



The Weekly Bulletin
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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

The one thing we know God for certain is that *God is love*. Where there is not love, even if there is righteousness, or justice, it is not God. If we love God, then we must also love each other. Indeed it would be a good and joyful thing if all God's children could learn to dwell together in unity. Can the heavenly kingdom come until this happens?

From
*Glimpses of
Grace*
by Madeleine
L'Engle

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

CHORAL INTROIT

Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing

Arthur H. Messiter

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship our God, for there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Parent of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

We come with humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love.

*Ephesians 4:2,
4-6*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Giver of life, every day you rain down manna from heaven so that we can eat the bread of angels. Turn our complaints into gratitude, that we, as a church, may mature into the body of the risen Christ given for the life of the world. Amen.

Ephesians 4:13

*HYMN 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

God, you have called us to live lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. But we confess to you and each other that we have not always spoken the truth in love; we have not always made every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Forgive us and, by your grace, help us to grow in every way.

*Ephesians 4:1,
3, 15*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Glory to God hymnal
page 582

***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

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

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Reverend Ayscue

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of Faith Sharing with Children, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING [*Psalm 103:1-14*](#) Pew Bible, page 523

ANTHEM *If I Have Not Love* Mark Schweizer
Frank Poolos, Oboe

Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels,
Though my faith is a faith that can move a mountain;
Though I give all I possess, all is for nothing if I have not love.

Though I give myself to be broken,
And prophesy with understanding, and have all knowledge and power,
All is for nothing if I have not love.

Love is patient, love is kind, Love rejoices ever in truth.
Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never dies.

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
The Lord lift up his eyes to you and be gracious unto you.
And give you peace, Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS [*Ephesians 4:1-7*](#) Pew Bible, page 182

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *A Road to Unity* Anna Wainwright

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

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God; preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Brief Statement of Faith,
written to be used in
worship, speaks much more
about the life and earthly
ministry of Jesus than many
earlier confessions.

***HYMN 737** *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* Les petites soeurs
*During the hymn, ushers will collect your prayers
to be included in the Prayers of the People.*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION Ronnie Michael

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Reverend Ayscue
AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Doxology

O Rest in the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

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.

*Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN 761** *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service* Beecher

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** Mark Schweizer

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

***POSTLUDE** *Postlude on ‘Laudes Domini’* Dale Wood

*All that are able may stand.

We are grateful for your presence 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.

We are delighted to hear the Word proclaimed by Anna Wainwright. A child of this congregation, Anna is a rising junior at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, where she is majoring in Sociology and American History with a minor in Spanish. She is active in Presbyterian Campus Ministry and worships in Chapel Hill at University Presbyterian Church. Anna is the daughter of Debbie and Hugh Wainwright and sister to Quinton.

There is no Children’s Church in June, July, and August. School-aged children are encouraged to remain in worship. Nursery is available for newborns-preschoolers.

Ushers: Jill Niebler, captain; Ella Cumming, Steve Cumming, Heather Deese, Katherine Jolly, and Dona Lisk
Outside Ushers: John Howell; Greg Lisk **Elder Greeters:** Taylor Johnston; Joyce Lambert **Nursery:** Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Laura & Mike McLeod

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Rita Morgan (recovering from surgery), Jordan Andrew (daughter of Bo & Lauren Andrew), Pep Mabry (friend of Bill & Jane Pickler; health concerns), Jane Pickler (pancreatic cancer), Caroline Morton Chisholm (chemotherapy), Elaine Coats, Davis Fort. **See newsletter for complete list.**

Gardening for SCCM



A table will be set-up in the pit stop before and after worship throughout the summer for donated garden produce to be sold with proceeds to benefit Stanly Community Christian Ministry (SCCM). Extra produce not sold will be donated to SCCM. Please bring your fresh garden fruits and vegetables to help with this program.



**ENJOY AN AUTHENTIC HONDURAN LUNCH
SUNDAY, JUNE 23
AND SUPPORT OUR MONTANA DE LUZ PARTICIPANTS
Cost: Donation**

Menu: Honduran Soup (Beef, Potatoes, Carrots), Corn Tortillas, Shredded Queso Cheese, Salsa, Black Bean & Corn Salsa, Fruit Display, Churros & Cookies, Tea, Lemonade, and Water

Faith on the Fifth Offering Sunday, June 30

The Faith on the Fifth Offering on June 30 will be for Will’s Place, a recovery resource center in downtown Albemarle. Will’s Place offers assistance to individuals and families to recover from substance abuse. They also provide youth health and wellness programs throughout our community.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE GRANTS

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: Lee McLaurin, chair; Debbie Bennett, Patrick Currie, Bob Gaither, and Nathan Sanges.

DINNERS FOR 7



Dinners for 7 will return in the fall. These dinner groups will gather (in home, restaurants, or around a picnic table in the park) once a month through the fall. Sign-up to be part of one and make new connections.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 23

Gardening for SCCM

- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Nominating Committee Meeting
- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Congregational Luncheon

Monday, June 24

- 7:00 pm Book Conversation (Parlor)
- 8:00 pm Bible Study at Off the Square

Wednesday, June 26

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, June 27

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Sunday, June 30

Gardening for SCCM

Faith on the Fifth Offering for Will's Place

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

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JUNE

- 25-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

- 23-Ken & Laura Frazier
- 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

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR

JUNE

- Paper Goods...
- Toilet Tissue
- Paper Towels
- Facial Tissue
- Cleaning Supplies