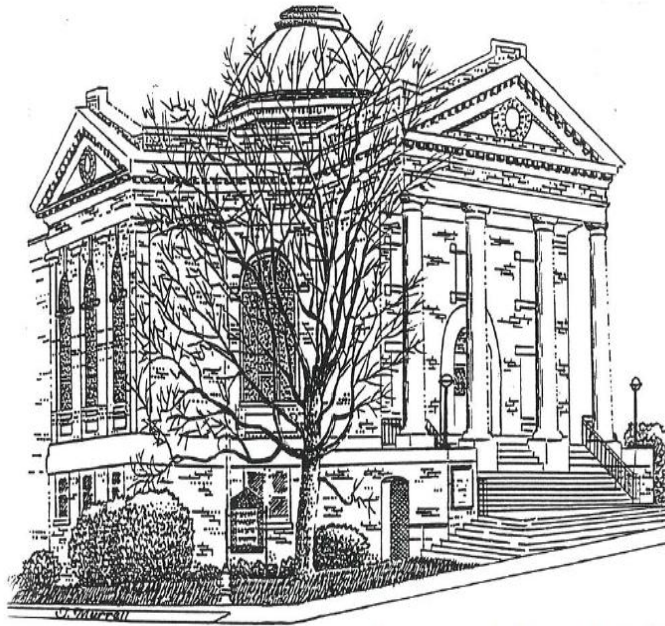


First Presbyterian Church *Albemarle, North Carolina*



May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Friendship Register

PRELUDE

"I Lift My Eyes to the Hills"

Dale Wood

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

acolyte

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 139

Frank Poolos, liturgist

It was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord, you are welcome in this place. Help us to be aware of your presence here with us today. Attune us to your Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN 698**

“Take, O Take Me As I Am”

TAKE ME AS I AM

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, we confess that our lives are in need of reform. We have allowed bad habits to creep in and have not always ordered our lives to prioritize what is most important. Forgive us, Lord, and reshape our lives according to Your will. 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**

“Jesus Paid It All”

Jesus paid it all; all to him I owe. Sin had left a crimson stain- he washed it white as snow.

THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Kristie Bryson

ANTHEM

“The Gift of Love”

Hal Hopson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our ears and our hearts so that we do not only hear your word but truly listen to it. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

[Jeremiah 18:1-12; 19:1, 10-11a, 15b; Isaiah 45:9-11](#)

SERMON

“The Potter’s Vessel”

Rev. Joel Lynn

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 695**

“Change My Heart, O God”

CHANGE MY HEART

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Debbie Bennett

RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Offertory

“Andante”

Ralph-Vaughan Williams

*Response

“I Surrender All”

All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I freely give. I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live. I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee, my blessed Savior; I surrender all.

*Prayer of Dedication

God of new life and renewal, utilize these gifts to restore and uplift. May we be agents of your new creation. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN 625

“How Great Thou Art”

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Peter Lutkin

Music in preparation for service in the world.

POSTLUDE

“Let The Earth Rejoice”

Dale Wood

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Thank you to Frank Poolos, Michael Rowland, Chancel Choir, Kyle Lambert, and Kristie Bryson for their leadership in worship today.

Ushers for May: Heather Hatley (captain), Emily Deese, Ashley Deese, Anissa Chapman, Chris Chapman, Jim Hesley, Sophie Poplin

Outside Ushers for May 10: JD, Vaughn Folks

Elder Greeters: Peggy Finley, Mike King

Streaming Coordinator: Tech

Children's Church / Nursery: TBD

There will be Faith Sharing today with Kristie Bryson.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Atticus Hampton, (grandson of Chris & Barbara Whitley), Judy Murrell (at home with Hospice care), Shelby Burris (aunt of Danny Lambert), Patsy McLaurin, Tyler Bullock (hip surgery), Amy Elizabeth Owens (16 yr. old friend of the congregation), Courtney Efird (colon cancer surgery May 7, daughter of Gayle Russell), Jim Hesley (surgery-kidney stent). 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.

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.



MIDWEEK MEAL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13
RSVP BY NOON ON
TUESDAY, MAY 12

Menu: Chicken Pot Pie & Salad

Assorted Desserts, Tea, Coffee, Water & Lemonade.

Contact the church office 704-982-2722 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org by noon on Tuesday, May 12 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 Pitstop. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jane Snyder, 704-438-3358 or email her at jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org. We need help on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 with meal prep, as well as with clean-up after the meal. Meals start at 5:30 p.m.

Peace of Mind Seminar



Please join us for an advance funeral planning seminar at First Presbyterian Church of Albemarle on Monday May 11th, 2026 at 2:00 PM in the Sessions Room. We will be discussing the steps involved in getting a funeral plan in place, how that plan will affect your loved ones, and answering your questions on funeral services.

Preplan Coordinator:
Graham Hatley

Location:
First Presbyterian Church of Albemarle
in the Sessions Room
126 West North Street
Albemarle, NC 28001

Topics Discussed
Advance funeral planning.
Types of services.
Death away from home (out of area protection).
Planning financially for services.

