



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

MORNING MEDITATION

*We who were no people are named anew God's people, for he who was no more is forevermore.*

PEALING OF THE BELLS

OPENING SENTENCES

I love the Lord, because he has inclined his ear to me.

**Therefore I will call on God as long as I live.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the folly of sin.

**Alleluia!**

By his rising, we are free from the fear of death.

**Alleluia!**

By his love, we are made new.

**Alleluia!**

By his grace, we love one another.

**Alleluia!**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, Jesus, our risen Lord, was made known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may recognize his presence, and with his disciples cry, *The Lord has risen, indeed!* Through Christ who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

**Eternal God, we confess that we have too often acted as if we can earn your love and have forgotten your free gift of grace. We want to impress you and others, but we have lost our way. Forgive us when we forget that we are your children and seek our identity in the things of the world, rather than in your Word. Help us to live as your heirs, children who belong to you. Show us how to love and trust you completely, with heart and mind set on Christ, our brother and our Lord.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

From  
*And the Glory*  
by Anne Weems.

Psalm 116:2

\*MUSICAL RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Ken Knight

ANTHEM

*This is the Day*

John Rutter

Anthem composed for  
the wedding of  
Prince William and  
Katherine Middleton  
April 29, 2011.  
Recorded May 8, 2016

This is the day which the Lord hath made: We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
O praise the Lord of heaven: praise him in the height.  
Praise him, all ye angels of his: praise him, all his host.  
Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light.  
Let them praise the Name of the Lord.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee: To keep thee in all thy ways.  
The Lord himself is thy keeper: The Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand;  
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: Neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:  
Yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in:  
From this time forth and for evermore. He shall defend thee under his wings.  
Be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart, And put thou thy trust in the Lord.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, you opened the meaning of the Scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and set their hearts ablaze. By the power of your Spirit, kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed, that we may receive you with great joy. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Psalm 116:12-29*

What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,**

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

**Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.**

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.

You have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.**

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

**Praise the LORD!**

GOSPEL READING

*Luke 24:13-35*

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Traveling Together*

Reverend Ayscue

Sermons are posted on  
the church's website  
([www.fpcalbemarle.org](http://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.**

The Brief Statement of Faith was written following the reunification of the Presbyterian Church in 1983.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Reverend Drumheller

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

*Christ Has Broken the Bonds of Death*

Georg Philip Telemann

Prayer of Dedication

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Peace I Give to You*

Robert Lehman

Recorded  
April 24, 2016

**Thank you to Duncan Bryson and Ken Knight for helping to make this worship service possible.**

**This week's worship video** will become available at 11:00 a.m. To access the worship video, go to the church's website ([www.fpcalbemarle.org](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)) and click on the worship banner or search for the church on *YouTube* and click on the appropriate video.

**On Mondays and Wednesdays, Matt and Elizabeth will lead Morning Prayer** at 10:00 a.m. through Zoom. To access the meeting, go to the church's website ([www.fpcalbemarle.org](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)) and click on the *Morning Prayer* banner. You can also find the link through the Facebook event.

**On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Matt and Elizabeth will livestream a brief devotional at 12:15 p.m.** To access the devotional, go to the church's website ([www.fpcalbemarle.org](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)) and click on the *Digital Devotional* banner. If you are unable to watch it live, it will still be available through the church's *YouTube* page.

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Bryan Lambert (son of Joyce & Richard Lambert), Mark Rodgers (son of Laura & Tim Rodgers; treatment for Ewing's Sarcoma), Frank Green, Bern Morehead, III, Herb Smith (cousin of Nancy Lowder), Judy Portner (sister of Billie Jean Snuggs; stage 4 brain tumor), Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

**The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide** is now available. Call the church office (704-982-2722) to arrange for delivery.

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**A team of folks is available to grocery shop** and run errands for those who are unable to go out in this season. Please contact the church for more information (704-982-2722; eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org; mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org). If no answer, please leave a voicemail for Elizabeth or Matt.

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**If you would like to be a shopper/errand runner**, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

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**With the governor's stay at home order in place, all staff members are working at home whenever possible and the church building is closed most of the time.** The church's answering machine is being checked periodically; however, in case of an emergency, please contact Elizabeth (704.985.2945) or Matt (540.449.5319) directly.

