



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

MORNING MEDITATION

*Help me to see in each new day, O God, the wounded ones who cross my path, and especially those to whom you would have me make myself present. Amen.*

PEALING OF THE BELLS

OPENING SENTENCES

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

CHORAL INTROIT      *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*      Lauda Anima

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN 65      *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*      Cwm Rhondda

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence  
**Faithful God, your word falls on hardened ground when our worldly anxiety and attachment to wealth crowd out your place in our lives. Forgive our frail and human ways and cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness, for you are our hope for deliverance.**

\*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.**

From  
*The Sun Still Rises*  
by  
Leonora Tubbs  
Tisdale.

*Psalm 122:1*

*Glory to God* hymnal  
page 582

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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

### 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.*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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**Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

This portion of the psalm recalls God's interventions on behalf of Jacob and Joseph, and God's desire to save.

OLD TESTAMENT READING [Psalm 77:11-20](#) Pew Bible, page 508

*The leader will read the odd numbered verses; the congregation will respond by reading the even numbered verses.*

### ANTHEM

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Craig Curry

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies.  
Lord of all to Thee we raise; this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night.  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.  
Lord of all to Thee we raise; this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child;  
Friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild.

For Thy church, that evermore, lifteth holy hands above.  
Offering up on every shore, her pure sacrifice of love.

For Thyself, best gift divine; to our race so freely given;  
For that great, great love of Thine; peace on earth and joy in heaven.  
Lord of all to Thee we raise; this our joyful hymn of praise.

NEW TESTAMENT READING [Mark 7:24-30](#) Pew Bible, page 40

### SERMON

*So Many Reasons Not To*

Reverend Ayscue

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.

*The Apostles' Creed* is referred to as an *ecumenical creed* as it is widely used in a variety of Christian traditions.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* hymnal, page 35

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*HYMN 694

*Great God of Every Blessing*  
*During the hymn, ushers will collect your prayers*  
*to be included in the Prayers of the People.*

Aurelia

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Heather Kilde

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.**

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

*Cantilena*

Robert Lau

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 804

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

Marion

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Peace, God's Wonderful Peace*

William M. Runyan

\*POSTLUDE

*Toccata in Seven*

John Rutter

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\*All that are able may stand.

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

**Thanks to** Ella Cumming, Cidney Eudy, Nathaniel Eudy, Ashley Deese, Emily Deese, and Leo McLeod for leading the call to worship this morning.

**Ushers:** Jim Marshall, captain; Al Andrew, Robbie Beard, Duncan Bryson, Elizabeth Bryson, Keith Bryson, Mike McLeod, Chris Whitley, and David Whitley **Outside Ushers:** Matt Carpenter; Eric Niederer **Elder Greeters:** Gayle Russell; Rich Schaefer **Nursery:** Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Debby Johnston; Carol Sasser

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** David Bailiff (kidney transplant complications; friend of Debbie Hahn), Davis Fort (Trinity Place-Room F10), Cam Rogers, Don Joines, Mark Mabry, Jane Pickler. **See newsletter for complete list.**

**Matt is at Davidson College Presbyterian Church today** where he is serving on the installation commission of Reverend Peter Henry.



**PrimeTimers' Luncheon  
Thursday, September 26  
At Noon in the Pit Stop**

**Special Guest: Rev. Matt Drumheller  
Topic: While I Was Away**

**Menu: Pork BBQ, Macaroni Salad, Chips, & Desserts**

**Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, September 22 to say you're coming and/or if you need transportation (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)).**

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**COMMUNITY INN BBQ FUNDRAISER  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 FROM 11:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.  
WEST ALBEMARLE BAPTIST CHURCH (336 CHURCH STREET, ALBEMARLE)**

