



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Help us to remember, O Lord, for we seem to practice forgetting. We forget who made us and why; we forget your daily grace and unremitting love; we forget your forgiveness of ourselves and our neighbors. Help us to remember.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONG *Standing in the Need of Prayer* Afro-American Spiritual

Not my brother, nor my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer;
Not my brother, nor my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.

(Refrain)

*It's me, (it's me,) it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer;
It's me, (it's me,) it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.*

Not the elder, nor the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer;
Not the elder, nor the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer. (Refrain)

Not my father, nor my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing the need of prayer.
Not my father, nor my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer. (Refrain)

Not the stranger, nor my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer;
Not the stranger, nor my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer. (Refrain)

CHURCH CORRESPONDENCE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hymn 390 *Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!* Louez le Seigneur

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Generous God, whose love embraces the sinner and challenges the self-righteous, enable us to hear the call to discipleship, trusting not in our unworthiness, but in the healing love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory* Cwm Rhondda

From the prayers of
Dr. Thomas W.
Currie, III, former
dean of Union
Presbyterian
Seminary in
Charlotte.

This spiritual was
first published in
1925.
Its text suggests that
each of us needs
prayer as much as *all*
of us need prayer.

Throughout this
sermon series, we
will listen in on
conversations
between *modern*
Christians and *early*
Christians as they
explore faith in the
church.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

Unison

Merciful God, your love for us is undivided, but we confess that we have been unfaithful in our devotion to you. Our affections stray to false gods of money, power, and success. Our commitments fracture among life's demands. Our loyalties are spread among the obligations of community and nation. Forgive us, we pray. Reconcile our wandering hearts and restore us to faithfulness so we may know the joy of single-minded devotion to Jesus Christ.

***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.

Glory to God hymnal page 582

RECOGNITION AND THANKSGIVING

Sarah Michael

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Mr. Drumheller

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the children's greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

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

SOLO

Ain't Goin' to Study War No More
Andy Cotton, Baritone

Harry T. Burleigh

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of the living God, write your Word on the tablet of our hearts, that we may be your letter to the world, showing forth the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Acts 7:54-8:4](#)

Pew Bible, page 118

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Persevere

Mrs. Ayscue

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows, and blocks the path of the ungodly; that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Confession of Belhar was included in the Book of Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 2016, 50 years after it was birthed in South Africa by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church during its battle against apartheid.

*HYMN 314

Christ, Be Our Light

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During the hymn, ushers will collect your written prayers for inclusion in the Prayers of the People.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Heather Kilde

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Mr. 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.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

What will it profit us to gain the whole world and forfeit our life?

With all humility, let us make our offering to God, trusting not in worldly gain, but in God’s sustaining grace.

Offertory

Brother James’ Air

Dale Wood

*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 761

Called as Partners in Christ’s Service

Beecher

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

*All who are able may stand.

My Offering cards are in the pews.

As a regular practice, you are invited to take one, reflect on your giving, and place it in the offering plate when it comes to you.

Worship continues with fellowship in the Pit Stop. Join others for lemonade and conversation.

We rejoice that you are worshiping 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 Leah Kilde. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

There is no Children’s Church today. School-aged children are encouraged to remain in worship.

Thanks to Martha Sue Hall and Russell Karr for their role as letter writers in worship this morning.

Thanks to Andy Cotton for his musical leadership in worship today.

Ushers: Brett Richards, captain; Jim Hesley, Judy Kilgore, Grace Richards, Danny Saltzman, and Rose Saltzman **Outside Ushers:** Bill Pickler; Brad Boone **Elder Greeters:** Keith Bryson; Taylor Johnston **Nursery:** Grayson Harris **Preschool Partners:** Jane & Brad Boone **Nana & Papa Team:** Cathy King; Teresa Taylor

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Charlene McKeithan (wife of Rev. Harold McKeithan), Hessie Clark, Junior Lambert (uncle of Danny Lambert; stage 4 lung cancer), Dick Liles (sciatica pain), Ruth Ann Rogers, Betty Stancik (sister of Bill Hall; continuing health concerns), Doug Archer (cancer), Rodney Morgan. **See newsletter for complete list.**

The Personnel Committee will host a reception following worship on July 22 honoring Leah Beamon and thanking her for her service to the church. Please plan to stay to greet Leah and her family.

**FELLOWSHIP
&
LEMONADE
ON THE
LAWN
EVERY SUNDAY
FOLLOWING
WORSHIP
IN THE
PIT STOP**



!!! IMPORTANT MEETING !!!
Diaconate & Session Committee Chairs'
2019 Budget Request Meeting
Sunday, July 22
Following worship in the Session Room
 There will be a brief meeting of the Diaconate and Session Committee Chairs concerning the 2019 budget requests. Please meet in the Session Room following worship.

!!! LAST SUNDAY TO CIRCLE THE SANCTUARY !!!
 Bring non-perishable food items to designated areas in the sanctuary on July 22.

Let's fill the shelves!

Most Needed Items Are:

**Canned Fruit (No Sugar Added), Canned Vegetables (Low Sodium),
 Canned Meats, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles,
 Macaroni & Cheese, Oatmeal/Grits, 1lb bag of rice**

Operation Christmas Child boxes are now available throughout the church. Pick one up and fill it with gifts for a child. Boxes will be dedicated in worship on Sunday, August 26.



**Operation
Christmas Child**

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST

The 2018-19 school year will be here soon and school supplies are in the retail stores ready for purchase. Please take the list below and begin shopping for much needed supplies for our partner school, Central Elementary. A designated bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Uniform shirts for youth are \$15.00 (these are plain polo shirts).

