



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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August 30, 2020

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

**MORNING MEDITATION**

*By judging others, we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are.*

**PRELUDE**

*Prelude*

C.S. Lang

**PEALING OF THE BELLS**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Seth Richards

**OPENING SENTENCES**

O come, let us sing to the Lord.

**Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

O God, you summon the day to dawn; You teach the morning to waken the earth.

**Great is your name. Great is your love.**

For the valleys will sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

**Great is your name. Great is your love.**

To you the monarchs of the earth shall bow, the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

**Great is your name. Great is your love.**

Your love and justice shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

**Great is your name. Great is your love.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, giver of life and health, your Son Jesus Christ has called us to hunger and thirst to see right prevail. Refresh us with your grace, that we may not be weary in well-doing; for the sake of him who meets all our needs, Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news.

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

From  
*The Cost of Discipleship*  
by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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Psalm 95:1

From the  
*Wild Goose*  
Resource Book  
Iona, Scotland

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May 17, 2015

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS *Gloria Patri* Meineke  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN Reverend Ayscue

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION  
Solo *Open My Eyes That I May See* Open My Eyes  
Ann Crutchfield, Soprano

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 3:1-6* Marshall Rogers, reader

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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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Philippians 1:3-11*

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Holy Ground* Reverend Ayscue

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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 to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

HYMN 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Faithfulness

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Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*(Refrain)*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

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.

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory *Procession, Opus 19, No. 2* Marcel Dupré

Prayer of Dedication

### CELEBRATION OF RETIREMENT

Marshall Rogers

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reverend Drumheller

#### 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.**

### BENEDICTION

#### BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Peter C. Lutkin

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

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**Thank you to** Skeet Ayscue and James Cotton for helping to create this morning's video. Thank you to Ann Crutchfield and Marshall Rogers for helping with worship.

**The acolyte today is** Seth Richards.

**The flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Reverend Elizabeth McNair Ayscue and her years of service to First Presbyterian Church.

**Worship continues to take place at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 30 and Sunday, September 6.** Worship will resume at 11:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, September 13.

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Banks Garrison, Yoder Whitley, Linda Richards, Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

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**If you have not already done so**, please stop by the church to sign a hymnal for Kim and Jeff Robertson & Taylor and Lisa Johnston. Call before you to come to make sure someone is in the building (704-982-2722).

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**This week's worship video** will become available at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. 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.

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**Today we are inaugurating a set of chimes that was added to the organ this summer.** Although the current organ included the chimes retained from the 1924 pipe organ, the set had 20 notes and not the current standard 25-note compass. The existing chimes were installed at the very back of the organ, which rendered them very soft to listeners in the pews. The new chimes are visible to the right of the organ where they can be heard more prominently in the sanctuary. While these chimes are new to us, this particular set was built more than 50 years ago. They are often referred to as 'graduated diameter' chimes because the low tubes are larger diameter than the upper notes. This provides appropriate tonal resonance to all the notes rather than just the correct pitch. Over time chime manufacturers decreased the cost of chime sets by using the same small diameter metal tube for all of the notes. These tubes played the correct pitches but the musical quality was greatly diminished in the low and mid-range notes. It has not been possible to buy new graduated-diameter chimes for decades and it is extremely rare that a used set becomes available, which makes this addition to our musical resources very special.

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### **FIRST FAMILY MEAL**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.**

**RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 31**

**PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL**



First Family Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, September 2! Unfortunately, we are still unable to gather together for First Family in September. If you would like a First Family meal, please RSVP by Monday, August 31 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday, September 2 between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

#### **Menu:**

**Boston Butt, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Fruit Kabob, Homemade Rolls, Sweet Potato Cake, Pound Cake and Brownies**

Suggested Donation: \$5 per person....Maximum of \$15 per family.

Please come with correct change or a check written to First Presbyterian Church.

#### **All we need you to do is:**

**call Anne Montgomery at 704-982-7823 or email Anne at [johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com](mailto:johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com) and let her know how many plates you need, if you would like sweet potato cake, pound cake or brownies for each meal and if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).**

Though we will not share the meal at the same table, we will delight in the opportunity to share the same meal at our own tables. A prayer and table ritual will be included for each household. Sharing the meal and the ritual will bind us together as the one body of Christ.

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### **Faith on the Fifth Offering on Sunday, August 30 for SCCM Cooling Assistance Fund**

In the hot months of summer, it is important to remember neighbors in our community who struggle to keep the AC running. It is a particularly difficult time with the negative economic impact of COVID-19. For the August Faith on the Fifth offering, we will be collecting funds to support SCCM's mission to those in need in our community. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.



*with Faith & Hope*

**RALLY DAY 2020**

**CHURCH PARKING LOT DRIVE-THRU EVENT**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT 9:30 A.M.**

The Christian Education Committee would love for you to join us for a drive-thru event in the parking lot for a morning of food, fun and fellowship as we kick-off the new year in Christian Education. This is an intergenerational event and all ages are invited! Come to the drive-thru event, and we will send you home with food, activities and information. We will post videos for you to watch at home about all the classes, **MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES** available this year as we move **ONWARD WITH FAITH AND HOPE!** You will be able to sign up for the different classes, activities, or ministries online, via email, or by calling the church office.