**Early Bird Special with ticket purchase before September 27**

**BBQ Plate (BBQ, slaw, chips, bread, dessert) - \$8**

**BBQ (pound container) - \$8**

**BBQ Tray (6 1/2 pounds) \$48 (1/2 pound free)**

**Day of Event BBQ Pricing**

**BBQ Plate or Pound - \$10**

**BBQ Tray - \$55**

**Will deliver within Stanly County with minimum order of 5 plates.**

**Make checks payable to *The Community Inn*. Credit & debit cards accepted on the day of event.**

**Call or text 704-438-0858 with orders or questions.**

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**MORNING FELLOWSHIP IN THE PIT STOP**

**Every Sunday**

**10:30 a.m.-10:50 a.m.**

**Sign-up to help!**

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**Pound cakes are needed for the Community Inn annual BBQ on September 27. Sign-up on the Mission bulletin board. You can also sign-up to help with deliveries, set-up, and much more.**

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**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.**

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**Faith Explorers' Pool Party & Lunch**

**Sunday, September 22 after worship at the home of Penny & Jack Morton  
(40313 Hoops Court, Albemarle)**

**Bring your bathing suit, towel, and sunscreen. Pick-up at 3:00 p.m. at the Morton's house.**



# Caring & Sharing 2019 Campaign



### YOUR OPPORTUNITY

SHARE your change by placing it in the cup during our campaign.

By your CARING, your change will go to help those in need!

**Yellow Cups will be returned on October 13.**

*“The King will reply,*

*‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’”*

Matthew 25:40

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**Faith on the Fifth Offering**

**Sunday, September 29**

**Offering Recipient:**

**SCCM Cooling Assistance Fund**

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**Communion Workshop for Children on Sunday, September 29**

**Noon-2:30 p.m.**



We will have our annual communion workshop for children grades K-2 and their parents on September 29 after worship. Children and families will learn more about the Lord’s Supper and symbols of this sacrament. Please plan to stay for lunch and conversation!

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH...**

# POP-UP



**POP-UP PICKLEBALL COMPETITION AND PICKLE DINNER**

**OPEN TO EVERYONE**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH GYM**

Please bring a *pickle* side (potato salad, slaw, dill pickle chips, dill pickles, fried pickles, etc.). The church will provide hamburgers, dessert, and drinks. Questions? Contact Jane Snyder (704-438-3358 or [jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org)).

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**Hurricane Dorian made landfall in the Bahamas as a Category 5 hurricane on September 1, 2019 and stalled over the islands for 24 hours, causing massive damage.**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is working with partners in the Bahamas to respond to immediate needs with a solidarity grant. If you would like to donate to this relief effort go to the PDA website ([www.pda.pcusa.org](http://www.pda.pcusa.org)) and use the giving code "DR000194".

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, September 22

*Caring & Sharing SCCM Yellow Cup Campaign*

*First Day of Autumn*

- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 10:30 am \*Morning Fellowship
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers' (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders)  
Pool Party at the home of Penny & Jack Morton  
(40313 Hoops Ct., Albemarle)
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

### Monday, September 23

*First Day of Autumn*

- 7:00 pm Book Conversation (parlor)
- 8:00 pm Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's  
(1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

### Wednesday, September 25

- 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 26

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm PrimeTimers' Luncheon

### Friday, September 27

- 11:00 am-6:00 pm Community Inn BBQ Fundraiser at  
West Albemarle Baptist Church  
(336 Church Street, Albemarle)

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**\*childcare provided**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY! SEPTEMBER

- 22-Jake Whisnant
- 25-Kristie Bryson
- 27-Carter Gibson  
Caroline West
- 28-Ruth Goforth
- 30-Kennady Atwater  
Hannah Martin  
Jordan Morgan

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! SEPTEMBER

- 26-Joe & Ann Snuggs
- 27-John & Jessica Palmer

### SCCM CHALLENGE FOR SEPTEMBER

Canned Meat  
(tuna, chicken, Spam, salmon)

A few people are still needed to serve as Silent Partners for our students in college.  
Contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) to say you'll help.