



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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September 9, 2018

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

**MORNING MEDITATION**

*A profession of faith is not a part-time promise; it's a whole time, all the time, every time way of life, and we who say we believe in Jesus Christ are saying now and tomorrow and forever.*

From the poem,  
*Faith*  
by Ann Weems.

**PEALING OF THE BELLS**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

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

**PRELUDE**            *When in Our Music God Is Glorified*            Albert L. Travis

**\*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hymn 390            *Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!*            Louez le Seigneur

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Unchanging God, you have blessed us forever through the Beloved One, Jesus Christ our Lord. Born again by your word of truth, let us live out your love, doing your word, caring for the weak and vulnerable in their distress, and ever pursuing your reign of justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

James 1:18, 25, 27  
Psalm 45:6

**\*HYMN 157**            *I Danced in the Morning*            Lord of the Dance

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, you call us to be your beloved children and to care for one another, yet we fail to love others and ourselves. Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to you. Forgive us, and then tenderly teach us to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of your love, by the grace and mercy of Christ.**

**\*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.**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### COMMISSIONING OF TEACHERS AND LEADERS IN THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM

#### Introduction

#### Commitment by Teachers and Leaders

Leader: Christian friends, as Jesus called men and women to service, so God has called us to participate in the redemption of all creation, and each of us has been given a unique expression of God's Spirit. We are to develop, refine, and use what has been given to us for the common good. At the celebration of baptism, we pledge ourselves to nurture one another in the faith. You, as teachers and leaders, carry a particular joy and responsibility. You were chosen from among us to teach us and our children. You are charged to represent the gospel of God with gentleness and insight as the Spirit guides you in your words and in your witness with us. Through your ministry, our faith will be nurtured and deepened. We look to you to equip us to live the truth of Jesus Christ in community, family, workplace, and world. Do you promise, by the grace of God, to give yourselves to this calling with diligence, energy, and love, and to be guided by the Spirit and the Word of God?

**Teachers and Leaders: We do, by God's grace.**

Leader: Friends, let us acknowledge the gifts and calling of our sisters and brothers.

**Congregation: We receive you as servants of Christ; we pledge to support you in your service. We will encourage you with our words and our prayers. We consider ourselves co-workers with you in the service of Christ.**

#### Charge

Sarah Michael

Leader: Servants of Christ, accept the service with which you have been entrusted. Do not neglect the gift that is in you. Present yourselves to God as approved workers, ever faithful to the Spirit of God. Remember always that Jesus called you friends as well as servants. Attend to prayer, for without God you can do nothing.

#### Prayer (unison)

**All: Spirit of the living God, in every age you have appointed teachers to tell of your power, justice, and love. We thank you for brothers and sisters in faith committed to teaching us your ways and your words. We give thanks for the evidence of your Holy Spirit that we and our children experience in this community of learning. We commend ourselves and our sisters and brothers to your constant love and guidance. Fill them with grace and grant them the strength and peace of your Spirit. Amen.**

\*HYMN 462

*I Love to Tell the Story*

Hankey

#### FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Barbara McManus

*Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Faith Sharing with Children, 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING [Psalm 150](#) Pew Bible, page 551  
*The leader will read the odd numbered verses; the congregation will respond by reading the even numbered verses.*

ANTHEM *With a Voice of Singing* Martin Shaw

NEW TESTAMENT READING [Mark 7:24-37](#) Pew Bible, page 40  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Be Opened* Rev. Ayscue

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION Melissa Eudy

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Drumheller

**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.**

TITHES AND OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

\*Doxology

*Aria*

William Lloyd Webber  
hymnal, page 606

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
**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.**

\*HYMN 761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* Beecher

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE R.V. Williams  
*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

\*POSTLUDE *Toccata in e minor* Johann Pachelbel

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\*All who are able may stand

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

From the *Brief Statement of Faith.*

*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.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
 Grady Thomas (Tom) Rabe  
 November 21, 1924-August 30, 2018

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

**Ushers:** Jill Niebler, captain; Steve Cumming, Heather Deese, Nancy Joines, Katherine Jolly, Ken Knight, Andy McLeod, Shelley Shedd **Outside Ushers:** John Howell; Kyle Marks **Elder Greeters:** Joyce Lambert; Rich Schaefer **Nursery:** Kaitlyn Massey **Kids Care Crew:** Jack & Penny Morton **Children's Church:** Liz Davis; Luke Davis

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** The family of Tom Rabe, Conor Granger (nephew of Lara McLeod; mental health issues), Holly Norwood, Veronica Fraser (friend of Debby Johnston; pancreatic cancer), Jack Dickerson (father of Susan Pandich), Judy Murrell, Jennie Green (sister of Kristie Bryson), Joan Bunn (health concerns; friend of Gina Martin), Kathy Miles Gordon (pancreatic cancer; friend of Ruth Goodwin), Sally Grantier, Denise LaBoube (half-sister of Martha White; diagnosed with brain cancer – Astrocytoma), Sally Warburton (friend of Debbie & John Hahn), Hessie Clark. See newsletter for complete list.

