



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

PRELUDE *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Max Drischner

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The one who calls you together this day yearns for each of you and for all people to hear and be blessed.

People: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

People: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

*CHORAL INTROIT 15th Century Carol, arr. S. R. Scheer
As with Gladness, Men of Old

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

You invite us, O God, to live in your ways, and you give us to each other to know and to love as we journey in this life. Show us your will for all creation. Help us to listen to your urgings with prayerful hearts so that we may honor what you have made, in the name of the holy Trinity, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 37 *Let All Things Now Living* Ash Grove

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our neighbors, our friends, ourselves, and you. Give us ears to hear your call and faith to follow. Lead us to honesty and humility so we may begin again with renewed strength.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, 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.

I Samuel 3:9

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Barbara McManus

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

By your Holy Spirit, O God, open our ears, our eyes, our hearts, and our minds to the Holy Word so that it will come to rule within us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Psalm 139:1-6](#)

Pew Bible, page 545

The congregation will read in unison.

ANTHEM

When the Perfect Comes

Carson Cooman

GOSPEL READING

[John 1:43-51](#)

Pew Bible, page 87

SERMON

Come and See

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with God's people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, and his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Amen.

*HYMN 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm Gonna Live

(Ushers will collect prayers to be included in the prayers of the people.)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mr. Drumheller

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

If Thou But Trust God to Guide You

Georg Böhm

*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 462

I Love to Tell the Story

Hankey

The psalm is a meditation on God's nearness in all places and times.

From *A Declaration of Faith*. This contemporary statement of faith was first approved by the Presbyterian Church US in 1977 and was adopted by the General Assembly of the PCUSA in 1985.

The text of this African American spiritual has its origins in the slave movement. The words gave courage to people bound in slavery and was a reminder to them that their worth and identity came from the God whom they worshipped.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* Ralph Vaughn Williams

*POSTLUDE *Trumpet Voluntary* John Stanley

*All who 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 Jackson Palmer. 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 honor of the birthdays of Vance Cole and Jacob Palmer.

Ushers: Steve Cumming, captain; Brad Boone, Michelle Cumming, Jim Ivey, Kyle Marks **Outside Ushers:** Greg Lisk; Lee McManus **Elder Greeters:** Al Andrew; Joyce Lambert **Nursery:** Cortney Brown **Preschool Partners:** Jill Niebler; Isabel McLeod **Nana & Papa Team:** Susan & Banks Garrison **Children’s Church:** Kim Andrew; Grace Richards

We ask that you refer to the newsletter for a complete list of prayer requests.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE GRANTS

The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until January 16. Applications are available in the church office. If you have questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

Tea & Conversation

Tuesday, January 23 from 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor

Come for conversation and a few rousing games of BINGO!

Bring a wrapped/bagged gift from your house!

Think: A Christmas gift you received, but will never use. A dusty mantle adornment that you no longer like. A mismatched pair of socks. The ugliest scarf in your drawer.

We’ll use them as BINGO prizes. Remember: One person’s trash is another person’s treasure!



Grandparent & Grandchild Retreat

Sunday, January 28 from Noon-2:30 p.m.

Partnering in Christian Education... Children K-5th Grades... Grandparents of any age...

Lunch in the Pit Stop followed by activities around the church.

Contact the church office to sign-up

(704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION & CORPORATION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Session has established the date for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation as Sunday, January 21. The meeting will be held immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive annual reports and to transact other business as may properly come before the meeting. We will also have a congregational meeting for the purpose of reviewing and approving the pastors’ terms of call.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 14

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, January 15

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance/Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 16

Deadline for Gaither Endowment Grants

10:00 am February 2018 Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, January 17

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 18

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Sunday, January 21

Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm *Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation

***childcare provided**



**Visit the Winter Art Gallery Exhibit
Featuring Paintings by Matt Moeller**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JANUARY

15-Julian Eudy

16-Debbie Hahn

19-Nancy Feather

Ken Frazier

21-Drew Melone

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR JANUARY

Canned Fruit

(Lite or No Sugar Added)



Backpack Food Program UPDATED LIST OF DONATIONS

NEEDED:

Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Canned Tuna, and Saltine Crackers.

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Next Packing Date:

**Wednesday, January 31
at 10:30 a.m.**

Community Participation Needed

You are requested to complete the 2018 Community Health Assessment survey. This is the survey the Stanly County Health Department and Carolinas HealthCare System Stanly conduct to determine what our major priorities are for the next three years by analyzing community responses and State data. The information in this report is, also, used to get grants for agencies and non-profits. The survey can be done through February 28. For more information, contact Debbie Bennett at dbennett@stanlycountync.gov or 704-982-9171.

The link is:

<https://goo.gl/forms/u0c06jntFJeY1Sc32>