

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Later today
 2:30 p.m. Circle 5
 4:00 p.m. Racial Reads

Monday, January 11
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout District Roundtable(*Davis Hall*)

Tuesday, January 12
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool
 1:30 p.m. Circle 3 (*Davis Hall*)
 7:00 p.m. Session (*Zoom*)

Wednesday, January 13
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool
 6:30 p.m. PNC Online

Thursday, January 14
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool
 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 17
 9:45 a.m. Journey Sunday School (*sanctuary*)
 Worship



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CONCORD

ELDERS

Class of 2021

Evelyn Barrier
 Holly Cagle
 Wade Holland
 Carol Hovey
 Jeff Monroe
 Chrissy Rotan
 Dave Sheridan

Class of 2022

Peter Chikes
 Jim Holloway
 Donna Knorr
 Donna Knorr
 Margaret Moore
 Hunter Morrison
 Kathy Pilkington

Class of 2023

Dale Carpenter
 Merl Hamilton
 Harris Morrison
 Amy Murphy
 Susan Otten
 Susan Smith

Gina Goff — Clerk of Session

DEACONS

Class of 2021

Ron Barus
 Susan Brooks
 Brooks Fulton
 Mary Garrison
 Margaret Hillman
 Anne Morrison

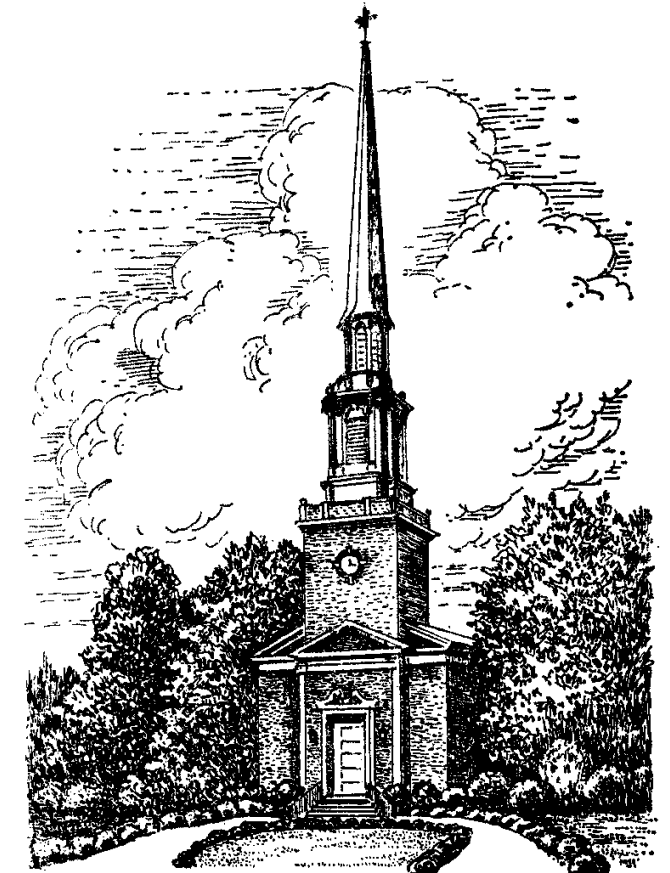
Class of 2022

Donna Cline
 Jessica Garmon
 Edy Johnston
 Kate Morrison
 Dean Phillips
 Don Seitz
 Scott Verner

Class of 2023

Linda Barnett
 Tripp Carpenter
 Kimberly Leatherman
 Jeff Nelson
 Ellie Sherrill
 Dakeita JVanderburg
 Amanda Williamson

Baptism of the Lord



First Presbyterian Church
70 Union Street North
Concord, North Carolina

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Rev. Rush Otey, Interim Supply Pastor
Rev. Lynne Keel, Associate Pastor for Care and Mission
Dr. Jacqueline Yost, Director of Music and Organist
Dr. Jeffrey W. Price, Choirmaster

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *His Name So Sweet* Richard Billingham

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness!

