



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Good shepherd, seek me out, and bring me again to your fold. Smile upon me with your favor, that I may dwell in your house all the days of my life, and praise your name forever. Amen.

Based on a prayer of
Jerome
(c. 342-420).

PEALING OF THE BELLS

OPENING SENTENCES

I was glad when they said to me,
Let us go to the house of the Lord.

Psalm 122:1

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 INTROIT *With a Voice of Singing* Martin Shaw

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as the family of God,
Bound together in the body of Christ.
We gather as the children of God,
Called together in the presence of the Spirit.
We gather this day to worship God,
And join our lives in the life of the church.

*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 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Ellacombe

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence
Merciful God, Jesus Christ called us to follow him, to step boldly forward, but we have remained timidly still. Your Spirit has given us the gifts we need to be your kingdom people, yet we submit to the powers of this world. You have offered your love and grace, yet we lock our doors and our hearts. Forgive us, free us, and make us new.

As members of
Christ's body, we
confess the reality of
sin, captivity, and
brokenness in
personal and
common life and ask
for God's saving
grace.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

As we commission our
teachers and leaders, we
will use the ancient
practice of laying on hands
in prayer and blessing.

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

A Declaration of Faith was
written in 1977 by the
Presbyterian Church in the
United States.

*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

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.

Commissioning of Teachers and Leaders in Christian Education

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will, discover your peace.

ANTHEM *One Faith, One Hope, One Lord* Craig Courtney

SERMON *Stepping Boldly Forward*

Reverend Ayscue and Reverend Drumheller

Old Testament Reading [Joshua 2:1-24](#) Pew Bible, page 185

New Testament Reading [Acts 9:1-22](#) Pew Bible, page 119

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In forming his people and sending them into the world, Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon everyone of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life. Amen.

*HYMN 691 *Lord, When I Came into This Life* Land of Rest

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory *Elegy* George Thalben-Ball

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

COMMISSIONING OF CO-PASTORS

Sentences of Scripture
Description of Ministry
Call to Discipleship
Commissioning Prayer
Blessing and Charge

*HYMN 463 *How Firm a Foundation* Foundation

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Peter C. Lutkin

*POSTLUDE *Toccata in G Major* Theodore Dubois

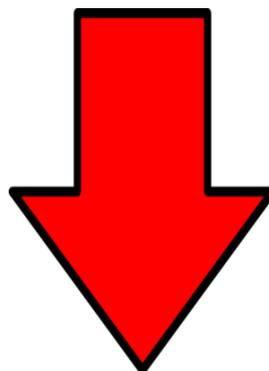
*All that are able may stand.

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

Ushers: Jim Marshall, captain; Al Andrew, Robbie Beard, Duncan Bryson, Elizabeth Bryson, Keith Bryson, Mike McLeod, Chris Whitley, and David Whitley **Outside Ushers:** Ronnie Michael; Tom Norwood **Elder Greeters:** Gayle Russell; Rich Schaefer **Nursery:** Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Penny & Jack Morton

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Davis Fort (Trinity Place-Room F10), Cam Rogers, Don Joines, Mark Mabry, Jane Pickler. **See newsletter for complete list.**



Beginning September 8, worship returns to 11:00 a.m.



What is Youth Club?

An afternoon of Christian Education adventures for children K-5th Grades.

Youth Club begins on
Wednesday, September 11 from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

For more information,
contact Matt (704-982-2722 or mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).



ACOLYTE TRAINING

For Whom? 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders
When? Sunday, September 8 after worship
Where? At the front of the sanctuary

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



MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Lemonade on the Lawn was such a success the Fellowship Committee has decided to continue! We will have *fellowship time* from 10:30 a.m. (or after Sunday School) until worship in the Pit Stop on Sundays **beginning on Sunday, September 15**. Anyone can sign-up to help!! It is very EASY and FUN! Hosts for the day can add to the menu if they choose...the church provides everything else: paper products, bagels, cream cheese, coffee, juice and donuts. Sign-up in the Pit Stop!

!!! FUN SERVICE PROJECT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY !!!

Sign- up in the Pit Stop or contact Melissa Eudy
(704-439-6747 or the5eudys@gmail.com).

