

June 14, 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 is crafting policy specifically for APC.

It will be necessary for each group that meets at APC to apply to Session for permission to use our facilities, during the long period of reopening for regular business.

We broadcast worship **each Sunday**. Instructions to set up and use a Livestream account are on (www.alamancechurch.org). Youth Director Andrew Long's video lesson on how to comment during Livestream is on the website Home page, under Videos.

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!

ONLINE GIVING! See insert on the Bulletins & Announcement page of website (www.alamancechurch.org) for details of how to use.

21 DAY JOURNEY TOWARD RACIAL EQUITY: For 21 days, from **Tues., Jun. 16-Tues., Jul. 7**, engage with a variety of content, and reflect in a journal and/or with fellow APC participants during weekly **7p Tues. Zoom meetings** (on **Jun. 23, Jun. 30, and Jul. 7**). Participants will be sent a Zoom link and weekly reminders. To join your pastors and APC community in this unique opportunity, e-mail Jess Rigel as soon as possible: jess@alamancechurch.org

EASTER WILL BE CELEBRATED ON THE FIRST SUNDAY THAT PUBLIC GATHERINGS ARE ALLOWED: whenever that may be. Until then, continue to praise God in your hearts and in your homes for the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.

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

PRAYER REQUEST PUBLICATION: For the duration of the *Safer at Home* order, "Cares and Concerns" are posted on www.alamancechurch.org. Access from the Home page.

BOOK STUDY: Liturgy of the Ordinary, by Tish Harrison Warren. Led by Rev. Jess Rigel. Meets on **Mondays at 6:30p.** Acquire the book in electronic form, or order as a hard copy. You **must contact her** 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.) jess@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: see above for devices needed to use Zoom.) kyle@alamancechurch.org.

FUNERALS DURING PANDEMIC: Current guidelines state that we should not share the day, time, and place of memorial services. In observance of restrictions placed on funeral homes and churches, 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, APC will hold an "All Saints Service," giving thanks for the lives of our loved ones and countless others who have died during the pandemic.

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 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)

Food Pantry Volunteers

Special collection for June: Macaroni-and-cheese

VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL: Food Pantry Team **needs** you. Take the initiative to volunteer your service!

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

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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 14, 2020 10 a.m.



Gathering

Prelude *Take Time to Be Holy* - 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 *Within Our Darkest Night* On screens

*Within our darkest night, you kindle the fire that never dies away.
Dans nos obscurités, allume le feu qui ne s'éteint jamais.*

Call to Worship

One Voice: As Abraham and Sarah welcomed divine visitors with gracious hospitality and a rich feast,
Many Voices: may we welcome God with open hearts, ready to feast on God's word.

One: It is the Lord who offers bread that satisfies and waters that refresh.
Many: We come with open hands, ready to receive God's grace.

Opening Hymn *Bring Many Names* On screens

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 32

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,
 whose sins are covered.
 Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them
 and in whose spirit is no deceit.
 When I kept silent, my bones wasted away
 through my groaning all day long.
 For day and night your hand was heavy on me;
 my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.
 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.
 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
 And you forgave the guilt of my sin.
 Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found;
 surely the rising of the mighty waters will now reach them.
 You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble
 and surround me with songs of deliverance.
 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
 I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.
 Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding
 but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.
 Many are the woes of the wicked,
 but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.
 Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;
 sing, all you who are upright in heart!

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **Many: Thanks be to God.**

Confession and Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession

Triune God, Holy Three, Holy One, we confess that we do not know how to look for you. We do not sense your nearness, and if there are angels among us, we are unaware. We do not show the hospitality to strangers that Abraham showed to you. We do not trust that our hardships can be transformed by your Spirit. O Covenant-keeper, forgive us. Let us laugh with joy because your grace has made peace among us. Send us out with this good news so that others will also receive your blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sung Assurance of Pardon

Nothing Can Trouble

On screens

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
 Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
 Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.
*Nada te turbe, nada te espante. Quien a Dios tiene nada le falta.
 Nada te turbe, nada te espante. Solo Dios basta.*

The Word

Scripture Reading

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **Many: Thanks be to God.**

Message

Waiting for the Promise

Rev. Jess Rigel

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

Offertory

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise arr. Larry Shackley

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 <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-giving>.

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise

On screens

Charge and Benediction

The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible is used during worship.

Lectionary Year A Scripture for the 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time, **June 14:**
Isaiah 49:8-16a, Psalm 131, 1 Corinthians 4:1-5, Matthew 6:24-34.

Lectionary Year A Scripture for the 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time, **June 21:**
Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7; Psalm 100, Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Exodus 19:2-8a; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8, 9-23.



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We are an ecumenical congregation in a Presbyterian Church, USA form.

We welcome all to the community of Jesus:
 to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.