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**Would You Like To Be A Silent Partner?**

First Presbyterian Church college students have been begun the 2020-2021 school year. We need you to serve as a Silent Partner to these college students. The Silent Partner remains anonymous to the student and maintains contact by sending cards, and/or small packages of helpful college items such as favorite snacks, small school supplies, or gift cards for fast food or coffee, etc. The feedback each year from the college students is very positive. Won't you support one of our students in this way? Contact the church office at 704-982-2722 to sign-up to be a Silent Partner.



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**On Mondays and Wednesdays, Matt 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.

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**Bible Study and Conversation with Catherine & Matt Moeller**  
**Thursdays from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Join Catherine and Matt Moeller for fellowship and biblical reflection. Each Monday, you will receive an email with the selected devotional for the week. Discussion will focus on the significance and application of the scripture. If you need help with Zoom, contact the church office (704-982-2722). Please email Matt Drumheller ([mrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)) or Catherine Moeller ([mattandcatherine@hotmail.com](mailto:mattandcatherine@hotmail.com)) to say you are interested or need more information. Please join us!

# POP-UP

## Hiking at Morrow Mountain Sunday, September 13

**Meet at the Kron House Parking Lot at 2:00 p.m.**

Join us for a great trail hike and see a few historical features - an old homesite and the Civilian Conservation Camp (CCC) from the 1930s. The hike will be *out and back* so folks can turn around at any point they want. Bring sturdy hiking boots and water. The hike (considered easy to moderate) will be along the Bilesville Road, which runs from the Kron House to the park entrance gate. We will be getting off-trail just a little bit. Participants need to be able to walk on a rocky, uneven surface, but don't need to be super fit. Meet at the Kron House parking lot at 2 p.m. For more information, contact Ken Knight (kbknight17@gmail.com or 704-985-6277).

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# POP-UP

## Scenic Overlook at Morrow Mountain Thursday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Tom Rabe and family funded the scenic overlook renovation project and dedicated it to Tom's grandfather, Mr. James McKnight Morrow. There is a great story behind Morrow Mountain and the Rabe/Morrow family. Lynn Poplin is going to share the story with us! Join us at the top of Morrow Mountain at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 17 for muffins, coffee, water, and a history lesson. There is a handicap accessible area with a picnic table where we can meet and social distance. Please bring your mask and a chair (contact Jane Snyder if you need a chair 704-438-3358) and join us for a morning at our beautiful Morrow Mountain!

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### **Want an opportunity to help others during this pandemic?**

Senior Services of Stanly County needs people to deliver meals to home bound seniors during the weekday in the Albemarle area and occasionally in the Badin and Richfield areas. Volunteers may be used multiple times weekly if available. Volunteers are encouraged to use safety precautions of wearing masks and gloves, using hand sanitizer between each delivery, and limiting contact with recipients by placing bagged meals on the door rather than entering homes. Masks and hand sanitizer are provided if needed. Think you can help out? Please call Joy Richardson at 704-986-3773 if you have any questions and are interested.



**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, August 30**

*Faith on the Fifth Offering for SCCM Cooling Assistance Fund  
Virtual Youth Group*

10:00 am Online Worship followed by Lemonade on the Lawn  
via Zoom

**Monday, August 31**

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
2:00 pm Deadline to sign-up for First Family Meal  
(see details in the announcements)

**Tuesday, September 1**

1:00 pm Online Story Time (Preschoolers)

**Wednesday, September 2**

6:45 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting  
10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
5:00 pm-6:00 pm First Family Meal Pick-Up

**Thursday, September 3**

4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

**Sunday, September 6**

*Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger*  
10:00 am Online Labor Day Worship

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
**AUGUST**  
30-Myra Land  
31-Heather Kile

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
**SEPTEMBER**  
01-Frank Poolos  
02-Betty Crook  
03-Wayne Palmer  
04-Margaret Ivey  
06-Laura McLeod

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**  
**SEPTEMBER**  
03-Miller & Teryn Morgan  
05-Jim & Leslie Carter

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**Your on-going support of First Presbyterian Church is essential to the mission and ministry of the church and to the well-being of our ministry partners, locally and globally.  
Thank you for your generosity.**

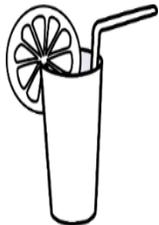
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First Presbyterian Church  
P.O. Box 1578  
Albemarle, NC 28002**

**Online giving can be done through the church’s website  
(www.fpcalbemarle.org).  
Click on the GIVE button.**

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**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 Matt (540.449.5319) directly.

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**Lemonade on the Lawn via Zoom**

Join your friends in the summer tradition of Lemonade on the Lawn (online) immediately following worship. You are invited to bring your own lemonade or beverage of your choice and join others for conversation. Gathering will be simple. Along with the information regarding access to Sunday worship, you will receive the zoom link to gain entry to Lemonade on the Lawn. We hope to see you following worship on Sundays.

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**First Presbyterian Church Storytime for Children  
Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. for Preschoolers via YouTube livestream video**

Matt will livestream a video reading a children’s book.

To access the video, go to the First Presbyterian Church website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the Storytime banner.