



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

MORNING MEDITATION

*May joy and nothing less find you on the way. May you be blessed, O may you be a blessing. May God's light guide you, and countless others, all the way home. Amen.*

Reverend Carson Brisson

PEALING OF THE BELLS

OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is good.

**His steadfast love endures forever.**

Psalm 100:5

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

CHORAL INTROIT *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* Basil Harwood

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Ayscue

Psalm 145

Come let us praise God together!

**For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

Let us tell stories of God's power and majesty,

**For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

Let us remember God's compassion, mercy, and unfailing love,

**For God is great, and worthy of our praise! Let us worship God together!**

\*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 611

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Hymn to Joy

*During the hymn, please bring Operation Christmas Child boxes forward to be dedicated.*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Luke 20:27-28

**God of mercy, forgive us when we do not recognize your presence: when we ask the wrong questions or do not hear the answers. Forgive us when we choose empty silence over faithful words; when we choose empty words over faithful silence. Forgive us when we choose not to act when faithful action seems risky. Forgive us, O Lord, God of the living, for our lives depend upon you.**

Glory to God hymnal  
page 582

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

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.

This affirmation is  
excerpted from the  
Confession of 1967.

**\*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.**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN**

Reverend Drumheller

*Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Baptism, parents  
may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-2 may go to the  
chapel for Children's Church.*

**ANTHEM**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

John Rutter

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.  
Lord of all to Thee we raise; this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine; to our race so freely given;  
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:  
Lord of all to Thee we raise; this our joyful hymn of praise.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.  
Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the  
company of the faithful. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

[Haggai 1:15-2:9](#)

Pew Bible, page 827

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*God's Presence*

Reverend Drumheller

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with  
courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop  
and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for  
justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for  
the fulfillment of human life. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 645**

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

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**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

PASTORAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

Doxology

*Brother James' Air*

Dale Wood

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

II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

\*HYMN 238

*Thine Is the Glory*

Judas Maccabeus

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Amen*

Peter C. Lutkin

\*POSTLUDE

*We Praise You, O God*

Healey Willan

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\*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 Seth Richards .** After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

**Ushers:** Brett Richards, captain; Mark Donham, Judy Kilgore, Ethan Richards, Seth Richards **Outside Ushers:** Lee McManus; Ronnie Michael **Elder Greeters:** Jim Marshall; Jacob Palmer **Nursery:** Kate White **Kids Care Crew:** Penny & Jack Morton **Children's Church:** Liz Jolly; Katherine Jolly

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Jean Rabe (recovery from surgery-broken hip), Jane Scheer, Catherine Johnson (niece of Elizabeth Wilson; diagnosed with breast cancer), Rin Gannon (friend of Isabel McLeod; recovering from a stroke), Barbara Whitley (recovering from back surgery), Don Joines, Mark Mabry, Jane Pickler, The family of Mike Burke. **See newsletter for complete list.**

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**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes will be dedicated on Sunday, November 10.**

**Boxes may be brought forward for dedication during the singing of the first hymn.**

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*Food for the Spirit*

*Sunday, November 10 at 9:45 a.m. in the Church Gym*

**The Christian Education Committee is hosting Food for the Spirit on Sunday, November 10 at 9:45 a.m. in the gym for all adults. Our goal is to get more people involved in sharing faith with one another. Please bring your favorite breakfast casserole or other breakfast item and make this truly *food for the spirit!***

## VETERAN'S DAY FLOWERS

**IN MEMORY OF:**

**GIVEN BY:**

Solomon Burroughs, Pvt. NC/SC.....	Janice Abernathy
Edward Arnold .....	Linda Anderson
Ian David Bryson.....	His Family
Bill Cotton, US Navy .....	Andy & Ruth Cotton & James Cotton
Richard T. Forte, US Navy.....	Doris Forte
Forrest Gardner.....	His Family
Roger Downtin .....	Mary & Frank Green
P.J. Green, Sr.....	Mary & Frank Green
P.J. Green, Jr.....	Mary & Frank Green
M. Palmer Harris, Sr., US Army, WWI .....	Martha Sue
M. Palmer Harris, Jr., US Army WWII .....	Martha Sue & Palmer
Brady Thomas .....	Pam & Gus Holbrook
Jeff Underwood .....	Pam & Gus Holbrook
David C. King.....	Mike & Cathy King
Clegg Hall Carpenter, US Army (WWII) .....	Kyle Lambert
Rodney M. Morgan .....	Rita Morgan & Family
Howard Ocampo.....	Tammy Ocampo
Robert Palmer.....	Frankie Palmer
Melvin Hatley.....	Frankie Palmer
William Barringer.....	Frankie Palmer
Joe Russell, Sr. ....	Miriam Russell, Joe Russell, Jr., & Tom Russell
Manus Samples, US Army, WWII.....	Dan Samples
H. Fred Sutton .....	His Family

