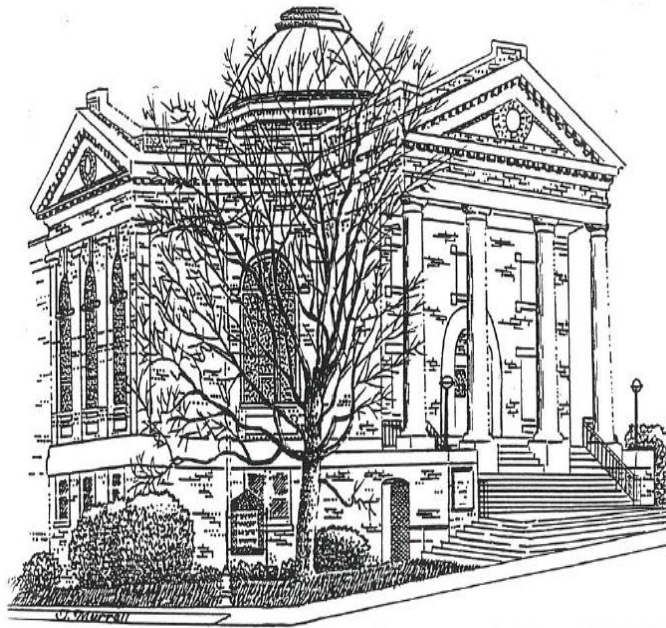


# *First Presbyterian Church* *Albemarle, North Carolina*



May 4, 2025  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign the Friendship Register*

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

acolyte

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Selections from Psalm 131

Kate Gibson, liturgist

I O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high.

I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother.

O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, we thank you today for the students preparing for careers whom we get to partner with in some small way. Remind us that we should all be lifelong learners, ever seeking to grow and improve ourselves. Amen.

\*HYMN 286

“Breathe On Me, Breath Of God”

TRENTHAM

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that we have fallen short. We have been more concerned about making a great name for ourselves than with doing the ordinary tasks of love. We have not been quiet and humble, but have been noisy in the ways we try to draw attention and praise to ourselves. Rather than minding our own affairs, we have been meddling in the business of others with gossip. Forgive us, Lord. Amen.

*Silent Confession and Reflection*

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: mercy triumphs over judgment! Your sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

\*Response 518

“Your Only Son” (Lamb of God)  
(Verse 3)

LAMB OF GOD

*I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod,  
and to be called a lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet lamb of God, I love the holy lamb of God!*

*O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Barbara Lindley

ANTHEM

“Feed My Lambs”

Natalie Sleeth

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, your word is eternal and unchanging, which means it will often challenge the presumptions of our changing culture. Help us align our lives to the ever ancient, ever new ideas and perspectives which your word teaches us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Ecclesiastes 4:4, 6; 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12](#)

SERMON

“An Uncommon Ambition”

Rev. Joel Lynn

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 714

“God Of The Fertile Fields”

ITALIAN HYMN

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostle’s Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father

Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

#### RECOGNITION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

#### RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

##### Offertory

*Response 697	"Take My Life"	HEDON
	<i>Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.</i>	

##### \*Prayer of Dedication

O Lord, you who gift us with talents and call us to our vocations, we dedicate our studies and our work to you. We lay our ambition at your feet. Make of us what you will. Do something extraordinary in our ordinary lives. Teach us contentment in wherever you place us. Use our time, talents, and treasures for your glory. Amen.

#### SENDING

*HYMN 693	"Though I May Speak" (The Gift of Love)	GIFT OF LOVE
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#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE	"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"	Peter Lutkin
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#### \*POSTLUDE

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**Thank you to** Frank Poolos, Michael Rowland, Chancel Choir, Barbara Lindley and Kate Gibson for their leadership in worship today.

**The flowers today are given to** the Glory of God and in honor of Lex, Jackie and Nicole's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday, given by their parents Beth and Frank Poolos.

**The rose in the sanctuary** is in honor of the birth of Campbell James Wallace, daughter of Nicole and Brandon Wallace born on April 25. Proud grandparents are Beth and Frank Poolos.

