

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Monday, January 18**  
 2:30 p.m.. Office Closed  
 Cabarrus County VIP Blood Drive

**Tuesday, January 19**  
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool  
 6:00 p.m. Dunford Committee Mtg  
 7:00 p.m. PW CT (*Library Conference Room*)

**Wednesday, January 20**  
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

**Thursday, January 21**  
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool  
 9:00 a.m. Boy Scout Advancement Boards of Review

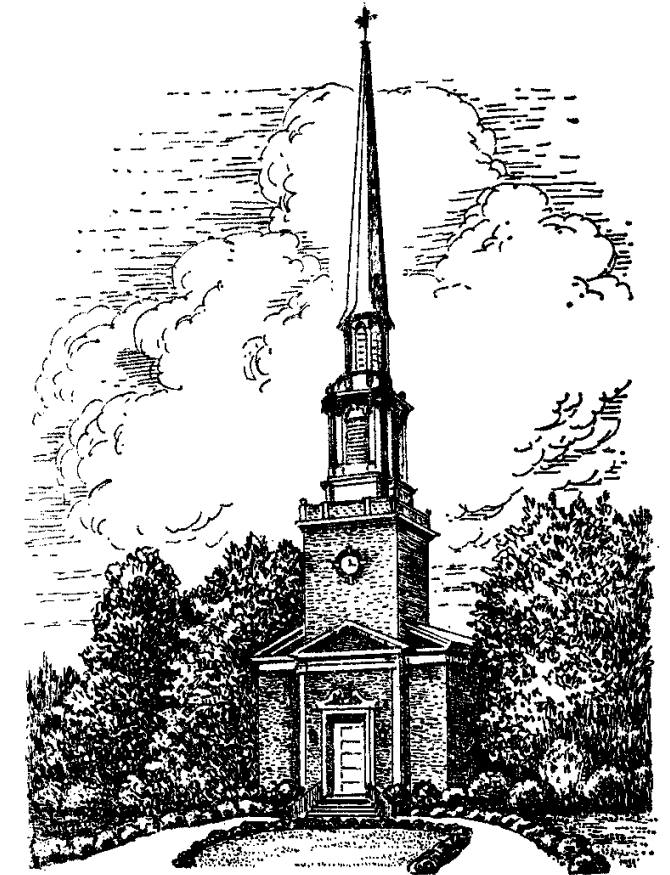
**Friday, January 22**  
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

**Sunday, January 24**  
 8:30 a.m. Worship Available  
 9:45a.m. Journey Sunday School (*Sanctuary*)  
 10.00 a.m. S D Sunday School (*Zoom*)  
 4:00 p.m. Racial Equality discussion



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CONCORD

# 2nd Sunday after Epiphany



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**70 Union Street North**  
**Concord, North Carolina**

**Sunday, January 17, 2021**

**ELDERS**

<b><u>Class of 2021</u></b> Evelyn Barrier Holly Cagle Wade Holland Carol Hovey Jeff Monroe Chrissy Rotan Dave Sheridan	<b><u>Class of 2022</u></b> Peter Chikes Jim Holloway Donna Knorr Donna Knorr Margaret Moore Hunter Morrison Kathy Pilkington	<b><u>Class of 2023</u></b> Dale Carpenter Merl Hamilton Harris Morrison Amy Murphy Susan Otten Susan Smith
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Gina Goff — Clerk of Session

**DEACONS**

<b><u>Class of 2021</u></b> Ron Barus Susan Brooks Brooks Fulton Mary Garrison Margaret Hillman Anne Morrison	<b><u>Class of 2022</u></b> Donna Cline Jessica Garmon Edy Johnston Kate Morrison Dean Phillips Don Seitz Scott Verner	<b><u>Class of 2023</u></b> Linda Barnett Tripp Carpenter Kimberly Leatherman Jeff Nelson Ellie Sherrill Dakeita JVanderburg Amanda Williamson
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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** *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* Lani Smith

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: "Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning." (Psalm 30: 4-5)

**People: O You who are the Great God above all gods, we worship and adore You for the freedom to worship without intimidation or censor. We praise You for the liberty that is in Christ, for the freedom to be and become, for the privilege to be among Your people: to celebrate Your Word of grace in Christ, to sing praises of Your mighty deeds in creation and redemption. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Grant, O God, that Your holy and life-giving Spirit may move every human heart so that the barriers that divide us may crumble, suspicions may disappear, and hatreds may cease; so that once our divisions are healed we may live in justice and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Silent Prayers)**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**MUSIC** *We are Marching in the Light of God* Robert Buckley Farlee

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Micah 6-6-8 Doug/Kay Crawford, lay readers  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Mark 10:17-22

**SERMON** "What About the Dream?" Rev. Rush Otey and Chuck Collier

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *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.**

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

**MUSIC** *What Shall I Bring to the Lord?* Robert Lau  
(Quartet: Joy Cook, Carole Shaw, Bob Prescott, and Jeffrey Price)

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

**Thank you Lord, for one another. May we be understanding of each other in our foibles, and encouraging of one another. Help us to more fully understand what it means to be a part of the body of Christ. We do not all possess the same responsibility, but remind us that Your Spirit equips us for ministry according to our ability. Remind us that we complement one another as we dedicate our abilities to Your Kingdom work, and that the fullness of Your life continues to be made known through our life together. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Amen* Mark Patterson  
*(Sanctuary Choir)*

**POSTLUDE** *Prelude in C major, BWV.547* J.S. Bach

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE WELCOME CHUCK COLLIER TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE THIS MORNING:** 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, Hayes and Cannon, are devoted members and servant leaders at First Presbyterian.

### WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

"It is the strangely irrational notion that there is something in the very flow of time that will inevitably cure all ills. Actually time is neutral. It can be used either destructively or constructively. I am coming to feel that the people of ill will have used time much more effectively than the people of good will. We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the vitriolic words and actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people. We must come to see that human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability. It comes through the tireless efforts and persistent work of (people) willing to be co-workers with God, and without this hard work time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social stagnation. We must use time creatively, and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right. Now is the time to make real the promise of democracy, and transform our pending national elegy into a creative psalm of brotherhood . . . to lift our national policy from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of human dignity." ---**Letter from the Birmingham Jail (April 1963)**, Martin Luther King, Jr.

**LAY READERS FOR VIRTUAL SERVICES** - Lay scripture readers have always been a vital part of our worship services, and more recently, they have helped make our online worship all the more interesting. Seeing familiar faces from the congregation taking part in the virtual services has helped us feel closer to each other, even while physically distanced. For the past six months lay readers have been lined up by the Worship and Music Committee. Beginning in February we will go back to using the Sign-Up Genius. We will need readers to be recorded ahead of the scheduled Sundays at least through Lent. Once you sign-up on the website, you will be contacted to set up a time for your recording by someone involved in the video process. Please feel free to sign up in 2021, even if you have been a reader over the previous 6 months. You may sign up by going to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0948acab2dabf49-scripture>. If you have specific questions, you may email Hunter Morrison at [huntermorrison@gmail.com](mailto:huntermorrison@gmail.com).

**BACKPACK PROGRAM UPDATE** -There is still time to participate in the Presbyterian Women's Backpack Program's celebration of the 31st anniversary of the Souper Bowl of Caring by helping us provide our Backpack families at Coltrane-Webb Elementary School with soup bags. See the Banner for details on what is needed.

**RED CROSS 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](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter: Cabarrus VIP Blood Drive