



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Grace and gratitude belong together like heaven and earth. Grace evokes gratitude like the voice an echo. Gratitude follows grace like thunder follows lightning.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

PRELUDE

Bread of the World

John S.B. Hodges

Youth Club Handbell Ensemble arr. Margaret R. Tucker

Cooper Atwater, Zi'yonna Brown, Elliana Burleson, Hugh Carpenter,

Emily Deese, Cidney Eudy, Nathaniel Eudy, Jordan Hesley, Ellie Niederer,

Natalie Niederer, Ke'zia Redfearn, Seth Richards, Thomas Shedd, Holden Taylor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us praise the Lord!

Let us sing for joy to God, who protects us!

Let us come before him with thanksgiving.

And sing songs of praise.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger may be brought forward at this time.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

From
Church
Dogmatics
by Karl Barth

Psalms 95:1-2;
from *Today's
English
Version*

*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

ANTHEM *God and God Alone* Phill McHugh
Thou Art Worthy Paulene M. Mills
How Majestic Is Your Name Michael W. Smith
Faith Explorers: Cooper Atwater, Nathaniel Eudy, Thora Kilde, Bailey Motes, Natalie Niederer, Ke'zia Redfearn, Seth Richards, Thomas Shedd, Holden Taylor, Caroline West

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN Melissa Eudy
Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Faith Sharing with Children, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING [Colossians 3:12-17](#) Pew Bible, page 190
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *And Be Thankful* Mrs. 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 in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS

Leader: In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.

People: In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.

Leader: In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

People: In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.

Leader: In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

People: In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.

Leader: When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

People: When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.

Leader: When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.

People: So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us.

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

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

An excerpt from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, written following the 1983 reunion of the northern and southern branches of the Presbyterian Church.

ANTHEM

Pie Jesu from 'Requiem'

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Ann Crutchfield, Soprano

*Blessed Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
grant them everlasting rest.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

During the prayer, a bell will toll for these saints of First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, who have entered the Church Triumphant since All Saints Day 2017.

Toby Webb	November 9, 2017	Tom Rabe	August 30, 2018
Ginny Connell	July 27, 2018	Hessie Clark	September 21, 2018
Rodney Morgan	August 3, 2018	Norman Rogers	October 27, 2018

*HYMN 326

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

During the singing of the hymn, the congregation is invited to place a flower in the basket in memory of the saints of their lives.

TITHES AND OFFERING

Invitation

As followers of Jesus, we are called to give ourselves for others, as Jesus has given himself for us.

With gratitude for Christ's grace, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory *O How Blessed* Johannes Brahms

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

Leader:... Remembering that we are not alone at this table, we join our voices with all the saints whom you have called, from all times and places, who forever sing your praise.

Organ Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow 'er and
 might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

Leader:... Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

Distribution and Sharing of the Elements

Anthem *O Lamb of God* Malcolm Archer

Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* Let Us Break Bread

The congregation is invited to sing the hymn while communion is being served.

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Let us drink wine together...

Let us praise God together on our knees...

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful – those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *God Be in My Head* John Rutter

*POSTLUDE *O Welt ich muss dich lassen* Johannes Brahms

*All that are able may stand.

We rejoice that you are worshiping 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 Niederer. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thanks to the Youth Club Handbell Ensemble and the Faith Explorers for their musical leadership in worship today.

There is no Children's Church today. School-aged children are encouraged to remain in worship.

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on Sunday, November 4.

Pledge cards may be placed in the offering plates when they are passed.

Ushers: Brett Richards, captain; Jim Hesley, Judy Kilgore, Grace Richards, Danny Saltzman, and Rose Saltzman **Outside Ushers:** Matt Carpenter; Eric Niederer **Elder Greeters:** Lee Boone; Dona Lisk **Nursery:** Cortney Brown **Kids Care Crew:** Barbara & Chris Whitley

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Norman Rogers (husband of Peggy Rogers), Cam Rogers, Cyndi Thornton (niece of Lynn White; breast cancer), Sally Warburton (friend of Debbie & John Hahn), Marty Goforth (friend of Debbie & John Hahn; treatment for melanoma), Margaret Brooks (friend of Debbie & John Hahn), Katherine Cox (mother of Sherrie Richards; health concerns), Conor Granger (nephew of Laura McLeod; mental health issues), Judy Murrell. See newsletter for complete list.

IN MEMORIAM
Norman Eugene Rogers
October 4, 1935-October 27, 2018



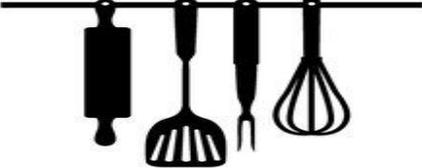
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
Return Filled Boxes on Sunday, November 4

First Family Dinner
Wednesday, November 7
Evening Prayer at 5:45 p.m. in the Chapel
Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym
Menu: Taco Bar, Nachos & Cheese, Black Beans, Mexican Rice,
PB & J Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts,
Tea, Lemonade, Coffee
Contact the church office to make reservations
(704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)
by noon on Tuesday, November 6 to say you're coming.

