy  
 Dir Fellowship/Congregational Care, Jane Snyder  
 Director of Music, Dr. Frank Poolos  
 Organist, Interim, Michael Rowland  
 Office Manager, Kyle Lambert  
 Secretary, Beth Poolos  
 Facilities Manager, Shawn Graeff

**Elders**

Al Andrew, Ann Crutchfield, Bill Jolly,  
 Mary Kesselman, Heather Kilde,  
 Mike King, Lee McLaurin, Kim Marshall,  
 Ronnie Michael, Catherine Moeller, Jackson Palmer  
 Chris Whitley, Ellen Whitley

**Deacons**

Keith Bryson, Shannon Bullard, Michelle Cumming,  
 Wes Eudy, Jim Hesley, Liz Jolly, Myron Lowder,  
 Laura McLeod, Frank Poolos. Brett Richards,  
 Carol Sasser, Billie Jean Snuggs

**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](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)).**  
**Click on the GIVE button.**

The offering as part of our worship is a response to God's grace. The plates will be passed by the ushers or you may make your gift by scanning the QR Code here. Thank you for your generosity.



## MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

### IN MEMORY OF:

### GIVEN BY:

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Betty Long.....  | Al & Becky Andrew                                   |
| Gladys Cooper Kelly .....  | Mildred Andrew                                      |
| Peggy Smith & Mary Lou Andrew.....                               | Mark & Kim Andrew                                   |
| Debra Barnar.....  | David, Ellen, Donna, Keith & Sheila                 |
| Daisy Cotton & Betty Stanhope.....                               | Andy & Ruth Cotton                                  |
| Ruth Huneycutt & Betsy Earnhardt.....                            | John & Angie Earnhardt                              |
| Julia Killian King .....   | Donna Gaither                                       |
| Frances Breerwood Gaither.....                                   | Robert Gaither                                      |
| Mim Burdett & France Mabry.....                                  | Kate Gibson, Meg & Jen Mabry                        |
| Joan Sharp & Paula Shedd.....                                    | Cathy George, Shelley, Mike, Jackson & Thomas Shedd |
| Harriet Elizabeth Thomason & Ruth Thomason Goodwin.....          | Ruth Goodwin  |
| Mildred Boger & Betty Hahn.....                                  | John & Deb  |
| Betty Holbrook, Katie Boyette, Ellen B. Parker .....             | Gus and Pam Holbrook                                |
| Kathleen L. Ivey & Ninver K. Barrett.....                        | Margaret B. Ivey                                    |
| Jane Smith .....   | John, Heather, David, Leah & Thora Kilde            |
| Grace Liles, Skeet Abbey, Ann Ross Liles .....                   | Dick Liles & Abbey Campbell                         |
| Katie Dearstyne, Pam Dearstyne & Oleta Norwood.....              | Holly & "Fred" (Tom) Norwood                        |
| Dortha Hatley & Jeanette H. Isenhour.....                        | Frankie Palmer                                      |
| Jane Pickler.....  | "the boys" Lee & Kris Pickler                       |
| Patra Goad .....   | Jean Rabe   |
| Daisy Fesperman Thomas.....                                      | Frank & Beth Poolos                                 |
| Mary Ratchford, Myrtle Hall, Beverly High & Louise Ritchie ..... | Martha Sue  |
| Juanita Samples .....  | Dan   |

### IN HONOR OF:

### GIVEN BY:

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|---|---|
| Becky Andrew.....   | Emily & Jay                                 |
| Mildred Andrew.....   | Her Family                                  |
| Gloria Bryson .....   | Debra, David, Ellen, Donna, Keith, & Sheila |
| Angie Earnhardt .....   | Adrienne Averette & Kelly Lentz             |
| Adrienne & Kelly.....   | Mom & Dad                                   |
| Ruth Cotton.....  | James & Andy Cotton                         |
| Chris Mabry & Debbe Gibson.....                                 | Kate & Trey Gibson, Carter & Emma Gibson    |
| Caris Hahn.....   | Ayla Hahn                                   |
| Deb Hahn.....   | Thomas Hahn                                 |
| Jennifer H. Enzor & Pam T. Holbrook.....                        | Gus Holbrook                                |
| Dale I. Stoehr & Lori S. Ivey.....                              | Margaret B. Ivey                            |
| Sandi Kilde.....  | John, Hether, David, Leah & Thora Kilde     |
| Anna Norwood Freezor .....                                      | Hop & DaDa                                  |
| Holly Norwood.....  | Her Family                                  |
| Annie H. Barringer, Kellie P. Cole & Jessica P. Palmer.....     | Frankie Palmer                              |
| Jessica Palmer.....   | John, Jacob & Jackson                       |
| Frankie Palmer.....   | John, Jessica, Jacob & Jackson              |
| Jean Rabe.....  | Lynn Poplin                                 |
| Mary Green.....   | Palmer                                      |
| Beth Poolos.....  | Frank, Lex, Jackie & Nicole                 |
| Hazel P. Poolos.....  | Frank, Beth, Lex, Jackie & Nicole           |
| Morgan Hall, Valerie Hall, Cheri Samples & Teresa Samples ..... | Martha Sue & Dan                            |