

## June 28, 2020 Announcements

**Coins for Christ/  
Pennies for Hunger: July 5, 2020**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP: We're glad you are watching us remotely today. **Until further notice, Alamance Presbyterian Church suspends all in-person worship, fellowship, classes, and committee meetings;** due to state and Salem Presbytery *Safer at Home* recommendations for public gatherings during COVID-19. Our Session continues to craft policy specifically for APC.

**It will be necessary for all groups that meet at APC — church groups and community groups — to apply to Session for permission to use our facilities, during the long period of reopening.**

We broadcast worship **each Sunday**. Instructions to set up and use a Livestream account are on ([www.alamancechurch.org](http://www.alamancechurch.org)).

**Bulletins** in PDF are posted on the website, formatted for 11 x 17 paper. **Responsive readings only** and the **song sheet with hymns** are formatted for 8 1/2 x 11 paper.

**Inspirational videos** are posted on the website and Facebook page regularly. Give them a look!

DRIVE-IN CHURCH option is offered for **Sun., Jul. 5**. See Home page of website, insert on Bulletins & Announcements page, and Facebook post for details.

TABLESCAPE CHALLENGE: Miss having regular family (and church family) fellowship around a table? The video "Gather around the Table" focuses on fun decor to welcome guests into your home — once pandemic distance restrictions relax. Enter a friendly contest, from **Sun., Jun. 28- Sun.. Jul. 26**: Create a tablescape, snap a photo, tell us about your theme. E-mail photo to Linda ([linda.aydelette@gmail.com](mailto:linda.aydelette@gmail.com)) or Jess ([jess@alamancechurch.org](mailto:jess@alamancechurch.org)). They will decide the winner, and award a special prize!

21 DAY JOURNEY TOWARD RACIAL EQUITY: Through **Jul. 7,**

engage with varied content and reflect in a journal, alone or during weekly **7p Tues.** Zoom meetings (**Jun. 30, and Jul. 7**). Participants will be sent a Zoom link and weekly reminders. To join your church community in this opportunity, e-mail the Rev. Jess Rigel: [jess@alamancechurch.org](mailto:jess@alamancechurch.org). (To access content only, push button on Home page of [www.alamancechurch.org](http://www.alamancechurch.org).)

EASTER WILL BE CELEBRATED ON THE FIRST SUNDAY THAT PUBLIC GATHERINGS ARE ALLOWED.

"DIVINE FOCUS" PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB: Contact Kyle Goodman for details of how this fellowship group (led by Danny Thomas and Kyle Goodman) plans to resume meetings/lessons **on Thursdays** this summer! ([kyle@alamancechurch.org](mailto:kyle@alamancechurch.org))

BIBLE STUDY: Rev. Dr. Kyle Goodman leads this distance-learning substitute for Open Book group; **Wednesdays at 11a**. You **must contact him** to get the ZOOM link to join the study. (Note: Requires a device with both a camera and a microphone: some desk computers, most laptop computers, and smartphones are in that category.) [kyle@alamancechurch.org](mailto:kyle@alamancechurch.org). **Note: No class on Wed., Jul. 22.**

FUNERALS DURING PANDEMIC: The day, time, and place of memorial services should not be published, per current guidelines. Funeral homes and churches are observing the restrictions that all except immediate family members should **stay at home**, to give the family room to grieve and to stay safe. If you need care or support, your pastors are here for you. When all restrictions are lifted, an "All Saints Service," will give thanks for the lives of our loved ones and countless others who have died during the pandemic.

**Christian sympathy is expressed**  
to the family and friends of  
*Jack Bryant Holt,*  
who died on June 23, 2020.

## Pandemic Policy at APC

In coming months, when our governing board, the Session, decides that it is safe to open the sanctuary for worship, **worshipers will be required to wear face masks to attend services.**

We invite you to keep making and donating masks — though not in the vast quantity we received in our first donation! Most needed: adult masks, in small and medium sizes.

The APC Child Development Center is now open for business, and requires all its staff to wear face masks. (At present, children will not wear masks while at the CDC.) We have donated some adult masks to the CDC.

Session is exploring the best ways to implement physical distancing policies for the future. At the very minimum level to maintain public safety, **worshipers will not be allowed inside unless they are wearing masks.** APC will maintain a small stockpile of masks, for those who forget to wear their own.

## Ministry Teams' stated meetings

**Please check with your moderator for meeting times during *Safer at Home* protocols** — and for how to meet while maintaining physical distance one from another. When public gatherings are again allowed, stated meeting times will again be published in the announcements and newsletter.