Donations for 1 or more shirts would be greatly appreciated.

Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and in the memo put: CES uniform donation

Your donations are needed in the pit stop by Sunday, August 12.

If you shop at OfficeMax/OfficeDepot, Central Elementary School will receive 5% back. At checkout, present ID number 70060235.

Student Supplies

Crayons – 8, 16, or 24 count Crayola brand only

Glue Sticks

#2 Pencils

#2 Beginner Jumbo Pencils (for Kindergarten students)

Composition Hard Cover Wide-Ruled books (not spiral bound)

Scissors (child & youth sizes)

Pink Pearl Eraser

Card Stock Paper

Dry Erase Markers (small size)

Notebook Paper (wide-ruled & regular-ruled)

Small Zipper Pencil Pouch or Pencil Box

Dividers with pockets

Spiral Notebooks with pockets

Plain Solid 2-pocket folders

Pocket folders with prongs

2” 3-ring binders

Pencil top erasers

1 pk. Highlighters

Colored Pencils

Colored Paper

3x5 index cards

Ear Buds

Ear Phones

Small Pencil Sharpener

Sticky Notes

Classroom Supplies Needed Include:

Lysol or Clorox Wipes

Kleenex

Baby Wipes

Hand Sanitizer

Paper Towels

Band-aids

Ziplock Sandwich Bags (Quart and Gallon)

TEMPORARY ADDRESS FOR HESSIE CLARK

Hessie Clark
c/o Buster Clark
1420 Fairfax Woods Drive
Apex, NC 27502

(Temporarily living with her son, Buster Clark.)

!!! Volunteers Needed for the Community Inn BBQ !!!

The annual Community Inn BBQ is Friday, August 17 at West Albemarle Baptist Church (336 Church Street, Albemarle) from 11 AM – 6 PM. Volunteers are needed to make pound cakes, to help with setting up the day before the event, and to help with deliveries, serving, and cleaning up on the day of the event. There is a sign-up sheet on the Mission Bulletin Board in the Pit Stop. Please stop by and sign up to help! Thanks!



**First Presbyterian Church Congregational Retreat
October 12-14 at Morrow Mountain State Park**

It's not too early to sign-up for First Presbyterian Church's congregational retreat on October 12-14 at Morrow Mountain State Park. See the bulletin board in the pit stop for more information.

The 2018 Nominating Committee welcomes your suggestions of persons to be considered for service as Deacon or Ruling Elder. In thinking of folks who may be qualified to serve, please consider the following:

- Worship attendance
- Participation in church activities
- Service rendered to the church
- Christian living in daily life
- Ability to work cooperatively with others

Suggestions for Deacon

Suggestions for Ruling Elder

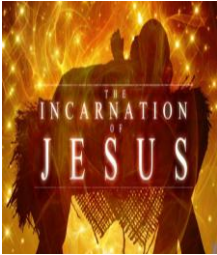
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Please return suggestions to the church office or to Keith Bryson, Nominating Committee Chair, by August 5. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Keith Bryson, Robert Ivey, Taylor Johnston, Nancy Joines, Bill Jolly, Jack Morton, and Frankie Palmer.



Christmas in August

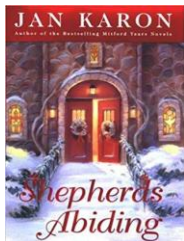


Adult Study on the Incarnation of Jesus
Tuesday, August 14 from 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the Session Room
Sign-up by August 12; Dinner Provided.

In preparation for our August celebration of Christmas, join Matt and Elizabeth to examine how each gospel tells the story of the incarnation of Jesus. We'll enjoy good conversation as we explore the perspective of each gospel writer. Childcare is provided upon request.

Advent Worship Sunday, August 19

A festive brunch will follow worship. If you would like to help, contact Jane Boone (704-984-6353 or jane.boone@atriumhealth.org). Following brunch, Ruth Cotton will lead a chrismon workshop for school-aged children and adults. We'll use the ornaments on our summer chrismon tree and then they can be taken home.



Book Conversation
Monday, August 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor
Shepherds Abiding: A Mitford Christmas Story
by Jan Karon

Copies are available in the church office and at the public library.

MOVIE NIGHT
THE STAR
FRIDAY, AUGUST 24 AT 6:00 P.M.
WE'LL GATHER AROUND
THE BIG SCREEN IN THE THEATRE.



Christmas Celebration
Sunday, August 26

Carol singing; the birth of Jesus will be told in music and word. Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes will be dedicated and much more! Wear your Christmas colors!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 22

Circle the Sanctuary

- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Reception Honoring Leah Beamon (Pit Stop)
- 11:00 am Diaconate & Session Committee Chairs'
2019 Budget Request Meeting (Session Room)

Monday, July 23

- 8:30 am Youth Group Monday Morning Mission

Wednesday, July 25

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, July 29

- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (Pit Stop)

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY

- 23-Jackson Palmer
- 24-Beth Poolos
Craig Taylor
- 25-Bruce Mittendorf
- 26-William Ivey
Adam Jolly
- 27-Chris Chapman
John Hahn
Ellen Whitley
Marlene Sanges

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JULY

- 28-Matt & Claire George Drumheller
John & Heather Kilde
Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR JULY

Canned Meats
Tuna, Chicken, Spam, Salmon



Quarter Ministry for The Mary & Martha Center for Women & Community Care

The Mary & Martha Center for Women & Community Care is collecting quarters to assist women with laundromat expenses. Your donation of quarters can be dropped in jars located at the sanctuary entrances. Your quarters make a difference!



**Summer Art Gallery Exhibit
Featuring Works
By Lilley Brookshire**