



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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November 11, 2018

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Lord, hear; Lord, forgive; Lord, do. Hear what we speak not; forgive what we speak amiss; do what we leave undone; that not according to our words, or our deeds, but according to your mercy and truth, all may work for your glory, and the good of your kingdom. Amen.

Prayer from
Maria Ware
(1798).

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

PRELUDE

Prelude

Healey Willan

***CHORAL INTROIT**

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

Basil Harwood

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

The Lord watches over the strangers;

God upholds those who are in need. Let us worship God.

Psalm 136
Psalm 146

***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 363**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

Darwall's 148th

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

Unison

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. We revel in power and privilege while many are struggling to survive. We boast of our great contributions while some who have little give all. Forgive us, God of grace. Strip us of all pride and pretense and clothe us in your mercy alone, ready to meet you in your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark 12:38-44

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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.

*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

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation and Questions

*Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptisms

Introduction to the Congregation

Anthem

God, Bless the Child

Lloyd Larson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Compassionate God, all creation delights in the radiant presence of your Word. May the authority of your Spirit bring understanding to our confused minds and truth to our troubled hearts. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING [Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17](#) Pew Bible, page 231

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

Craig Courtney

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Mark 12:38-44](#)

Pew Bible, page 46

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Widow

Rev. Drumheller

*HYMN 351

All Who Love and Serve Your City

Charlestown

During the hymn, ushers will collect your prayers to be included in the Prayers of the People.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Brother James' Air

Dale Wood

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 301

Let Us Build a House

Two Oaks

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

*POSTLUDE

We Praise You, O God

Healey Willan

*All that are able may stand.

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.

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 Elizabeth Bryson. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Grace Katharine Maust, daughter of Ashley and Keith Maust, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Jim Marshall is assisting as Elder.

Ushers: Brett Richards, captain; Jim Hesley, Judy Kilgore, Grace Richards, Danny Saltzman, and Rose Saltzman
Outside Ushers: Mark Andrew; Jack Morton **Elder Greeters:** Lee Boone; Dona Lisk **Nursery:** Cortney Brown
Kids Care Crew: Jack & Penny Morton

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Judy Smith (friend of Meredith Moses; pancreatic cancer), 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.

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

Will you help support this mission?

Bring your Christmas shopping list!

Located 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.

Habitat for Humanity Project Update

Groundbreaking for the Badin House

Sunday, November 11 at 12:45 p.m.



We are prepared to break ground on the 52nd Stanly County Habitat for Humanity house! After church on Sunday, November 11, Norwood First Presbyterian Church, Locust Presbyterian Church, and First Presbyterian Church-Albemarle, will all gather at the build site behind the old Alcoa plant in Badin to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony and eat lunch together. We'll meet the homeowner, Kendra Johnson and her family. Bring a chair and dress casually.

Directions to the Habitat site:

Take Badin Road (Hwy 740) to Badin.

Turn the first left as you enter Badin onto West Street. This will take you behind the old Alcoa plant.

Continue West Street to the stop sign.

Turn right onto Jackson Street.

The Habitat site is at the first empty lot on the left (flanked by houses).



Tea & Conversation

Thursday, November 15 at 2:00 p.m.

In the Church Parlor

In addition to good food and supportive conversation, our Kim Robertson will lead gentle stretches (which can be done sitting down) as she describes the full body benefits of stretching...and you'll feel them immediately.



November 18th is the Youth Group Friendsgiving event. We will meet at the church at 6 p.m. for a potluck dinner...please bring a dish to share! Friends are welcome to attend. Let Dorothy know via email or text what you plan to bring.

VETERAN'S DAY FLOWERS

IN MEMORY OF:

GIVEN BY:

Edward Arnold	Linda Anderson
Jack Dumpert.....	Linda Anderson
Eric Gustave Pophal, U.S.V. 1917-1919.....	Bill Hall
M. Palmer Harris, Jr., US Army WWII	Martha Sue
M. Palmer Harris, Sr., US Army WWI.....	Martha Sue
John M. Hesley, US Navy	Jim Hesley
Ruth W. Hesley, US Navy.....	Jim Hesley
David C. King, AOM ² US Navy	Mike & Cathy King
Clegg Hall Carpenter, US Army WWII.....	Danny & Kyle Lambert
Rodney Mabry Morgan	Rita Morgan & Family
William Barringer, USA.....	Frankie Palmer
Melvin Hatley, USAF.....	Frankie Palmer
Robert Palmer, USAF.....	Frankie Palmer
Hubert Goad	Lynn & Gerald Poplin
Paul B. Poplin.....	Lynn & Gerald Poplin
Tom Rabe	Lynn & Gerald Poplin
Hubert Goad	Jean Rabe
Tom Rabe	Jean Rabe
John Robertson.....	Jeff & Kim Robertson
Joseph F. Russell	Miriam, Tom, & Joe, Jr.
Manus Samples, US Army, WWII.....	Dan Samples

IN HONOR OF:

GIVEN BY:

Bob Gaither, US Army.....	Donna Gaither
Lt. Col. Dan Samples, Ret. USAF – Operation Desert Storm	Martha Sue
Staff Sgt. Daniel Samples, NC Air National Guard.....	Dan & Martha Sue
Bubba Hesley, US Army	Jim Hesley
Jenny Hesley, US Army	Jim Hesley
Brian S. White, SFC, US Army	Mike & Cathy King
Daniel Hall Lambert, TSgt. US Air Force	Danny & Kyle Lambert
Terry Morgan, US Army	Austin & Amber, Allison, Morgan, & Merrin
Wade Hatley, USMC.....	Frankie Palmer
Bill Pickler.....	His Family
Ned Beachum	Kim & Jeff Robertson

**2018 Thanksgiving Offering for Children's Hope Alliance
(formerly called Barium Springs Home for Children)**

Sunday, November 18

The mission of Children's Hope Alliance is to provide a safe, healing journey for hurting children and families – creating hope now and in the future. All of the services provided by Children's Hope Alliance create hope for hurting children and families in three ways...

