

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, February 1
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool
 1:30 p.m. Circle 3 (Davis Hall)

Tuesday, February 2
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool
 7:00 p.m. Board of Deacons (online)

Wednesday, February 3
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

Thursday, February 4
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

Friday, February 5
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

Sunday, February 7
 9:45 a.m. Journey Sunday School (Sanctuary)
 10:00 a.m. S & D Sunday School (online)
 Worship (online)



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
 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

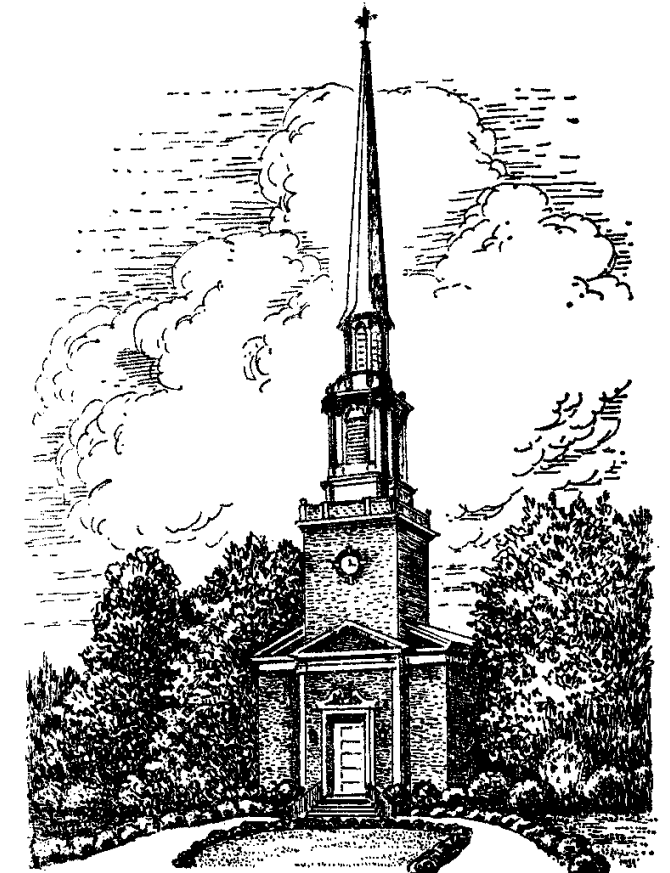
Class of 2022

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

4th Sunday after Epiphany



First Presbyterian Church
70 Union Street North
Concord, North Carolina

Sunday, January 31, 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 *Largo e spiccato* Antonio Vivaldi/J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 111

Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.
People: **Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**
Leader: Glory be to the One whose wonders are to be remembered.
People: **Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**
Leader: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
People: **Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**
Leader: The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.
People: **Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**
Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way; hear now our silent prayers to you....

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

MUSIC *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Amanda Williamson, lay reader
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

SERMON "Lead with Love" Rev. Lynne Keel

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 *God So Loved the World* John Stainer
(Quartet: Joy Cook, Jacque Yost, Bob Prescott, and Jeffrey Price)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

By giving away some of the wealth we cherish so much, we keep ourselves focused on who you are, gracious God, and on what you expect of us. As the body of Christ, we seek to be a healing force in our world. May the offerings we present be used in ways that encourage healthy behaviors among us in the church, within our community, and as far as our influence may reach. Receive us and our gifts, we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Mack Wilberg
(Sanctuary Choir, archival recording)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF JOB LED BY RUSH

Job has to do with universal human experiences of suffering and faith, loss and hope, despair and friendship, humanity and the vastness of Creation. It seems particularly important during a worldwide pandemic. Beginning on February 11 and going through March 27, each Thursday I plan to send a one or two page document by e-mail to the entire congregation which will invite us into this book. If you are not interested or don't have time, simply delete the documents. At the end of February and again at the end of March, we will have evening Zoom forums on this study, and the link for the Zoom conversations will be sent in advance. Since Job is a bit daunting in its length and depth, a good commentary may be helpful. Here are a few, all of which are available from Amazon or any reliable bookseller:

"Job" by Norman C. Habel, Knox Preaching Series, 1982 paperback version is \$8.56 and used copies from \$4.59 Habel's commentary was also published in a couple of other series.

"The Book of Job: When Bad Things Happened to a Good Person," by Harold S. Kushner, 2012 The renowned rabbi reflects on his professional and personal life, with honesty and poignant wisdom. \$14.94 new, used from \$3.47

"Job" by J. Gerald Janzen, in the Interpretation commentary series—used from \$4.03, paperback \$24.99, Kindle \$14.37 Janzen's work is more scholarly and technical, but also gives many important historical and critical insights.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTHS SAVE THE DATES!

Please save the dates February 27th & 28th for a Mission Adventure right here in Concord!

The youth will host a drive through donation collection for the new Blessing Box, pack lunches for Opportunity House, create Easter cards for our VIPs, and fill care packages for our college students.

Watch for more information and sign-ups soon. Adult volunteers will be needed. Please reach out to René Prager at r.prager@firstpresconcord.org if you are interested in taking part in this exciting weekend!