Date and Time:
Monday May 11th, 2026 at 2:00 PM

The 2026 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. _____
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4. _____

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Adult Ed Class Offering
Back to the
(Not So Basic) Basics
Join Pastor Joel on Tuesdays, at 6:30



The Back to the Basics class led by Pastor Joel is starting back up on **May 5**, meeting Tuesdays night at 6:30 p.m. in the Pit Stop. Topics will include Presbyterian History, the Bible, the 10 Commandments, and the Apostles' Creed.



LETTER WRITING TODAY SUNDAY, MAY 3
IN THE PIT STOP
9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M. AND 12:00 P.M.-1:00 P.M

Bread for the World is a non-partisan Christian organization which advocates for national policies that address the root causes of hunger, both domestically and internationally. Through the "Nourish the Future" campaign, Bread for the World seeks to ensure a hunger-free future for vulnerable children. We are challenged to live out our faith through prayer "for a change in national priorities" and advocacy "through letter writing to our US Senators and Representative from North Carolina", urging them to support legislation that reduces hunger". We will give our offering of letters for Bread for the World on Sunday, May 17.

Packets will be available in the Pit Stop before and after worship.



We had so much fun we have decided to host another



Puzzle/Game Night at the Gallery
Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00 pm

Roger Martin Sculpture Gallery
260 East Main Street
Host: Gina & Roger Martin



Enjoy appetizers and drinks while you move between puzzles and games.
If you love working puzzles, playing games, eating and socializing!
Contact Gina Martin for more details and to let her know you're coming!





LUNCH OUT
First Presbyterian Church Lunch Outing
at The Table



Friday, May 22 at 10:30 am

We will meet at the church at 10:30 am to carpool over.