**We welcome** scholarship recipients and families today.

**The acolyte today** is TBD.

**Ushers for May:** Heather Hatley (captain), Emily Deese, Ashley Deese, Ella Cumming, Vaughn Folks, Jim Hesley

**Outside Ushers for May 4:** Lee Snuggs, Ronnie Michael.

**Elder Greeters:** Tom Norwood, Kate Gibson

**Streaming Coordinator:** Evan Sanges

**Children's Church / Nursery:** Bailey Mitchell

**There will be Faith Sharing** today with Barbara Lindley.

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**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Atticus Hampton-leukemia, (grandson of Chris & Barbara Whitley), Leslie Kinley (breast cancer), Roger Eudy, Shelly McInturff (heart surgery, sister of Michelle Cumming), Tommy Murrell, Frankie Palmer, sympathy to Pam Knighten upon the loss of her father Bill, sympathy to John Howell upon the loss of his mother Bobbye Jo Howell. Some names have been moved to the newsletter as they require ongoing prayers. Current critical prayer concerns will be added weekly and moved to the newsletter prayer list after a month. They will stay in the newsletter till requested to be removed. See newsletter for complete list.

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### PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN THE REGISTER

The Membership Care Committee encourages you to be faithful in signing the Friendship Register in worship on Sundays and to register online if you worship there.

It helps us know when you are not here, which is very important.

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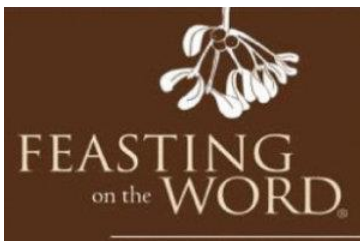


### NEW YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A have a new class for young adults ages 20 to 40!  
You are also welcome to join if you are actually older than 40  
but don't feel it!- everyone is welcome!

We are meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the old teen room next to  
the choir room. We would love to see you!

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### Feasting on the Word

This intergenerational Bible Study class uses the denominational resource curriculum Feasting on the Word. All of us see the world through the filter of our own life experiences and transitions and we bring to Bible study and worship this variety of views. Congregational members of all ages are encouraged to attend. The weekly class discussions has multiple discussion leaders. This class meets in the Old Session Room on the basement level from 9:30-10:20 am on Sunday mornings.

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**Donations needed for Central  
Elementary Lunches during Teacher  
Appreciation Week**

**Lunches are being provided to Central  
teachers next week May 7, 8 & 9<sup>th</sup>.**



If you would like to donate funds for these meals you can send checks to the church office and note on memo "Teacher Appreciation", place in offering plate Sunday w/notation, or donate online using the church QR Code. If you have any questions please contact Kristie Bryson.  
kristie.bryson@stanlycountyschools.org

**Your Help is greatly appreciated!!**



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We accidently left off one of our  
college graduates last week...  
Congratulations to Morgan Kinley!



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**MIDWEEK MEAL**

**Wednesday, May 7**

**RSVP BY 2:00**

**ON TUESDAY, May 6**

**Menu: Boston Butt, Mashed Potatoes and Salad.  
Assorted Desserts, Tea, Coffee, Water & Lemonade.**

Contact the church office 704-982-2722 or [jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) by 2:00 pm on Tuesday, May 6 to say you're coming. You may also indicate in the Friendship Register how many will be attending. You can pay at the door as you enter the gym. Please call Jane Snyder at 704-438-3358 or email her at [jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) if you would like to help. Dinner at 5:30 pm.

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**Today is the Offering of Letters**

Please place your letters for "Bread for the World" in the basket at the door of the sanctuary.



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**Scholarship Recognition  
Today Sunday, May 4**

Scholarship recipients will be recognized in worship today Sunday, May 4. The Scholarship Committee members are: Emily Andrew, Kate Gibson, Lee McLaurin, Ronnie Michael, and Carol Sasser.

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## LUNCH OUT



### First Presbyterian Church Lunch Outing at The Rosebriar

**Tuesday, May 13 at 11:30 am**

Please let Jane know if you can join us by texting or calling her at 704-438-3358 or  
jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org.

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### Prime Timers Lunch at Noon

Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Pit Stop



Homemade Chicken Salad & Pimento Cheese Sandwiches served  
with Pasta Salad, Fresh Fruit & Lemon Cobbler with Vanilla Ice  
Cream for dessert.