Leader: Come into His presence with singing!

People: Know that the Lord is God!

Leader: It is He that made us, and we are His:

People: We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

People: Give thanks to Him, bless His name!

Leader: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

Unison: And His faithfulness to all generations.

CALL TO CONFESSION

LITANY OF CONFESSION from Frederick Buechner, *The Hungering Dark* (1969)

Leader: Holy Lord God, Yours is this fair world in all its splendor, but ours is freedom to destroy Your world.

People: Yours is the beginning and the end of all our lives, but ours are our lives themselves, to hoard in misery or to give away in joy.

Leader: Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, but ours is the ear that is deaf, the tongue that is mute, the eye that is blind.

People: Yours is the Christ, but ours is the cross He died upon.

Leader: Have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon all to whom we ourselves show little mercy -

People: the unloving and the unbeautiful, the bitter and the lonely, the very slow, the very old.

Leader: Have mercy upon those who love and who in their love are beautiful,

People: for they too are often forgotten by us, their joy itself a barrier between their lives and ours.

Unison: O Lord, in sorrow and in joy open our lives to one another that we may live. Open our lives to You that even in dying we may never die.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 8: 38-39

MUSIC *When Christ Came to Jordan* BWV.684 - J.S. Bach

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 119:57-64 Carter Morrison, lay reader

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 1, selected verses

SERMON "The Beginning of Good News" Rev. Rush Otey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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.

OFFERTORY *TEXT TO GIVE: 704-228-7459*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* CAITHNESS
(Joy Cook and Scott Vernor, soloists)

***LITANY OF DEDICATION** from Frederick Buechner, *The Hungering Dark* (1969)

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, only speak to us that we may hear You. Then speak to us again and yet again so that when in our hearts we answer You by saying No, we may at least know well to whom we say it, and what it costs us to say it, and what it costs our neighbors, and what it costs You.

People: And when we say Yes to You, forgive our half-heartedness, accept us as we are, work Your miracle within us, and of Your grace give us strength to follow wherever love may lead.

We bless You for Him who shows us the way and is the way and who will be, we pray, at the end of all our ways. Grant that even on stumbling feet we may follow Him into the terrible needs of the human heart. Remember us. Remember us. For Your mercy's sake. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Amen* MARK PATTERSON
(Sanctuary Choir)

POSTLUDE *When Christ Came to Jordan* BWV. 685 - J.S. Bach

* *Those who are able, please stand.*
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RACIAL EQUITY DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE - As racial tensions continue to plague our communities, the necessity of Christians to engage in this critical conversation as part of our commitment to be gospel-bearers remains important. Our Racial Equity Reads group is taking a brief hiatus from reading to view some lectures on the history of racism as taught by Jeffery Robinson, Deputy Legal Director and Director of the Trone Center for Justice and Equality. Please join us via Zoom to view these lectures and discuss on Sunday, January 10th at 4 p.m. for part 1, and Sunday, January 24th at 4 p.m. for part 2. For more information or to sign up to join the discussion, please contact Lynne Keel at lynne.keel@firstpresconcord.org.

WE WELCOME CHUCK COLLIER TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE ON JANUARY 17.

A graduate of Memphis State University, a Vietnam veteran, a former commander of the North Carolina Air National Guard and pilot for Piedmont/US Airways, a senior consultant with businesses and government and nonprofit agencies, Chuck has spent the past years organizing and leading Racial Equity Cabarrus. REC has included a number of First Presbyterian members in their training workshops and as board members, and we are honored by Chuck Collier's presence on Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Weekend. He and his wife Pam have lived in Concord for over thirty years and are active members of All Saints' Episcopal Church. Their daughter, Kimberly Leatherman, along with her spouse Britt and their children, Collier and Hayes and Cannon, are devoted members and servant leaders at First Presbyterian.

RED CROSS CABARRUS VIP BLOOD DRIVE - Monday, January 18th in Davis Hall from 2:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and enter: Cabarrus VIP Blood Drive or 28025.