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



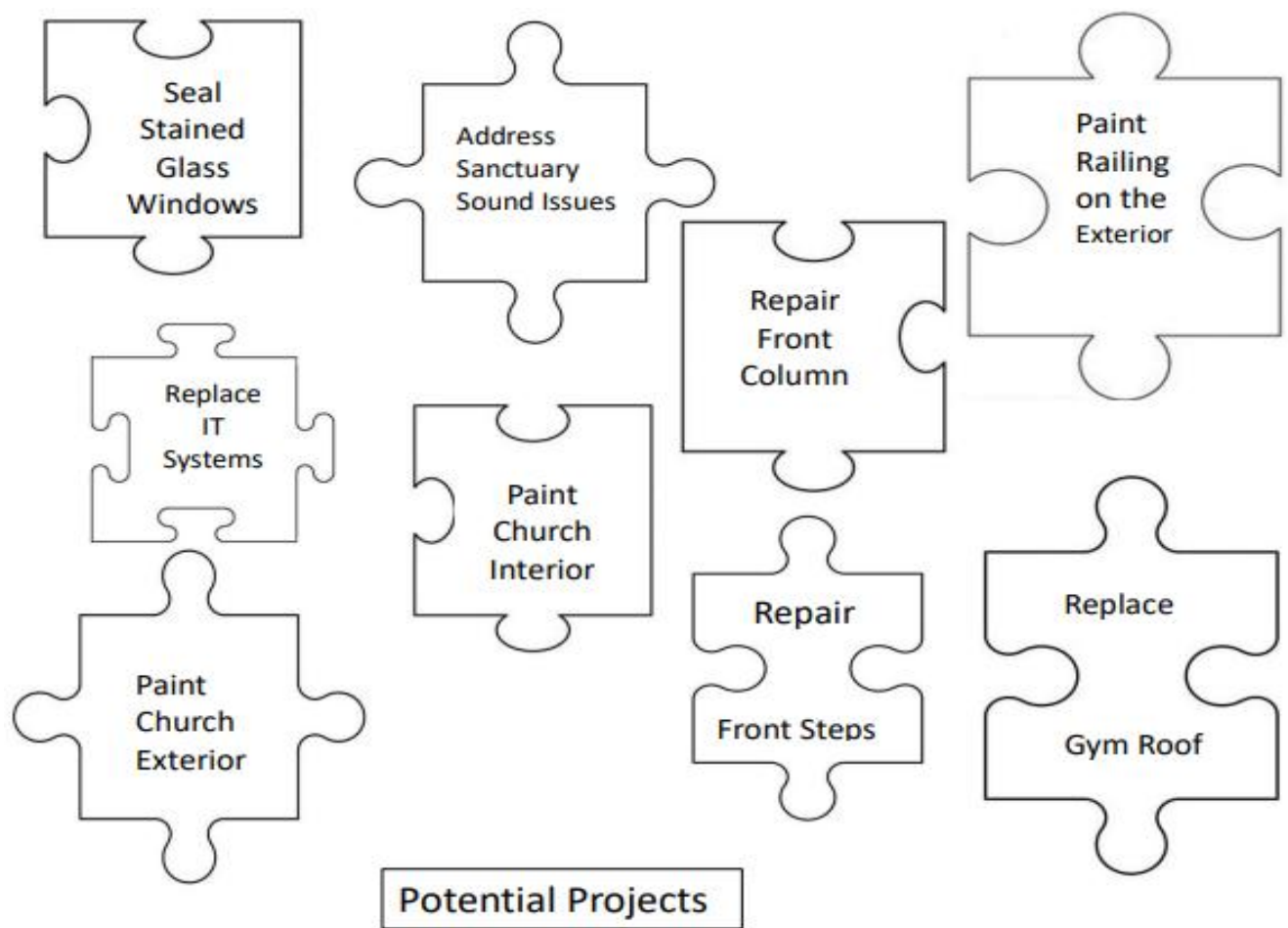
Help with Central School Breakfast

We will be helping to provide breakfast to Central School staff on
Thursday, May 21 at 7:30 am.

Bananas and oranges are needed. If you can help with this please contact
Ruth Cotton hugawolf@hotmail.com or call 704-942-1381.



The Community Inn meal was Friday May 1st. Thank you to the following people who brought food and helped serve Martha Sue Hall, Gina Martin, Nancy Joines, Linda Anderson, Ruth Cotton, David and Mary Troutman.



Meeting the Challenge Piece by Piece



- Thank you for praying for this church, her staff, her people, the many activities and the Matching \$60,000 Challenge.



- Thank you to all who have felt led to contribute to the Matching \$60,000 Challenge.



- ALL monies raised will be spent on this church's building and property needs – as determined by the members of the Property Committee.



- The first two building needs to be addressed are repairing the stained-glass windows and putting a new roof on the gym. The \$40,000 grant received from the Cannon Foundation will help defray some of the costs of these two projects.



- The amount of money collected as of **April 28, 2026 is \$ 57,742.**

MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

IN MEMORY OF:

GIVEN BY:

Ruth Arnold.....Linda Anderson
Edna Anderson.....Linda Anderson
Mildred Andrew & Betty Long.....Al & Becky Andrew
Gloria Bryson.....Her Children
Susan Green.....Her Children
Betty Stanhope & Daisy Cotton.....Ruth Cotton, James Cotton
Mary Gladys Benson.....Ann Benson Crutchfield
Frances Gaither.....Robert Gaither
Julia King.....Donna Gaither
Betsy Earnhardt & Ruth Huneycutt.....John & Angie Earnhardt
Brenda Lambert.....Danny Lambert
Dennie Carpenter.....Kyle Lambert
Josephine McCarn , Louise Lowder & Nancy LowderDoug, Matt & Myron Lowder
Frances Mabry & Mim Burdett.....Mark & Chris Mabry
Oleta Norwood & Katie Dearstyne.....Tom & Holly Norwood
Daisy Fesperman Thomas.....Frank & Beth Poolos
Millie Sawyer & Elsie Crouch.....Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer
Mrs. Loretta Moose & Mrs. Katherine Swanner.....Ron & Beth Swanner & family

IN HONOR OF:

GIVEN BY:

Kristie Bryson.....Duncan & Elizabeth
Becky Andrew.....Emily & Jay
Adrienne & Kelly.....Mom & Dad and Ella, Maddie, Will and Lanie
Vivien Crutchfield.....Wiley Crutchfield, Jr.
Katherine E. Gibson.....Mom & Dad
Holly Norwood & Anna Feezor.....Tom Norwood & Dave Feezor
Chris Mabry & Debbe Gibson.....Kate, Trey, Carter and Emma Gibson
Katie Carpenter.....Hugh, Russ & Nora
Jackie Poolos Hart.....Rory
Beth Poolos.....Frank, Lex, Jackie & Nicole
Hazel P. Poolos.....Frank & Beth
Nicole Poolos WallaceCampbell
Billie Jean Snuggs.....Witt
Hilda B. Snuggs.....Lee

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 10

6th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

9:00 am Diaconate

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

Monday, May 11

Noon Lunch & Learn

2:00 pm Stanly Funeral Home-Peace of Mind Seminar

Tuesday, May 12

6:30 pm Back to Basics Class- Pitstop

Wednesday, May 13

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

4:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

5:30 pm Midweek Meal

Thursday, May 14

Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 17

7th Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Session

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

***Childcare provided**

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May

- 11 Elizabeth Boyle
- Debbie Johnston
- 15 Stephan Kinley
- 16 Roger Martin
- 17 Liz Jolly
- Art Rogers

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May

- 12 Keith & Martha Wolf
- 15 Jackson & Jackie Hart
- 17 Tom & Holly Norwood

Elders

Debbie Bennett, Keith Bryson,
Kathy Campbell, Ruth Cotton,
Peggy Finley, Kate Gibson,
Mike King, Ronnie Michael,
Tom Norwood, Gayle Russell,
Jim Sawyer, Lee Snuggs

Deacons

Mike Bureson, Anissa Chapman,
Wiley Crutchfield, Angie Earnhardt,
Vaughn Folks, Heather Hatley,
Jennifer Hesley, Jim Hesley,
Kyle Lambert, Frank Poolos,
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.
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.