GRANDPARENTS' DAY FLOWERS

In memory of:

Austin and Madge Ayscue; John and Martha McNairRebekah & Spencer
Ian Bryson His 9 Grandchildren
Ann Ross Liles (Grandmommy)Rachel Grace Campbell
Leonard and Frances Mabry; Bob and Mim Burdett Kate Gibson, Meg Mabry, & Jennifer Mabry
Murphy and Emma Jane Hall Bill
Virginia and Dr. F.L. Marshall; Anne and Ben RidenhourKim & Jim Marshall
Rodney Mabry Morgan(Pepa)...Grandkids (Zach, Natalie, Kaitlin, Whitney, Ashley, Mackenzie, Marshall) and
Great Grandkids (Rory, Gabriel, Lucas, Connor)
Ned Beachum; John and Vista Robertson Jeff & Kim Robertson

Given by:

In honor of:

Gloria BrysonHer 9 Grandchildren
Margaret and Donnie Campbell; "Pop" LilesRachel Grace Campbell
Don and Kim Eudy; Trudy Eudy and Ron Huneycutt;Nathaniel, Cidney, & Julian Eudy
Virgil & Debbie Hinson
Chris and Mark Mabry; Debbe and Tommy GibsonCarter Elizabeth & Emma-Cate Gibson
John and Anne MontgomeryMadeline Montgomery & Alexandra Montgomery
Rita Morris Morgan (Nana)..... Grandkids (Zach, Natalie, Kaitlin, Whitney, Ashley, Mackenzie, Marshall) and
Great Grandkids (Rory, Gabriel, Lucas, Connor)
Doris Beachum Jeff & Kim Robertson

Given by:

Teachers and Leaders in Christian Education

Linda Anderson	Debbie Hahn	Gina Martin
Becky Andrew	Martha Sue Hall	Laura McLeod
Kim Andrew	Lillie Hancock	Mike McLeod
Alison Atwater	Dorothy Hart	Ronnie Michael
Elizabeth Ayscue	Jim Hesley	Sarah Michael
Rebekah Ayscue	Debby Johnston	Jack Morton
Kyle Barbee	Ben Jolly	Penny Morton
Taylor Barbee	Bill Jolly	Jill Niebler
Elizabeth Bryson	Katherine Jolly	Courtney Niederer
Keith Bryson	Liz Jolly	Frank Poolos
Kristie Bryson	Heather Kilde	Lynn Poplin
Katie Carpenter	Leah Kilde	Brett Richards
Heather Deese	Thora Kilde	Gayle Russell
Matt Drumheller	Cathy King	Ned Russell
Ann Duckwall	Ken Knight	Carol Sasser
Angie Earnhardt	Dona Lisk	Rich Schaefer
Melissa Eudy	Greg Lisk	Lee Snuggs
Wes Eudy	Chris Mabry	Jane Snyder
Susan Garrison	Kyle Marks	Teresa Taylor
Kate Gibson	Laura Beth Marks	

STEPPING
BOLDLY
FORWARD



RALLY DAY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE GYM

The Christian Education Committee is planning a faith-filled morning to kick-off the new year in Christian Education. Food, Games, Art, and Much More! Come for a pancake breakfast with all the trimmings!



RALLY DAY EVENT...
OLD-FASHIONED PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
BEGINNING AT 5:00 P.M.
AT THE HOME OF
JOHN AND ROBIN HOWELL

(20959 Old Aquadale Rd., Albemarle)

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs provided.

Please bring your favorite side or dessert, a picnic blanket, chairs, towels, etc...

Fun, old-fashioned games led by our youth group! Prepare to get wet!

5:00 p.m. Games

6:00 p.m. Dinner

This will be a family-friendly evening for the entire congregation. Don't miss a minute of it!
Please RSVP to Kyle Lambert in the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

First Presbyterian Church presents the Fall Art Exhibit
Tactile Texture Art Design
Featuring works by GHA Autism Supports Creative Arts Program

The congregation of First Presbyterian Church is invited to meet the GHA artists at the Art Gallery Reception on Tuesday, September 17 from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in the church common area. Refreshments will be served.



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.

Faith Explorers

Our 4th & 5th 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 22

Pool Party & Lunch 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

**Youth Parent Meeting
Sunday, September 15 following worship**

Youth



**Sunday, September 15
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 8

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

- 9:30 am *Rally Day (gym)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Acolyte Training
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee
- 5:00 pm Old-Fashioned Picnic at the home of Robin & John Howell
(20959 Old Aquadale Rd., Albemarle)

Monday, September 9

- 8:00 pm Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's
(1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

Wednesday, September 11

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 12

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Sunday, September 15

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 10:30 am *Morning Fellowship
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Youth Parent Meeting
- 6:00 pm-8:00 pm Youth Group Kick-Off Event

***childcare provided**

Attention College Students & Parents

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SEPTEMBER

- 10-Grace Richards
- 11-Kelly Lentz
Ned Russell
- 13-Jane Pickler
Carolyn Sharpe
- 15-Jim Hesley

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

SEPTEMBER

- 10-Rich & Janet Schaefer
- 15-Banks & Susan Garrison

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR SEPTEMBER

Canned Meat
(tuna, chicken, Spam, salmon)

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.