Please call the church office to register so that we can plan  
accordingly. \$8 donation



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### MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

On Mother's Day, the arrangements in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of mothers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MAY 4**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Mother's Day Arrangements*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Mother's Day, May 11**. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

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### MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, May 4

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter/ Recognition of Scholarship Recipients/*

*Ten Cents-a-Meal Offering*

9:30 am Young Adults Class

9:30 am Feasting on the Word Class

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

6:00 pm SNL meeting at Lee Snuggs House

### Monday, May 5

Noon Lunch & Learn in Session Room

4:00 pm Walking Group at Rock Creek

### Wednesday, May 7

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

1:30 pm Prayer Shawl

5:30 pm Midweek Meal

6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, May 11

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day*

9:30 am Young Adults Class

9:30 am Feasting on the Word Class

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

NO SNL

**\*Childcare provided**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

#### May

04 Brad Boone

08 Lee Snuggs

11 Elizabeth Boyle

Debbie Johnston

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

#### May

02 Bob & Donna Gaither

03 Kyle & Taylor Barbee

### Church Staff

Pastor, Rev. Joel Lynn

Director of Music, Dr. Frank Poolos

Organist, Michael Rowland

Dir Fellowship/Congregational Care, Jane Snyder

Office Manager, Kyle Lambert

Secretary, Beth Poolos

Facilities Manager, Shawn Graeff

### Elders

Emily Andrew, Debbie Bennett,

Keith Bryson, Ann Crutchfield,

Nathaniel Eudy, Peggy Finley,

Kate Gibson, Mike King,

Lee McLaurin, Ronnie Michael,

Tom Norwood, Gayle Russell,

Jim Sawyer

### Deacons

Anissa Chapman, Vaughn Folks,

Heather Hatley, Jim Hesley,

Lori Ivey, Myron Lowder,

John Palmer, Frank Poolos,

Brett Richards, Carol Sasser,

Billie Jean Snuggs,

Debbie Wainwright

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.

The offering as part of our worship is a response to God's grace. The ushers will pass the plates or you may make your gift by scanning the QR Code here. Thank you for your generosity.

# *First Presbyterian Church 2025 Scholarship Recipients*

## **First Presbyterian Church Scholarship recipients are:**

**Skyler Ake...** Graduating from Penn Foster High School (online). She will attend Pfeiffer University or Appalachian State and major in Nursing.

**Aiden Cheek...** Graduating from South Stanly High School. He will attend Wingate University and major in Computer Science.

**Landon Cord...** Graduating from Gray Stone Day School. He will attend Catawba College and major in Music Business.

**Cheyenne Efird...** Graduating from Gray Stone Day School. She will attend Western Carolina University and major in Communication Science and Disorders.

**Kayleigh Faircloth...** Graduating from Stanly STEM Early College. She will attend Pfeiffer University and major in Nursing.

**Smith Huneycutt...** Currently studying at UNC Charlotte majoring in Finance.

**Alainna Lowder...** Will be attending UNC Charlotte to work towards her Masters in Social Work.

**Emma Pollard...** Graduating from Stanly Early College. She will be attending Appalachian State University and major in Business Management.

**Abbie Thomas...** Currently attending Wingate University majoring in Psychology.

**Eli Thompson...** Graduating from South Stanly High School. He will attend UNC Chapel Hill and major in Nursing.

**Madelyn Travis...** Graduating from Gray Stone Day School. She will attend Western Carolina University and major in Integrated Health Sciences.

**Kinsley Tyson...** Graduating from South Stanly High School. She will attend NC State University and major in Animal Science or will attend UNC Charlotte and major in Biology.

## **Frances and Jake Jacobs Scholarship recipients are:**

**Landon Almond...** Currently studying at Pfeiffer University majoring in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology.

**Kaelynn Guyette...** Currently attending Wingate University majoring in Psychology.

**Anna Christian Harkey...** Currently attending graduate school at NC Central University's School of Library and Information Sciences to obtain her MLS with a concentration in Archival Management.

**Eli Patrick Toole...** Currently studying at Wingate University and majoring in Exercise Science.

## **The Ayscue Scholarship recipient is:**

**Elizabeth Bryson...** Graduating from Gray Stone Day School. She will attend Sand Hills Community College majoring in Art for a transfer pathway.

## **Maude Boysworth Scholarship recipient is:**

**Merrin Kinley...** Graduating from West Stanly High School. She will attend NC State University and major in accounting.

## **Moeller Family Endowment Scholarship recipients are:**

**Kaine McLendon...** Graduating from Albemarle High School. He will attend UNC Charlotte and major in Computer Science.

**Kaiyana Spencer...** Currently studying at NC A&T majoring in Biology.

## **Helen Mount Scholarship recipient is:**

**Ethan Richards...** Currently studying at Appalachian State University majoring in Computer Science.

## **Daniel Mann Whitley Scholarship recipient is:**

**Rylan Furr...** Graduating from North Stanly High School. He will attend Montreat College and major in Graphic Design.