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**GHA – Autism Supports needs 12-count egg cartons.** Please drop-off at the back of the GHA office (213 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Albemarle) at the picnic tables.

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**URGENT NEEDS FOR SCCM...  
CHECK THE STANLY COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY FACEBOOK PAGE  
FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION**

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Pasta Meals, Canned Meats, Canned Veggies, Canned Fruit, Boxed Mac n Cheese  
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**Bread for the World...Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow**

Sunday, April 26 is the date scheduled for Letter Writing to our Congressmen to *make nutrition a priority.*

This year, you may write letters to Sen. Richard Burr, Sen. Thom Tillis., and Rep. Richard Hudson from the comfort of home in your pjs, if you wish! Writing packets are available on the round table outside the church office, or they can be mailed to you or delivered to your home at your request.

If hand-writing is difficult for you, you may key and print your letters, insert them in labeled envelopes included in the packet. If you prefer using your own paper, do that.

It is necessary for your letter to be signed in your own handwriting and for you to include your home address in the letter and on the envelope. (It must be clear that the letter comes from a constituent of that Congressman). Please return your letters to the church in time to include them in the Offering of Letters on May 3rd. The church will provide postage and mail them. If you want to mail the letters from home, please call the office and let them know which Congressmen you wrote to so that we can include that information in the total count which Bread for the World requests.

Please know that Bread for the World recognizes that coronavirus and its economic fall-out will severely affect low-income Americans and poor countries. President of Bread for the World, David Beckman wrote on March 18, *we are urging Senators to support the House-approved Families First Coronavirus Response Act which would expand food assistance, unemployment insurance, and the availability of sick leave. Follow-up legislation will be critical.*

For the latest information, check **bread.org/covid-19** as Bread for the World seeks to shape the response by Congress to the COVID-19 crisis. And, look again at the stories of Jesus feeding the 5000 and the 4000. Some of the details remembered from childhood may not actually be there and undoubtedly the Holy Spirit will help 20th Century disciples respond to Jesus' command in our time.



**breadfortheworld**  
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.



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## **Bread for the World...Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow**

(Sample Letter)

Date

Sen. \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

-or-

Rep. \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_ or Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_

I urge you to make strong investments in nutrition programs for the most vulnerable in the U.S. and abroad, especially mothers and children.

I also urge you to support legislation that strengthens U.S. leadership on global nutrition and increases funding for global nutrition programs. Too many children are malnourished and suffer from stunting.

Sincerely,

Your name

Your address (city, state, ZIP)



**Community Table Lunch on Saturday, May 16**

On May 16, First Presbyterian Church will provide lunch for the guests at the Community Table. At this time, lunches are take out. The plan is to prepare bag lunches on Friday, May 15 in the church kitchen.

We will need donations of the following items for these lunches:

- Individual bags of chips
- Individual fruit cups
- Granola bars
- Homemade or bought cakes or cookies (no icing)
- Money to be used to help buy ham, cheese, and bread (money may be given to Kyle in the office)

A surplus of the above foods will be used to fill the backpacks for Central Elementary School children.

**All donations need to be in the church kitchen by Tuesday afternoon, May 12. Please label your donation with a CT sign. When dropping off donations, call the church (704-982-2722) to be sure someone will be there to let you in. If you would like to help assemble the bag lunches and/or hand them out on that Saturday, call Linda Anderson at 704-982-3723.**

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**Tithes and offerings may be mailed to:  
First Presbyterian Church  
P.O. Box 1578  
Albemarle, NC 28002**

**Online giving can be done through the church's website ([www.fpcalbemarle.org](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)).  
Click on the GIVE button.**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
APRIL**  
26-Ella Averette  
John Kilde  
27-Ethan Richards  
28-Aaron Whisnant  
29-Harold Sharpe  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
MAY**  
03-Carole Yost

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!  
APRIL**  
28-Kevin & Adrienne Averette  
29-Steve & Elaine Coats  
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!  
MAY**  
02-Bob & Donna Gaither