



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

O Christ of the poor and yearning, kindle in my heart within a flame of love for my neighbor, for my foe, for my friend, for my kindred all. From the humblest thing that lives to the Name that is highest of all, kindle in my heart within a flame of love.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

PRELUDE

Prelude

Frank Bridge

LETTER TO THE EARLY CHURCH

David Kilde and Dona Lisk

***CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hymn 390

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!

Louez le Seigneur

***PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

Unison

Merciful God, we confess to you the truth that we long to be filled with the Holy Spirit, but refuse to allow you to animate us. We prefer to remain dry bones and empty lungs rather than people who come to life with your power. We ignore the fire that burns within us and succumb to fear. Lord, forgive us, renew our bodies and our spirits, and strengthen us to proclaim your truth.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news.

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.

Celtic Prayers from Iona by J. Phillip Newell

Throughout this Summer Series, we will be listening in on several conversations between *modern Christians* and *early Christians* as they explore faith in the church of Acts.

This hymn comes from Cameroon and is used as a gathering song.

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Acts 2:1-4

Glory to God
hymnal
page 582

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The congregation is encouraged to participate in the prayer with the children.

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.

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.

E'en 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

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Sermons are posted to the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org). You can usually find the previous Sunday's sermon by Wednesday.

SCRIPTURE READING [Acts 1:6-11, 2:1-4](#) Pew Bible, pages 110 & 111

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Animate

Mr. Drumheller

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith was composed in 1983 upon the reunification of the southern and northern Presbyterian churches. It is intended to be used as a confessional piece of liturgy.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 295

Go to the World!

Sine Nomine

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Ken Knight

PASTORAL PRAYER

Mrs. Ayscue

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Heaven and earth are yours, O Lord,

And of your own, we give you.

Offertory

Offertoire

Theodore Dubois

*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

My Offering cards are in the pews. As a regular practice, you are invited to take one, reflect on your giving, and place it in the offering plate when it comes to you.

*HYMN 741

Guide My Feet

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter C. Lutkin

*POSTLUDE *Jubilate*

Roy Douglass

*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 Brent Lisk. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thanks to David Kilde and Dona Lisk for their participation in worship this morning.

Ushers: Jack Morton, captain; Taylor Barbee, Duncan Bryson, Jim Ivey, Robert Ivey, Greg Lisk, Penny Morton, and Jeff Robertson **Outside Ushers:** John Howell; Kyle Marks **Elder Greeters:** Al Andrew; Dona Lisk **Nursery:** Grayson Harris **Preschool Partners:** Angie Earnhardt; Kelly Lentz **Nana & Papa Team:** Gayle & Ned Russell **Children's Church:** Michelle Cumming

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Ruth Ann Rogers, Betty Stancil (sister of Bill Hall; continuing health concerns), Doug Archer (cancer), Frank Osborne (brother of Lillie Hancock), Rodney Morgan. **See newsletter for complete list.**



**FELLOWSHIP
&
LEMONADE
ON THE
LAWN
EVERY SUNDAY
FOLLOWING
WORSHIP
IN THE
PIT STOP**

Worship continues with fellowship in the Pit Stop. Join others for lemonade and conversation.



**First Presbyterian Church Congregational Retreat
October 12-14
Morrow Mountain State Park**

It's not too early to sign-up for First Presbyterian Church's congregational retreat on October 12-14 at Morrow Mountain State Park. See Greg Lisk at Lemonade on the Lawn after worship for more information.

Summer Sermon Series

This summer, Matt and Elizabeth will lead us in taking a look at the life of the early Christian church – its challenges and practices – through the lens of the New Testament book of Acts. Sermons on June 24-July 29 will focus on texts in Acts.



Vespers & Homemade Ice Cream



- What is it?** An outdoor, informal, child-friendly, worship opportunity
- When is it?** Sunday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m.
- Where is it?** At the home of Connie Wallace & Ken Knight (45118 Byrd Rd., Albemarle)
- What else?** Bring a chair and contact the church office if you can bring a freezer of ice cream.

JUNE BOOK CONVERSATION ON MONDAY, JUNE 25 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH PARLOR

Desperation Road by Michael Farris Smith

Books are available for purchase for \$12.00 in the church office.

Summer Movie Night

Wednesday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gym

Movie: *The Lion King*

Come watch a movie with a great plot, captivating characters, and memorable music!

*Bring the entire family out to enjoy a movie with friends, popcorn, candy & drinks...

*Bring a chair or blanket and plan to relax and laugh out loud!!!



Will You Check Your Bookshelves? We are looking to borrow 10-12 copies of Jan Karon's book, *Shepherds Abiding*, for the August book conversation. If you have one to loan, please let Kyle know (klambert@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) or drop it by the church.

The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until **July 12**. Applications are available in the church office. If you have questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org). Applications may be submitted by individual church members or committee chairpersons. Once funding requests are received, the Endowment Committee will review the applications and determine which requests will be funded. Personal interviews may be requested if further information is needed regarding a funding request. If you have questions about the application process, please contact the office. Endowment Committee members include: Steve Cumming, Chair; Lee McLaurin, ex-officio, Laura Blalock, Patrick Currie, Bob Gaither, and Mary Kesselman.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 24

- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Fellowship & Lemonade on the Lawn (Pit Stop)
- 6:30 pm Vespers at the home of Connie Wallace and Ken Knight
(45118 Byrd Rd., Albemarle)

Monday, June 25

- 8:30 am Youth Group Monday Morning Mission
- 7:00 pm Book Conversation (Parlor)

Wednesday, June 27

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 6:30 pm Summer Movie Night (Gym) – *The Lion King*

Thursday, June 28

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Sunday, July 1

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering

- 9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (Pit Stop)
- 11:00 am Mission Committee (Session Room)

*childcare provided

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JUNE

- 25-Jane Lisk
Ann Snuggs
- 26-Jim Marshall
- 27-Elizabeth Bryson
Keith Bryson
Patrick Martin
- 28-Maddox Jolly
Sophie Poplin
Robin Lemons
- 30-Anna Wainwright

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JUNE

- 24-Jim & Iris Coggins
Glenn & Becky Miller
- 25-Bill & Nancy Jolly
David & Ellen Whitley
- 26-David & Mellanie Morgan
- 27-Mike & Laura McLeod
Frank & Beth Poolos
- 28-Wes & Melissa Eudy
- 29-Ken Knight & Connie Wallace
- 30-Dave & Patty MacMurray

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY

- 01-Gina Martin
Ben McLeod

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR

JUNE

Rice, Macaroni & Cheese, Pasta,
Stuffing, Instant Potatoes

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR

JULY

Canned Meats
Tuna, Chicken, Spam, Salmon