

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, January 25
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

Tuesday, January 26
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

Wednesday, January 27
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

Thursday, January 28
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

Friday, January 29
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

Sunday, January 31
8:30 a.m. Worship (*available online*)
9:45 a.m. Journey Sunday School (*Sanctuary*)
10:00 a.m. S & D Sunday School (*online*)
4:00 p.m. Racial Equality discussion (*online*)



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CONCORD

Class of 2021

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

ELDERS

Class of 2022

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

Class of 2023

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

Gina Goff — Clerk of Session

DEACONS

Class of 2021

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

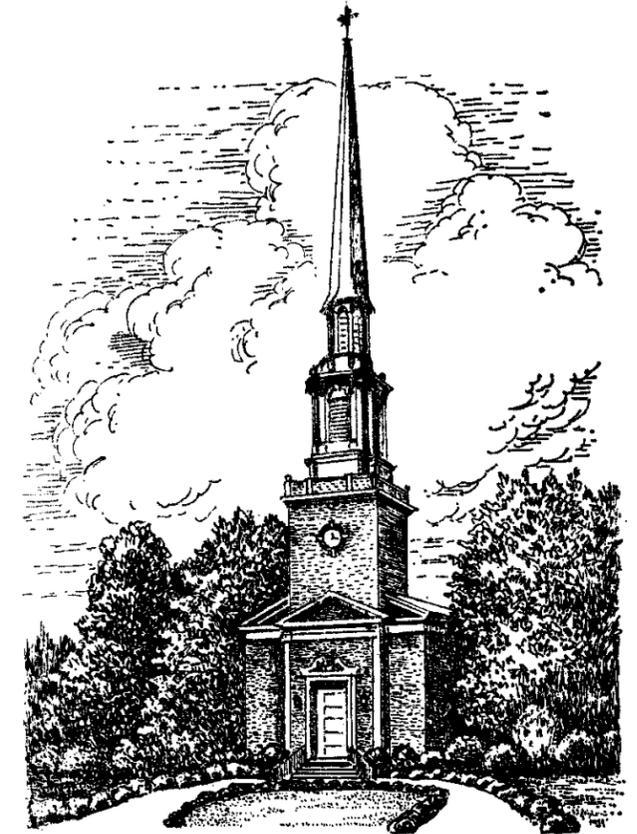
Class of 2022

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 Vanderburg
Amanda Williamson

3rd Sunday after Epiphany



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

Sunday, January 24, 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 *Allegro-Grave- Fuga from Concerto Grosso in d minor*
Antonio Vivaldi/transcribed by J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
People: he makes me lie down in green pastures.
Leader: He leads me beside still waters;
People: he restores my soul.
All: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

WE are your witnesses, Lord. Having seen Your grace at work, we covet Your care. Forgive us in our wayward moments for wanting to hoard Your care for ourselves. When we request Your mercy, let us request it also for others. When we seek Your presence, let us seek it also for others. When we cry for strength, let us cry also for others. (Silent Prayers)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Vows of the Parents and Congregation
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing
Baptism and Welcome
Congregational Response Clement Cottewill Scholefield

*Accept, O Lord, our dedication
To fill with love the growing mind,
That in this church and congregation
The young a faith for life may find.*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 62:5-8 Betsy Liles, lay reader
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 1:14-20

SERMON "Called By Jesus" Rev. Rush Otey

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*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts* Camille Saint-Seans
(Quartet: Joy Cook, Jacquie Yost, Scott Vernor, Jeffrey Price)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison) from Baillie, Dairy of Private Prayer

**O Lord and Maker of all things,
I praise You for the life that stirs within me:
I praise You for the bright and beautiful world into which I go:
I praise You for earth and sea and sky, for drifting clouds and singing birds:
I praise You for the work You have given me to do:
I praise You for all that You have given me to fill my leisure hours:
I praise You for my friends:
I praise You for music and books and good company and all fine pleasures.
O Gracious God, give me a tender heart today towards all those to whom the morning light brings less joy than it brings me:
Those in whom the pulse of life grows weak:
Those who must lie abed through all hours;
The blind, who are shut off from the light of day:
The overworked, who have no joy of leisure:
The unemployed, who have no joy of labor:
The bereaved, whose hearts and homes are desolate:
And grant Your mercy on us all. Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Ain't that Good News* William Dawson
(Archival Sanctuary Choir Recording)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be offered this morning to Jane McCullough Curley, daughter of Philip Curley and Eleanor Steel. We welcome Jane into our fellowship and pray for God's blessings on this family.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL It is well known that Christ consistently used the expression "follower." He never asks for admirers, worshipers, or adherents. No, he calls disciples. It is not adherents of a teaching but followers of a life Christ is looking for.

Christ understood that being a "disciple" was in innermost and deepest harmony with what he said about himself. Christ claimed to *be* the way and the truth and the life (Jn. 14:6). For this reason, he could never be satisfied with adherents who accepted his teaching - especially with those who in their lives ignored it or let things take their usual course. His whole life on earth, from beginning to end, was destined solely to have followers and to make admirers impossible . . . What then, is the difference between an admirer and a follower? A follower is or strives to be what he admires. An admirer, however, keeps himself personally detached. He fails to see that what is admired involves a claim upon him, and thus he fails to be or strives to be what he admires . . .

REMAINING BACKPACK NEEDS Due to the tremendous response to our request for food items for our Souper Bowl of Caring soup bags for Coltrane Webb Elementary School, we only need the following two items:

French Onion dried soup mix (box of 2)
Vegetable soup (14.5 oz. cans; with or without meat)

Thank you all so very much!

SAVE THE DATE Mark you calendars for the annual PW Spring Nurturing Event. This year the Event title is "Pilgrimages and Sacred Places" .The guest speaker for the Virtual Event is Elizabeth Richardson. The event will be on Sunday, March 7, 2021 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Details will be posted in the weeks ahead!

COLLEGE ADDRESSES We are collecting the addresses for our First Presbyterian Concord college students. Whether learning remotely or in person, we would like to connect with them! Please email René Prager: r.prager@firstpresconcord.org with your student's name, shipping address, e-mail address, and final exam week (if known). If their address changes during the semester, please let us know!