Volunteers Are Needed for First Family Gathering

- Los Dessert Crew: Tuesday, November 6 at 10:00 a.m.
- Los Taco & Salad Crew: Wednesday, November 7 at 10:00 a.m.
- Los Set-up Crew: Wednesday, November 7 at 3:45 p.m.
- Los Final Touches Crew: Wednesday, November 7 at 5:00 p.m.
- Los Clean-up Crew: Wednesday, November 7 at 6:45 p.m.

Please call Senora Jane Snyder at the church (704-982-2722) or on her cell phone (704-438-3358) if you would like to help!



Cooking Class with Executive Chef, Jennifer Leamons
Friday, November 9 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Cost \$15.00

Come and join Chef Jennifer Leamons from Atrium Health. Chef Jennifer is so fun to be around and has a wealth of knowledge!

Email, Text, or Call Jane Snyder to sign-up. jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-438-3358

The Worship Committee will fill the sanctuary windows with angels and churches during Advent. Please share yours – of any size and material – along with a sentence or two about where the item came from and should be marked with the owner's name. All angels and churches need to be at the church by Tuesday, November 27.

SERRV Fair Trade Bazaar
Sunday, November 11
 This is the place to find...

- ❖ Gifts with purpose – Working with a cooperative provides a path to quality employment for young moms in Chicago who are battling homelessness and poverty. They learn a trade while building the skills needed to make a brighter future. Cooperatives in 24 countries, building on traditional handcrafts, using sustainably harvested, native species, provide unique and beautiful gifts for us as they provide opportunity and hope for their artisans and farmers.
- ❖ Environmentally sensitive gifts – some organic or shade grown products which are shipped in recyclables.
- ❖ Fair trade gifts – artisan’s and farmer’s cooperatives have input in setting a fair price for their products.
- ❖ Gifts for under \$10.00 – coffee, tea, chocolates, baking cocoa, nuts, soup mix, jams, mango chutney, spice mixes, olive oil, and other food items.

Will you help support this mission?

We’ll be in the pit stop from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 11.

Bring your Christmas shopping list!



**Time for Homes of Hope’s Fall...
 HEARTY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER
 Friday, November 9th ...6:30 am – 9:30 am
 Central United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
 172 N. Second Street, Albemarle
 Donations Accepted!
 Enjoy a Hearty Breakfast of:
 Scrambled Eggs, Cereal, Bacon, Biscuits, Pancakes,
 Fruit, Grits, Gravy, Sausage, Juice, & Coffee**

VETERANS’ DAY FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

On Veterans Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of veterans. **Each name is \$2.00.** Please mail, deliver or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **no later than Sunday, November 4.** Please make your check payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and designate for Veterans Day Arrangements. The names of donors and those being remembered/honored will be listed on Sunday, November 11. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister’s Discretionary Fund.



VETERANS’ DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 4 *Consecration Sunday/All Saints Day/*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Ten-Cents-A-Meal/

Faith Explorers Sing/Youth Club Handbell Ensemble Ring/

Deadline for Veteran's Day Flower Form/Daylight Saving Time Ends

- 8:30 am Mission Committee
- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:30 am Faith Explorers' Rehearsal
- 9:45 am Youth Club Handbell Rehearsal
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Consecration Luncheon (Gym)
- 2:00 pm-5:00 pm New Officer Training (Parlor)
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Called Session Meeting

Monday, November 5

- 7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Gloria Bryson
(811 Smith St., Albemarle)
- 8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt

Tuesday, November 6

- 10:00 am First Family Dessert Crew

Wednesday, November 7

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am First Family Taco & Salad Crew
- 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
- 3:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 3:45 am First Family Set-Up Crew
- 5:00 pm First Family Final Touches Crew
- 5:45 pm Evening Prayer (Chapel)
- 6:00 pm First Family Dinner
- 6:45 pm First Family Clean-Up Crew
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 8

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, November 9

- 6:30 am-9:30 am Homes of Hope Breakfast at Central UMC
(172 North 2nd St., Albemarle)
- 10:00 am-12:00 pm Cooking Class

Sunday, November 11 *The Sacrament of Baptism/SERRV Bazaar in the Pit Stop/Veteran's Day*

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:30 am-11:30 am SERRV Bazaar (Pit Stop)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:45 pm Presbyterian Habitat Build Groundbreaking (Badin)
- 12:00 pm-1:00 pm SERRV Bazaar (Pit Stop)
- 2:00 pm-5:00 pm New Officer Training (Parlor)
- 3:00 pm-6:00 pm Presbytery Youth Day at Sharon Presbyterian

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER

- 04-Connie Wallace
- 06-Shannon Newport
- 08-Leni Henkenjohann
Nancy Joines
Mary Louise Sawyer
- 09-Ann Duckwall
Ross Holshouser
Sarah Newport
- 11-Rose Saltzman
Bill Stevenson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

NOVEMBER

- 03-Matt & Katie Carpenter

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR NOVEMBER

Canned or Dried Beans, Canned Tomatoes, Rice



**First Presbyterian Church
presents the Fall Art Exhibit**

Face Off 2018

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