## Church Staff

**Dr. Kyle Goodman**, Lead Pastor  
**Rev. Jess Rigel**, Associate Pastor  
**Andrew Long**, Dir., Youth Ministries  
**Joy Thomas**, Dir., Children's Ministries  
**Katie Long**, Director of Music  
**Rebecca Oden**, Accompanist  
**Jeanine Rossi**, Finance Manager  
**Lynn Barnes**, Administrative Assistant  
**Jane Preston** Director,  
Child Development Center  
**Keri Rojas**, Asst. Dir., CDC

**Presbyterian Women circles**  
**will meet when public gatherings are again allowed.** (L.I.F.T. meets each Sunday via Zoom, 9-9:50 a.m.)

Contact Brenda Bayne  
about the Pres. Women of ACP  
([brendajbayne@aol.com](mailto:brendajbayne@aol.com))

## Food Pantry Volunteers

**Special collection for July:  
Crackers**

We can always use clean, dry, plastic grocery bags. We also accept clean, dry, empty egg cartons, to re-pack eggs by the dozen for our guests, from a generous weekly bulk donation of hen fruit.

VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL: Food Pantry Team **needs** you. Volunteer your service!

**Go here to sign up: <http://signup.com/go/h2b6xy>**

ONLINE GIVING: See the Bulletins & Announcement page of website ([www.alamancechurch.org](http://www.alamancechurch.org)) for details of how to use.

**To give by Text:** Simply text the word "give" to **336-396-6133**. Then follow simple prompts to set up your account and make donations.

Our former electronic giving platform is no longer in service. You need to sign up with our new service to access online giving from now on.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**(336)-697-0488**

**To comply with Phase 2 of North Carolina's *Safer at Home* order, church offices and buildings are closed until the order is rescinded.**

*Alamance*  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2020 10 a.m.



Titian (Tiziano Vecelli)

Abraham Sacrificing Isaac, c. 1542/43

## Gathering

**Prelude**

*Take My Life and Let It Be/I Surrender All*

- arr. Tom Fetke

**Candle Lighting**

As we light the candles on our communion table,  
we invite you to light a candle in your homes,  
as a reminder that Christ is with us always, even in our darkest moments,  
illuminating us with hope for the future.

**Opening Music**

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

On screens

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

Call to Worship			Sung Assurance of Pardon			Gloria, Gloria!			On screens			Closing Hymn			Precious Lord, Take My Hand			On screens		
One Voice: Come from the fields of your daily labors, return from the journeys that have taken you far from home — come, here is rest and renewal. Many Voices: We gather, ready to receive God’s life-giving Word. One: Come to this table, where all find welcome, and this font, where grace overflows — come into the presence of the Living Lord. Many: We come to praise God — the sender and the sent.																				
The Word																				
Scripture Reading						Genesis 22:1-14														
One: This is the Word of the Lord. Many: Thanks be to God.																				
Biblical Reflection																				
As you listen to the Scripture and to our pastoral reflections, we invite you to follow suit and hold your own discussions at home as a form of worship within your family. Below are some of the questions we responded to during our reflections.																				
I wonder why this story was included in the Bible?																				
I wonder what questions this passage leads us to ask God, or each other?																				
I wonder who or where in our world today this reading reminds us of?																				
Thanksgiving & Offering																				
Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer																				
Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.																				
Sharing of Offering																				
We invite you to prayerfully make a donation to contribute to the continued life and work of our congregation, even — and especially — in these times of anxiety. Please consider mailing contributions directly to the church, or using our online giving platform, available at <a href="https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-giving">https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-giving</a> .																				
Offertory						Be Still, My Soul						arr. Linda Hartman								
Prayer of Thanksgiving																				
We welcome all to the community of Jesus: to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.																				

Opening Hymn			We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight			On screens		
Psalm of the Day			Psalm 13					
How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and answer me, O Lord my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, “I have prevailed;” my foes will rejoice because I am shaken. But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.								
One: This is the Word of the Lord. Many: Thanks be to God.								
Confession and Reconciliation								
Prayer of Confession								
God, you send us as prophets to proclaim your coming reign. You send us out as witnesses to embody your justice, kindness, and mercy. Yet we shrink from your call to serve as messengers of your kingdom. We cling to safe surroundings and turn from the demands of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray. Embolden us and send us again as heralds of your good news.								
** Moment for silent confession. **								
May God forgive us, Christ befriend us, and the Spirit renew and alight our lives. Amen.								