**IN HONOR OF:**

**GIVEN BY:**

Richard Abernathy, US Navy.....	Don Abernathy
Andy Cotton, US Navy, USAF .....	Ruth Cotton & James Cotton
Lindy Taylor.....	Michelle, Ella, & Steve Cumming
Warren H. Drumheller.....	Matt Drumheller
Thomas J. Sanford.....	Matt Drumheller
Bob Gaither, US Army.....	Donna Gaither
Frank Green.....	Mary Green
Robert Green .....	His Children & Grandchildren
Nathan Harwood, USAF .....	Bill Hall
Brian S. White .....	Mike & Cathy King
Daniel Hall Lambert, Tech. Sgt. ....	Kyle Lambert
Wade Hatley .....	Frankie Palmer
William M. Rogers.....	His Family
Dan Samples, USAF, Retired.....	Palmer & Mimi
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**PrimeTimers' Luncheon  
Thursday, November 14  
Speaker: Mayor Ronnie Michael  
Program: Economic Development**

**Menu: Turkey, Baked Potatoes, Salad, and Desserts**

Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, November 11 to say you're coming and/or if you need transportation (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).



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**SERRV  
Fair Trade Bazaar  
Sunday, November 10**

**This is the place to find...**

- ❖ **Gifts with meaning – helps children go to school, helps with community development**
- ❖ **Environmentally sensitive gifts – some organic or shade grown products which are shipped in recyclables**
- ❖ **Fair trade gifts – artisan's and farmer's cooperatives have input in setting a fair price for their products**
- ❖ **Gifts for under \$10.00 – coffee, tea, chocolates, baking cocoa, soup mix, jams, mango chutney, spice mixes, olive oil, and other food items**

**Question:**

**Why do we at First Presbyterian Church support this mission?**

**Answer:**

**Small cooperatives who receive even a small, but steady income through fair trade have more food to eat, develop their communities, and send their children to school. It makes a huge difference in their lives – whether their cooperative is located in the United States or in a developing nation.**

**Women in areas where SERRV works often suffer astonishing degrees of discrimination and lack of opportunity. By supporting this mission, we emphasize the empowerment of women artisans and support for their development in leadership skills, self-sufficiency, and independence.**

**Will you help support this mission?  
We'll be 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 10.  
Bring your Christmas shopping list!**

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**Holiday Market**

**Mary & Martha Center Holiday Market  
Saturday, November 16  
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
243 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Albemarle**

## **OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

### **Sunday, November 10**

*Shoebboxes for Operation Christmas Child Due*

*SERRV Sale in the Pit Stop*

9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Sale in the Pit Stop

9:45 am \*Sunday School/Food for the Spirit

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm Mission Committee

12:00 pm-1:00 pm SERRV Sale in the Pit Stop

### **Monday, November 11**

*Veteran's Day*

8:00 pm Bible Study with Matt

### **Wednesday, November 13**

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

4:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, November 14**

10:30 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm PrimeTimers' Luncheon

6:30 pm-8:30 pm Youth Group Board Game Night

### **Saturday, November 16**

9:00 am-3:00 pm The Mary & Martha Center for Women and Community Care Holiday Market

### **Sunday, November 17**

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm Faith Explorers hike & lunch at Morrow Mountain

5:00 pm Prospective Member Gathering at the home of Anne & John Montgomery

5:00 pm-6:30 pm Youth Group – Middle School

6:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group – High School

**\*childcare provided**

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

### **NOVEMBER**

11-Rose Saltzman

Bill Stevenson

12-Jay Andrew

13-Lori Ivey

14-Carol Sasser

17-Taylor Johnston

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

### **NOVEMBER**

17-Steve & Michelle Cumming

Richard & Joyce Lambert

## **SCCM CHALLENGE FOR NOVEMBER**

Canned Vegetables...

Green Beans, Corn, Carrots, Peas, Beans,  
Mixed Vegetables (Vegall), Canned Tomatoes