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**Beginning September 9, worship returns to 11:00 a.m.**

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**PrimeTimers' Luncheon**  
**Thursday, September 13 at Noon in the Pit Stop**  
**Topic: Programs & Volunteer Opportunities with Central Elementary School**  
**Lunch will be served prior to the program.**

**Menu: Sandwiches, Salads, Fruit, Desserts, & Beverages**

Please RSVP by Monday, September 10 to Kyle (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)).

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**First Presbyterian Church presents the Fall Art Exhibit**  
*Face Off 2018*

**featuring works by GHA Autism Supports Creative Arts Program**

The congregation is invited to meet the artists at the Art Gallery Reception on Tuesday, September 11 from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in the common area. Refreshments will be served.

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**ACOLYTE TRAINING**

**For Whom? 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**When? Sunday, September 9 after worship**

**Where? At the front of the sanctuary**

Join Dr. Marshall and Elizabeth for about 30 minutes as they prepare you for the important role of bringing the light of Christ into our worship space on Sunday mornings.

## GRANDPARENTS' DAY FLOWERS

**In memory of:**

**Given by:**

John & Martha McNair; Austin & Madge Ayscue ..... Rebekah Ayscue & Spencer Ayscue  
 Ed & Betty Stanhope ..... James Cotton  
 Bill & Daisy Cotton ..... James Cotton  
 Jim Ivey, Jr.; Bill Stiller; Paul Cox ..... William Ivey & Robert Ivey  
 Ben & Anne Ridenhour; Dr. F.L. & Virginia Marshall ..... Trisha, Brittany, Ashley, Ginny, and Luke  
 Rodney M. Morgan (Papa) ..... Magnificent Seven (plus 4)  
 David & Kay Nash ..... Danny Saltzman & Katie Saltzman

**In honor of:**

**Given by:**

Chris & Jackie Crane ..... Danny Saltzman and Katie Saltzman  
 Tommy & Debbe Gibson ..... Carter Elizabeth Gibson & Emma Catherine Gibson  
 Chris & Mark Mabry ..... Carter Elizabeth Gibson & Emma Catherine Gibson  
 Margaret Ivey; Brenda Cox ..... William Ivey & Robert Ivey  
 Rita Morgan (Nana) ..... Magnificent Seven (plus 4)  
 Terry & Pam Morgan ..... Morgan Kinley & Merrin Kinley

**New This Fall...Fun, Light, Easy Exercise**

What is it? A seated stretching exercise class. All exercises can be easily modified to benefit every fitness level.

When? Tuesdays & Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. beginning September 11

Where? In the gym

Instructor? Our own Kim Robertson will lead the group.

Relax & de-stress while improving flexibility and muscle tone.



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**INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP  
AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?**

If you have been visiting this congregation for a while (or just showed up) and want to know more about the privilege and responsibility of ministry, plan to join Matt and members of the Membership Committee for a very brief meeting.

When? Following worship on Sunday, September 23

Where? In the Parlor

Can't make the meeting? Contact Matt Drumheller (704-982-2722 or [mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)).

We'll share brief conversation and set a date to talk about the Presbyterian Church and this congregation specifically.

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**Backpack Food Program**

**Donations Needed:**

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

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.



*Teachers and Leaders in Christian Education*

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| Linda Anderson   | Jim Hesley        | Penny Morton      |
| Allison Atwater  | Debby Johnston    | Jill Niebler      |
| Rebekah Ayscue   | Bill Jolly        | Courtney Niederer |
| Skeet Ayscue     | Liz Jolly         | Frankie Palmer    |
| Taylor Barbee    | Katherine Jolly   | Jacob Palmer      |
| Debbie Bennett   | David Kilde       | Beth Poolos       |
| Jane Boone       | Heather Kilde     | Frank Poolos      |
| Elizabeth Bryson | Cathy King        | Lynn Poplin       |
| Kristie Bryson   | Greg Lisk         | Brett Richards    |
| Liz Davis        | Chris Mabry       | Kim Robertson     |
| Luke Davis       | Kyle Marks        | Gayle Russell     |
| Heather Deese    | Laura Beth Marks  | Ned Russell       |
| Matt Drumheller  | Lee McLaurin      | Rose Saltzman     |
| Ann Duckwall     | Laura McLeod      | Carol Sasser      |
| Melissa Eudy     | Mike McLeod       | Rich Schaefer     |
| Wes Eudy         | Barbara McManus   | Jane Snyder       |
| Susan Garrison   | Ronnie Michael    | Salem Taylor      |
| Kate Gibson      | Sarah Michael     | Teresa Taylor     |
| Martha Sue Hall  | Catherine Moeller | Thomas Taylor     |
| Lillie Hancock   | Matt Moeller      | Terri West        |
| Dorothy Hart     | Jack Morton       | Martha White      |

