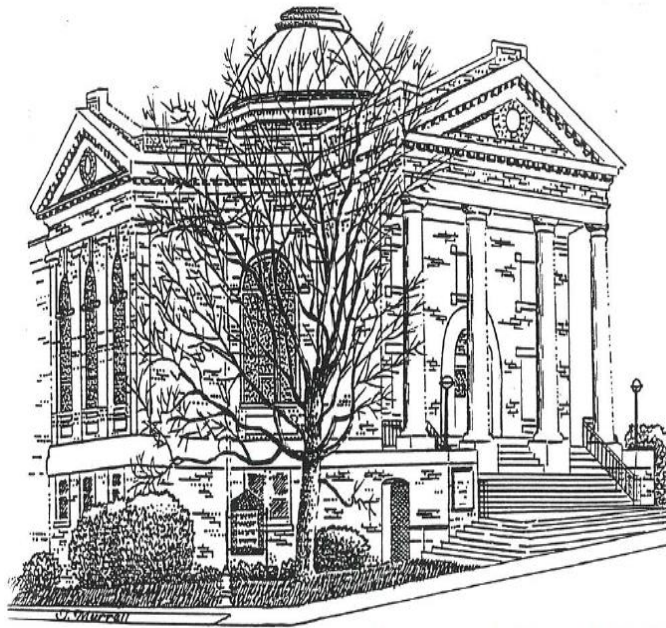


# *First Presbyterian Church* *Albemarle, North Carolina*



May 18, 2025  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign the Friendship Register*

PRELUDE

“When We Are Living”

Emma Lou Diemer

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Jordan Hesley, acolyte

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. The wages of sin is death.  
**But God saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy.**

Romans 3:23  
**Titus 3:5**

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart

Romans 10:9

that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.**

**2 Cor. 5:17**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Lord, we know that faith is something we must recommit to every day. Faith was started in our past, but must continue in our present and future. Help us today to not just celebrate our confirmands, but to also reevaluate our own faith and recommit to following you. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 835**

“Just A Closer With Thee”

CLOSER WALK

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord, we confess that though we profess faith in you, our lives do not always live up to what a life of faith should look like. Forgive us when we do not live lives worthy of the gospel. Help our lives reflect your glory and goodness. 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**

Katie Lynn

**ANTHEM**

“This Is The Day”

John Rutter

*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 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, your word is a light unto our path. May your scripture guide us always in the way we should go. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Psalm 62:6-8, 11-12a; Matthew 7:24-27](#)

SERMON

“Christ The Solid Rock”

Rev. Joel Lynn

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 353

“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”

SOLID ROCK

Presentation of the 2025 Confirmation Class

Statement on Baptism and Confirmation

Questions to the Confirmands

Baptismal Questions

Affirmation of Faith: the Apostle’s Creed

Baptism

Welcome

Charge to Confirmands and Prayer for Confirmands

Presentation of the Gifts

\*HYMN 482

“Baptized In Water”

BUHNESSAN

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.

RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Offertory

“I Come With Joy”

David Cherwien

\*Response 697

“Take My Life”

HEDON

*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.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

O Lord, we dedicate our lives to you in faith and discipleship. May your Spirit help us live up to our baptismal vows. Use this church to raise up more into the faith. Amen.

SENDING

\*HYMN 2129

“I Have Decided To Follow Jesus”

ASSAM

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Peter Lutkin

\*POSTLUDE

“God, Who Stretched The Spangled Heavens”

Wilbur Held

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**Thank you to Frank Poolos, Michael Rowland, Chancel Choir, and our confirmands for their leadership in worship today.**

**The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Joel Lynn as we celebrate his one-year anniversary as our pastor. We are truly blessed to have both Joel and Katie here in Albemarle.**

**The acolyte today is Jordan Hesley.**

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

**Outside Ushers for May 18:** Jim Ivey, John Earnhardt

**Elder Greeters:** Ronnie Michael, Kate Gibson

**Streaming Coordinator:** Evan Sanges

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

**There will be Faith Sharing today with Katie Lynn.**

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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, Ginny Carpenter (mother of Courtney Neiderer), Ruth Ann Rogers (shingles), John McIntyre (back surgery). 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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**TODAY IS CONFIRMATION SUNDAY- MAY 18**



Today we celebrate our confirmands as they reaffirm their faith and as some get baptized. Our confirmands this year are Hugh Carpenter, Russ Carpenter, Ashely Deese, Emily Deese, Cidney Eudy, Carter Gibson, Emma Gibson, Melanie Hendrix, Jordan Hesley, and Sophie Poplin.