*Healing the hurt, providing a safe home,
and encouraging a healthy start!*

Your generous donation will make an impact on each child.

Bring your offering on Sunday, November 18.

*This is my commandment, that you love one another
as I have loved you. John 15:12 (NSRV)*



Community Thanksgiving Worship

Date: Sunday, November 18

Time: 7:00 p.m.

**Location: The Gathering
(175 North 1st Street, Albemarle)**

Preacher: Pastor James Laurence of First Lutheran Church, Albemarle
Other downtown pastors will assist in worship.

A reception will follow.



Holiday Market presented by The Mary & Martha Center for Women

Saturday, November 17...9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

243 North 2nd Street, Albemarle

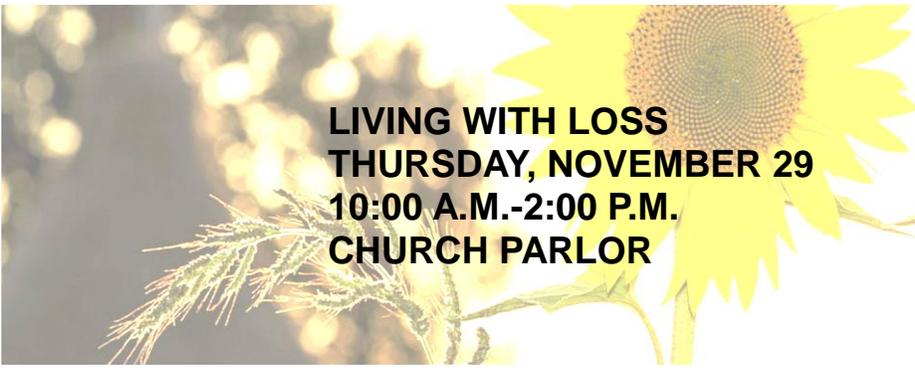
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| Pottery | Knitted Dishcloths |
| Soaps | Painted Wine Glasses |
| Paintings | Home Decor |
| Jewelry | Wreaths |
| Woodcarvings | Baked Goods |
| Gourd Ornaments | Clay Ornaments |
| Stained Glass | Knitted Hats & Scarves |

And more work by regional artists!

Alternative Christmas Gifts

On November 25 and December 2, 9, and 16, there will be opportunities to purchase alternative gifts in the Pit Stop. You will be able to select from among both local and international recipients. For each purchase, you will receive one of several holiday-themed acknowledgement cards. The charities are: The Community Care Clinic, Homes of Hope/The Community Inn, Stanly Community Christian Ministry (SCCM), and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).





**LIVING WITH LOSS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29
10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.
CHURCH PARLOR**

Join Elizabeth and Jane Snyder for this conversation as we look at life’s losses (death, health, home, independence) in the past and others that will surely come. Using resources of faith, we will talk about some losses and how the community of faith assists in healing. Margaret Fields will provide helpful information.

They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

(Isaiah 40:31)

Lunch will be at Second Stree Sundries (dutch treat).

Please sign up by November 12.

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



Faith Explorer Outing
Hiking Morrow Mountain

Sunday, November 18 following worship

The Faith Explorers will be going on a hike to Morrow Mountain following worship on Sunday, November 18. Bring athletic clothing to change in to and pack a lunch to enjoy at our halfway point. Contact Dorothy to sign-up (dorothyhart@fpcalbemarle.org or 828-244-3824).

**Baked Items Needed for the Youth Sponsored
Christmas Kitchen on Sunday, December 16**

If you are willing to make and donate cakes, pies, casseroles, etc., for the youth sponsored Christmas kitchen, please sign-up below and place in the offering plate.

Contact Dorothy if you have questions.

dorothyhart@fpcalbemarle.org or 828-244-3824.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Item(s) you will make & donate: _____

Thank you in advance for your help.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

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)

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, November 12

8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt

Tuesday, November 13

12:00 pm December Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, November 14

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

3:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 15

10:00 am Staff Meeting

2:00 pm Tea & Conversation (parlor)

Saturday, November 17

9:00 am-2:00 pm Mary & Martha Center Holiday Market
(243 North 2nd St., Albemarle)

Sunday, November 18

Thanksgiving Offering for Children's Hope Alliance

8:30 am *Session

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Faith Explorers' trip to Morrow Mountain

6:00 pm Youth Group Friendsgiving Potluck Dinner

7:00 pm *Community Thanksgiving Service at The Gathering
(175 North 1st Street, Albemarle)

*childcare provided

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER

11-Rose Saltzman

Bill Stevenson

12-Jay Andrew

13-Lori Ivey

14-Carol Sasser

15-Blue Honeycutt

17-Taylor Johnston

18-Lee McManus

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

NOVEMBER

17-Steve & Michelle Cumming

Richard & Joyce Lambert



First Presbyterian
Church presents the
Fall Art Exhibit
Face Off 2018
featuring works by
GHA Autism Supports
Creative Arts Program

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR NOVEMBER

Canned or Dried Beans

Canned Tomatoes

Rice



Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:

Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish,

Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper,

Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Next Packing Date: Monday, November 19 at 10:30 a.m.