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*DANCING WITH YOUR FAITH*

*RALLY DAY*

*SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE GYM*

**We will praise the Lord with tambourine and dance (Psalm 150) from morning til night. The Christian Education Committee is planning a faith-filled morning to kick-off the new year in Christian Education. Games, Art, Music, & Much More!!! Come for a pancake breakfast with all the trimmings!**

*RALLY DAY EVENT*

*SQUARE DANCE & LINE DANCING FOR ALL AGES*

*SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 AT 5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. IN THE GYM*

**Pizza & Ice Cream available for a suggested donation of \$5.00 per person/\$15.00 per family.**

**5:00 p.m. Dance...6:00 p.m. Dinner**

**All dances will be taught on the spot and will be easy to learn.**

**There will also be some dance demonstrations by our experienced dancers.**

**This will be a family friendly evening for the entire congregation.**

**Don't miss a minute of it!**

Faith Explorers

Our 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders will enjoy monthly outings during the school year, as well as a clearly defined program during Youth Club on Wednesdays.

First Outing: Sunday, September 16

Pool Party & Pizza after worship at the home of Penny & Jack Morton

Bring your bathing suit, towel, and sunscreen to church as we'll head over to the pool after worship.

Pick-up time: 3:00 p.m. at the Morton's home  
(40313 Hoops Court, Albemarle)

**POOL PARTY**

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT  
OCTOBER 12-14

MORROW MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

SIGN-UP DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12!

CONTACT THE OFFICE (704-982-2722 OR KLAMBERT@FPCALBEMARLE.ORG)

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*What is Youth Cubs/Clubs?*

*An afternoon of Christian Education adventures for children ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade.*

First Day of Youth Cubs/Youth Club is  
Wednesday, September 12 from  
3:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Orff (percussion) instruments for K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders led by Daniel Dickens from 5:15 p.m. -5:45 p.m.

Handbells for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders led by Frank Poolos from 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

\*Childcare provided for preschoolers until 5:45 p.m. For more information, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

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**Monday Evening Bible Study with Matt**

Continuing on September 10, Matt will host a weekly Bible study on Monday evenings at 8:00 pm at Off the Square. We will spend time exploring Scripture, eating good food and talking about life and faith. Anyone is welcome to join Matt for this ecumenical study.

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, September 9

*Rally Day/Commissioning of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education/Grandparent's Day*

- 8:45 am \*Diaconate
- 9:30 am \*Rally Day (Gym)
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee Meeting
- 12:00 pm Acolyte Training
- 5:00 pm-7:00 pm Line Dancing & Square Dancing Fellowship

### Monday, September 10

- 8:00 pm Monday Evening Bible Study w/Matt at Off the Square

### Tuesday, September 11

- 11:15 am Light Exercise/Stretching (Gym)
- 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Art Gallery Reception

### Wednesday, September 12

*First Day of Youth Club*

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 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 Club Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, September 13

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:15 am Light Exercise/Stretching (Gym)
- 12:00 pm PrimeTimers' Luncheon

### Sunday, September 16

- 8:30 am \*Session
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm Faith Explorers' Pool Party
- 5:00 pm Youth Group Dinner at the Moeller's

**\*childcare provided**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### SEPTEMBER

- 10-Bryce Kimrey  
Grace Richards
- 11-Kelly Lentz  
Ned Russell
- 13-Jane Pickler  
Carolyn Sharpe
- 15-Jim Hesley
- 16-Kyle Marks  
David Morgan

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### SEPTEMBER

- 10-Rich & Janet Schaefer
- 15-Banks & Susan Garrison
- 16-Don & Sheryl Stewart

## SCCM CHALLENGE FOR SEPTEMBER

Paper Goods  
(Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels, Facial Tissue,  
Cleaning Supplies)

## Attention College Students & Parents

Please contact the church office  
(klambert@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722)  
with your college mailing address  
and email address.

shhh....  
it's a secret

### Would You Like To Be A Silent Partner?

We need people to serve as a Silent Partner to our college students away at school. Contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) to say you'll help.