Thank you to confirmation partners Chris Chapman, Ann Crutchfield, Debbie Bennett, Peggy Finley, Jim Hesley, and Katie Lynn for their leadership in the confirmation program.

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**Church Office  
Closed  
Monday, May 26**



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**MIDWEEK MEAL**  
Wednesday, May 21  
RSVP BY 2:00  
ON TUESDAY, May 20  
Menu: Pizza 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 20 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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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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**SUMMER CAMP**  
**AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

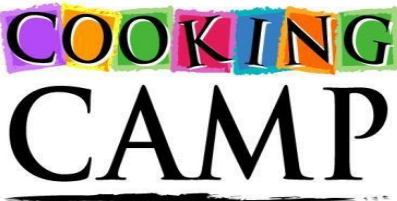
Hosted by First Baptist, First Lutheran and First Presbyterian

June 9-13 - 9 am – 1pm (Friday 9am- 11am)  
Ages 4 years – current 5<sup>th</sup> graders  
\$30.00 per child

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS**  
(COMPLETED 4th - 6th Grades)

June 16-19, 2025 9:00 am-1:00 pm  
Cost: \$60.00 per child Camp Limit of 12  
For more information, to register, or to volunteer contact Jane Snyder at (704-982-2722/704-438-3358 or [jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org)

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**END-OF-YEAR BREAKFAST FOR**  
**CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STAFF**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 22**



We need money donations for the Central Breakfast, Thursday May 22 at Central School.

Money will be used to purchase biscuits and sausage biscuits. Any proceeds not used will be used for the community Inn dinner on July 4<sup>th</sup>. You can text or call Ruth Cotton 704-942-1381 if you have any questions.

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The 2025 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, and ability to work cooperatively with others. Please check with your nominee(s) to confirm he/she is willing to serve if elected. Terms are for 3 years.



Refer to the lists on the back of the bulletin and newsletter for current officers.

Suggestions for Deacon

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions for Ruling Elder

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

or email committee members:

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Circle the Sanctuary

We will circle the sanctuary for the SCCM Food Pantry again this summer. With prices escalating our friends need your help so they and their families don't go hungry.

You may bring the following items to the designated areas in the sanctuary during the weeks of June 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

Requested items are: \*canned meat, \*boxed pasta meals and canned pasta, \*cereal, oatmeal, and grits, \*canned fruit (no sugar added), \*2 lb. bags of flour and sugar, \*condiments (mayo, mustard, catsup, salad dressings), \*small laundry detergent containers, and \*diapers and wipes.

Thank you for thinking of our neighbors as you do your own shopping.



The Mission Committee

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

**Sunday, May 18**

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

- 8:30 am Session
- 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 End of Year Party

**Monday, May 19**

- Noon Lunch & Learn in Session Room
- 4:00 pm Walking Group at Rock Creek

**Wednesday, May 21**

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 5:30 pm Midweek Meal
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, May 25**

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

- 9:30 am Young Adults Class
- 9:30 am Feasting on the Word Class
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship

**\*Childcare provided**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**May**

- 18 Jackson Shedd
- 19 Jim Sawyer  
Natalie Taylor
- 20 Jim Ivey, III  
Bill Lindley
- 21 Kristen Laton  
Quinton Wainwright
- 22 Richard Lambert

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**May**

- 22 Mike & Cathy King

**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.



### FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS

On Father's Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of fathers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, JUNE 8.** Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Father's Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Father's Day, June 15.**

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### FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS

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

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of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given

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

In honor

of: \_\_\_\_\_

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