



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

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.

GATHERING SONG

Hymn 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me* stanzas 1 and 5

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

***HYMN 12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* St. Denio

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Reverend Ayscue

Silence
Merciful God, you create life and call it good. Forgive us when we cannot see the goodness. You call us to welcome neighbor, stranger, and friend. Forgive us when we would rather remain inhospitable than open our lives to another. You are worthy of our praise. Forgive us when we are too weak to trust, too afraid to doubt, or too apathetic to try. O Lord, forgive us.

***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.**

This prayer by St. Patrick about being protected by Christ is called a *lorica*, from the Latin for *breastplate* or *armor*. It is called *Saint Patrick's Breastplate*. (c.389-461)

Psalm 122:1

We use these words from Psalm 146 to remind ourselves that we gather at God's invitation as the body of Christ.

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

Melissa Eudy

AND BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

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.

ANTHEM

Let Your Light Shine

Craig Courtney

You are the light of the world, let your light shine before all people
That they might see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

You are the salt of the earth, but if salt loses its flavor, it is good for nothing.
You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.
A lamp cannot be covered, but shines for all to see.

Let your light shine before all people that they might see your good works
And glorify your Father in heaven.
You are the light of the world.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Testify to us, O God, by the voice of your Spirit. Put your law in our hearts, write your word in our minds, and show your will in our lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

[Genesis 19:1-7](#)

Pew Bible, page 14

SERMON

Faithful Risk

Reverend Drumheller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its actions. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 692

Spirit, Open My Heart

Wild Mountain Thyme

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

This Confession of 1967 emphasizes the need for reconciliation in the world. This excerpt focuses on our responsibility to follow Christ's lead as we live out our faith.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Debbie Bennett

PASTORAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

To God Be the Glory

Johann G. Walther

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 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 702

Christ Be Beside Me

Bunessan

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

*POSTLUDE

Finale

Eric Thiman

*All that are able may stand.

The text for this hymn
is adapted from
*Saint Patrick's
Breastplate.*

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 Addison Marks. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Many thanks to the folks who have lovingly and prayerfully crafted the shawls which are being blessed today.

We will receive the Faith on the Fifth offering for the Stanly Community Christian Ministry Cooling Assistance Fund.

Ushers: Jim Marshall, captain; Al Andrew, Robbie Beard, Duncan Bryson, Elizabeth Bryson, Keith Bryson, Mike McLeod, Chris Whitley, and David Whitley **Outside Ushers:** Brad Boone; John Earnhardt **Elder Greeters:** Gayle Russell; Rich Schaefer **Nursery:** Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Laura & Mike McLeod

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.**



**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!

**FIRST FAMILY GATHERING
EVENING PRAYER AT 5:45 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE GYM**

October Menu: Beef Tips, Rice, Green Beans, Mixed Green Salad, Biscuits, Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts, Tea, Coffee, Water, and Lemonade. Healthy Meal Alternative: Mixed Green Salad.

**Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, October 1
(704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).**

Volunteers Needed for next First Family Gathering

- Dessert Crew: Tuesday, October 1 at 10:00 a.m.
- Side and Salad Crew: Wednesday, October 2 at 10:00 a.m.
- Set-up crew: Wednesday, October 2 at 4:30 p.m.
- Clean-up crew: Wednesday, October 2 at 6:45 p.m.

Please call Jane Snyder at the church 704-982-2722 or on her phone 704-438-3358 if you would like to help☺

**Opioid Panel Discussion on Thursday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church in the Sanctuary**

On the evening of October 3rd at 7:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church will host a conversation in our sanctuary about the opioid crisis. We will host a panel of three important perspectives on this crisis. Sheriff Jeff Crisco will represent law enforcement, Missy Estridge (a community paramedic) will represent emergency services, and Wendy Growcock will represent the Stanly County Health Department. Please join us for important conversations and bring your questions with you.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Session has called a congregational meeting to be held immediately after worship on Sunday, October 13. The purpose of the meeting is to elect deacons and ruling elders to the Class of 2020 and to elect members of the congregational Nominating Committee. The congregation will hear and act on the report which will be presented by Nominating Committee member, Ben Jolly. Many thanks to those who served on the Nominating Committee: Ben Jolly, Chair, Bob Johnston, Nancy Joines, Morgan Kinley, Barbara McManus, Jack Morton, and David Whitley. See the October newsletter for a list of nominated elders, deacons, and the 2020 Nominating Committee members.



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.

Packing Dates:

Wednesday, October 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 30 at 10:30 a.m.



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.

Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

Matthew 25:40 (NRSV)

SERRV Fair Trade

Stop by the SERRV table in the Pit Stop before or after worship on **Sundays October 6, 13, and 27** to shop for Fair Trade items from their catalog. Fair Trade empowers women around the world with steady employment, life skills, and training, while enabling many to work from home.





First Presbyterian Church Pop-Up Event
Lunch & learn Cooking Demonstration by Chef Jason
at Morgan Ridge Vineyards
(486 John Morgan Rd., Gold Hill, NC)
Friday, October 4 from 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Chef Jason demonstrates a healthier cooking lifestyle and techniques while keeping things fun and informative. We share new friendships, comradery, recipes and practice clean eating, not a diet.

Cost: \$15 plus tax and service fee. Limited Seats. Reservations are required by Thursday, October 3, the day before event. Please let Jane know if you are coming and she will make a group reservation. 704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org. If you would like to carpool out, please meet at the church at 11:45 a.m. on Friday, October 4.

Visit the website to see the menu (www.morganridgevineyards.com). The lunch and learn menu is posted on the Tuesday prior to the event. Click "Calendar of Events", then "Lunch and Learn" on the calendar and follow the instructions or you can call or email them (704-639-0911 or morgan.ridge@gmail.com).

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 29

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls/Faith on the Fifth Offering

Caring & Sharing SCCM Yellow Cup Campaign

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 10:30 am *Morning Fellowship
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm-2:30 pm Communion Workshop
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, September 30

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

Tuesday, October 1

- 10:00 am First Family Dessert Crew

Wednesday, October 2

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am First Family Sides & Salad Crew
- 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
- 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club
- 4:30 pm First Family Set-Up 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, October 3

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Suejay's Soul Food (231 South 1st Street, Albemarle)
- 7:00 pm Opioid Panel Discussion at First Presbyterian Church (Sanctuary)

Saturday, October 5

Bluegrass Gospel Concert Benefitting Coltrane LIFE Center – Stanly Adult Day Health Care Services at the Stanly Agri-Civic Center

- 10:00 am-1:00 pm Youth Group Outing to Carolina Tree Top Challenge High Ropes Course

Sunday, October 6

World Communion Sunday

Caring & Sharing Cups Campaign for SCCM

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch (2nd & 3rd Graders in Media Room)
- 9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalogs available in the pit stop
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 10:30 am *Morning Fellowship
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm SERRV Catalogs available in the pit stop
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SEPTEMBER

- 30-Kennady Atwater
- Hannah Martin
- Jordan Morgan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

- 01-Graham Chapman
- Eston West
- 02-Joan Boling
- 04-Andy McLeod
- 05-Christine Andrew
- 06-Jeff Robertson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

OCTOBER

- 05-Steve & Mary Kesselman
- 06-Peter & Anna Henkenjohann
- Bruce & Marlene Mittendorf
- Matt & Catherine Moeller

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR SEPTEMBER

Canned Meat
(tuna, chicken, Spam, salmon)

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR OCTOBER

Canned Fruit
(Lite Syrup or No Sugar Added)

***childcare provided**