



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

Elizabeth McNair Ayscue, Pastor Matt Drumheller, Associate Pastor

Frank Poolos, Director of Vocal and Handbell Music

Stanley Scheer, Organist

Gina Martin, Director of Christian Education

Kyle Lambert, Office Manager

Church Offices: (704) 982-2722

Website: www.fpcalbemarle.org

E-mail: klambert@fpcalbemarle.org

Vol. 50

May 28, 2017

No. 22

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies'

June Nixon

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to worship the living God,

People: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

Leader: We come to worship the almighty God,

People: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

Leader: We come to worship the all-gracious God,

People: Who chooses even you and me to receive and carry the word of life and hope.
All glory to God!

*CHORAL INTROIT

O Risen Christ, Ascended Lord

Richard Proulx

*PRAYER OF THE DAY 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.

*HYMN 321

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

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

Mr. Drumheller

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the children's greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In the truth of your Word, O Lord, reveal the truths of our lives. Illumine our hearts, refresh our lives, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

PSALM READING

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Pew Bible, page 500

ANTHEM

Jesus, My Lord, To Heaven Is Gone

Howard Helvey

Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone, I'll never turn back no more.
He whom I fix my hopes upon, I'll never turn back no more.
No more, no more, my Lord, I'll never turn back no more.
His path I see, and I'll pursue, I'll never turn back no more.
The narrow way, till Him I view, I'll never turn back no more.

GOSPEL READING

John 17:1-11

Pew Bible, page 105

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Where Is Heaven?

Mr. Drumheller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith*

In the death of Jesus Christ, God's way in the world seemed finally defeated. But death was no match for God. The resurrection of Jesus was God's victory over death. Death often seems to prove that life is not worth living, that our best efforts and deepest affections go for nothing. We do not yet see the end of death. But Christ has been raised from the dead, transformed and yet the same person. In his resurrection is the promise of ours. We are convinced the life God wills for each of us is stronger than the death that destroys us. The glory of that life exceeds our imagination but we know we shall be with Christ. So we treat death as a broken power. Its ultimate defeat is certain. In the face of death we grieve. Yet in hope we celebrate life. No life ends so tragically that its meaning and value are destroyed. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Andante

Florence Price

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

hymnal, page 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 375

Shall We Gather at the River

Hanson Place

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Benediction

Peter Angela

*POSTLUDE

Allegro from 'Concerto No. 3'

Johann G. Walther

*All that are able may stand.

We rejoice that you are worshipping with us today. If you are a member of this church, please seek out those who are visiting and welcome them to this family of faith. If you are visiting and would like to know more about the church and membership here, please speak with one of the ministers following worship.

The acolyte today is Katherine Jolly. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

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

The rose in the sanctuary is in honor of the birth of Tucker Jett Moses, son of Meredith (Hinson) and Derek Moses, on May 19.

Ushers: Steve Cumming, captain; Brad Boone, Michelle Cumming, Jim Ivey, Mark Mabry, Kyle Marks
Elder Greeters: Heather Deese, Jim Marshall **Nursery:** Cora Harrison **Toddler Room:** Samantha Wangler
Preschool Partners: Heather Deese; Brett Richards **Nana & Papa Team:** Teresa Taylor; Shirley Welch
Children's Church: Angie Earnhardt; Adrienne Averette; Kelly Lentz; Jacob Palmer

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Marlene Sanges (breast cancer), Richard Campbell (heart surgery; friend of Don Abernathy), Sandy Rogers (recovering from hip replacement), Andy Cotton, Rowena Warren, Eddie Wilson (brother of Elizabeth Wilson). **See newsletter for complete list.**

The 10 cents a meal offering provides to 60 agencies/programs throughout the Presbytery of Charlotte (including our own SCCM) which provide nutritional food for children and adults. We will receive this offering next Sunday. Your generosity eases the burden of families who are hungry. Please give generously.

**GUIDING THE CHRISTIAN FORMATION OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
THROUGH THE PENTECOST OFFERING ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4**

For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away... Acts 2:39

When you give to the Pentecost Offering, you are supporting a foundation of faith for a more promising future for our young people. Forty-percent of this offering is designated for local use and will be used to provide scholarships for the YMCA's summer day camp. **Please share gladly and give generously to the Pentecost Offering on Sunday, June 4.**

PENTECOST SUNDAY...JUNE 4

Red is the liturgical color for the day so wear your red!

**End-of-the-Year Brunch for Central Elementary School Staff
Monday, June 12 at 9:30 a.m.**

Sign-up sheet is on the Mission Bulletin Board. Your help is needed!

**Music & Arts Camp Volunteers' Meeting
Sunday, June 4 at 11:00 a.m. in the Session Room**

Come hear final details about camp! It's not too late to volunteer. Contact Gina Martin (gmartin@fpcalbeamarle.org or 704-982-2722) to say you will help.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 28

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, May 31

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

7:00 pm *Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 1

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, June 2

Church Office Closed

Around the Clock Softball Tournament

Saturday, June 3

Around the Clock Softball Tournament

Sunday, June 4

Pentecost/Pentecost Offering/

Graduate Recognition/Ten-Cents-A-Meal/

Offering for Hunger/Reception of New Members

9:00 am *Chancel Choir Rehearsal

9:00 am *Child Protection Policy Training
(Old Session Room)

10:00 am *Worship

11:00 am Mission Committee (Old Session Room)

12:00 pm *Music & Arts Camp Volunteers' Meeting
(Session Room)

***childcare provided**

SCCM CHALLENGE MAY:

Canned Vegetables

Corn, Green Beans, Peas, Carrots, Beans

SCCM CHALLENGE JUNE:

Boxed Pasta Meals (Hamburger Helper),
Instant Potatoes, Stuffing Mix

TESTING PROCTORS NEEDED AT CENTRAL SCHOOL

EOG testing is set for

May 31-June 7 at Central School.

Proctors are desperately needed!

There will be training prior to and
the day of testing.

If you can help,

contact Julie McSwain at

julie.mcswain@stanlycountyschools.org
or 704-961-3200.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

28-Rebekah Ayscue

30-Jackson Lisk

31-John Palmer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JUNE

01-Barbara Whitley

02-Iris Coggins

Ben Jolly

Martha Wolf

03-Heather Deese

Mary Kesselman

04-Ben Newport

Witt Snuggs

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MAY

29-Lenny & Rose Saltzman

30-Al & Beck Andrew

Dan Samples & Martha Sue Hall

31-Aaron & Alison Whisnant

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JUNE

02-Ross & Peggy Finley

Jim & Kim Marshall

04-Connie & Adrienne Robinson

Child Protection Policy Training

**Sunday, June 4 at 9:00 a.m. in the Old Session
Room**

Child Protection Policy Training will be offered on
Sunday, June 4 at 9:00 a.m. in the Old Session Room.
If you are interested in volunteering with the children
and/or youth at First Presbyterian Church over the
summer at camps or in the fall, contact Gina Martin
(gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722).

Al-Anon Family Groups

Al-Anon Family Groups, sixty years of hope for the
families and friends of problem drinkers.

Meetings:

Annunciation Catholic Church

Family Life Center

416 N. Second St.

Albemarle, NC

Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00 p.m.

www.alanon.org