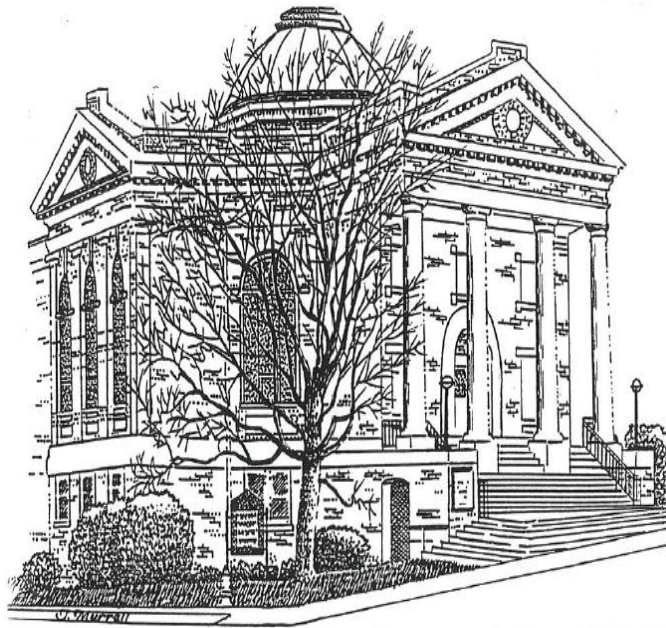


First Presbyterian Church *Albemarle, North Carolina*



July 13, 2025
5th Sunday After Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Friendship Register

PRELUDE

"There's A Wideness In God's Mercy"

Dale Wood

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

acolyte

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Selections from Psalm 147

Debbie Bennett, liturgist

How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner, but the Lord

takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Praise your God, O Zion! Praise the Lord!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** (the Liturgy of St. James)

O God, whose name is great, whose nature is blissful, whose goodness is inexhaustible, who art blessed forever; before whom stand the hosts of holy angels and archangels; sanctify, O Lord, our souls and bodies and spirits, search our consciences, and cast out of us every evil thought, every base desire, all envy and pride, all wrath and anger, and all that is contrary to Thy holy will. Amen.

***HYMN** 305

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

DARWALL’S 148TH

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, we confess that it is all too easy for us to be captivated by superficial things. We have been tempted by our materialistic and consumeristic impulses. We have given undue extra attention to the opinions of the wealthy, the beautiful, and the famous. Forgive us, and help us realize what things in life are truly important. Amen.

Silent Confession and Reflection

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Hear the good news: mercy triumphs over judgment! Your sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***Response** 581

“Glory Be To The Father”

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

SOLO

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”
Ann Crutchfield, soprano

Dan Forrest

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, through the power of your holy word, may you continue to transform our ways of thinking and seeing, so that more and more we would see as you see. Let us view all things through your love and with your wisdom. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[1 Samuel 16:1, 6-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31](#)

SERMON

“Beyond the Superficial”

Rev. Joel Lynn

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN** 366

“Love Divine, All Love Excelling”

HYFRYDOL

*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.

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

Offertory

"Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus"

Dale Wood

*Response

"I Surrender All"

SURRENDER

*All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I freely give; I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.
I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Lord, as we live and work for the good of your church, we ask that you would continue to raise up leaders for us. Help us to trust in your sovereign will when you pick leaders that may look different than what we would expect or choose for ourselves. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN Insert 2009

"O God Beyond All Praising"

THAXTED

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

Wood

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Thank you to Michael Rowland, Ann Crutchfield, and Debbie Bennett for their leadership in worship today.

The acolyte today is TBD.

Ushers for July: Jim Hesley (captain), Liz Bryson, Nathaniel Eudy, Cidney Eudy, Jim Marshall, Lee Snuggs, Jordan Hesley.

Outside Ushers for July 13: Ronnie Michael, Wiley Crutchfield

Elder Greeters: Keith Bryson, Debbie Bennett

Streaming Coordinator: Evan Sanges

Children's Church / Nursery: Bailey Mitchell

There will be Faith Sharing today with TBD.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Atticus Hampton-leukemia, (grandson of Chris & Barbara Whitley), Leslie Kinley (breast cancer), Shelly McInturff (heart surgery, sister of Michelle Cumming), Tommy Murrell, Frankie Palmer, J.D. Holbrook (post surgery), Mamie Rogers Morton (undergoing treatment for bladder cancer), Gus Holbrook (knee replacement surgery), Jacob Rodgers (friend of the congregation in an accident), Jim Hesley (heart). Some names have been moved to the newsletter as they require ongoing prayers. Current critical prayer concerns will be added weekly and moved to the newsletter prayer list after a month. They will stay in the newsletter till requested to be removed. See newsletter for complete list.



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.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE REMINDER

Worship during the months of June, July, and August will take place at 10:00 am.

There will be no Sunday School during the summer months.



**— YOU'LL —
NEVER
— WALK —
ALONE**

ALBEMARLE GIRLS WHO WALK

You'll never walk alone.

WEEKLY WALKS

EVERY SATURDAY AT 9 A.M.

No sign-up, just show up

Locations vary, check Instagram for details.

@Albemarlegirlswhowalk

Bailey Mitchell, our childcare provider has started this group!

**Thank
You!**

Thank you to the following people for helping with the Community Inn meal on Friday, July 4th. Donated funds were used to purchase a meal of chicken, potato salad, slaw, rolls and cupcakes!

Ruth Cotton, Jim and Mary Louise Sawyer and David and Mary Troutman.



Central Elementary School Supplies List

The 2025-2026 school year will be here soon and school supplies are already in stores. Please take the list below and begin shopping for our partner school, Central Elementary.

Supplies can be dropped off in the designated bin in the Pit Stop.

Student Supplies

Crayons – 16 or 24 count Crayola brand only	Zipper Pencil Pouch or Box
2”3 ring binders	Highlighters (pack)
Glue Sticks	Plain Solid 2-pocket folders
#2 Pencils	Pocket folders with prongs
#2 Beginner Jumbo Pencils (for Kindergarten)	Pencil top erasers
Composition Hard Cover Wide-Ruled books (not spiral bound)	
Dividers w/pockets	Colored Pencils
Scissors (child & youth sizes)	Index Cards (3x5)
Pink Pearl Eraser	Ear Buds
Card Stock Paper & Colored Paper	Ear phones
Dry Erase Markers (small size)	Small Pencil Sharpener
Notebook Paper (wide-ruled & regular-ruled)	Sticky Notes

Classroom Supplies Needed Include:

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

The Stanly County Historical Society and Kingville Alumni Association to present:

CELEBRATING THE HISTORY OF KINGVILLE

by Lewis P. Bramlett & Brenda Stanback



Sunday, July 13, 2025 – 4pm
E.E. Waddell Community Center
621 Wall Street, Albemarle, NC

The event is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC and FREE

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 13

5th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am *Worship

Wednesday, July 16

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, July 20

6th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am *Worship

***Childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July

17 Matt Carpenter
Ann Crutchfield

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

July

16 Wiley & Ann Crutchfield

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Online giving can be done
through the church's website
(www.fpcalbemarle.org).
Click on the GIVE button.

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