

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, February 8
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool
 1:30 p.m. Circle 3 (*Davis Hall*)

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

Wednesday, February 10
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

Thursday, February 11
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

Friday, February 12
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

Sunday, February 13
 8:30 a.m. Worship (*online*)
 9:45a.m. Journey Sunday School (*Sanctuary*)
 10:00 a.m. S & D Sunday School (*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

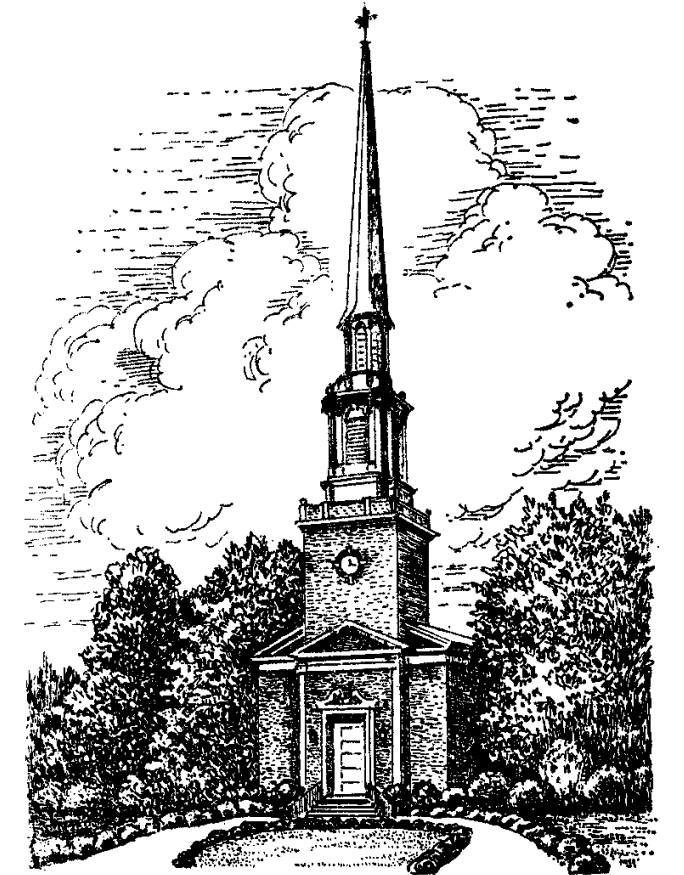
Class of 2022

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

5th Sunday after Epiphany



First Presbyterian Church
70 Union Street North
Concord, North Carolina

Sunday, February 7, 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 *Finale from Concerto Grosso in d minor* Vivaldi/Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 34

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: **My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and be glad.**

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,
People: **and let us exalt his name together!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Friends of Christ, God knows our needs before we ask and
in our asking prepares us to receive the gift of grace. Let us
open our lives to God's healing presence and forsake all
that separates us from God and neighbor. **(Silence)**

Leader: Let us be mindful not only of personal evil but also of our
communal sins of family, class, gender, race and nation.
(Silence)

Leader: Let us confess to God whatever has wounded us or brought
injury to others, that we may receive mercy and become for
each other ministers of God's grace. **(Silence)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

MUSIC *Great is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS
(Quartet: Jennifer Preslar Newton, Carole Shaw, Doug Philips, Jeffrey Price)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 40:27-31 Susan Smith, lay reader
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 1:29-39

SERMON "Demons and Health" 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.**

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Blest are They Whose Spirits Long* Handel
(Quartet: Joy Cook, Carole Shaw, Bob Prescott, Jeffrey Price)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER † Rev. Lynne Keel

Invitation to the Lord's Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion 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.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Watch now, dear Lord, with those who wake or watch or weep
tonight, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend Your sick ones, O Lord Christ, rest Your weary ones, bless
Your dying ones, soothe Your suffering ones, pity Your afflicted
ones, shield Your joyous ones, and all for Your love's sake.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: For loving the world and knowing our names,

All: **Thank You, God.**

Leader: For Your strength that fills us and Your love that heals us,

All: **Thank You, God.**

Leader: For Your presence here with us today and for Your hand that
leads us into tomorrow,

All: **Thank You, God.**

Leader: Come bless us, hold us, wrestle with us, warm us in Your
embrace.

All: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Soon-ah Will Be Done with the Troubles of the World William Dawson
(Sanctuary Choir Archival Recording)

POSTLUDE *There is a Balm in Gilead* Lynette Maynard

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Stories - New Volunteer Opportunity!

We are looking for folks to read or tell a Bible story (or any children's story with a good lesson in it) each week. It should be **5 minutes or less** and you can record it yourself with an iphone and email the video to: **huntermorrison@gmail.com** or choose the sign-up option to be recorded at the church.

Welcome Members!

Welcome back to Jennifer Chikes! Jennifer was gone for a while but has now returned to Concord and rejoined our First Pres family.

First Presbyterian Church would also like to extend a warm welcome to Fritze Batts, her daughter Caroline, and her son, Dylan, who have joined us by Transfer of Letter. Fritze grew up here but has been living in Texas and attending First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall, TX. Welcome to the Batts family!

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 e-mail René Prager at r.prager@firstpresconcord.org with your student's name, shipping address, e-mail address, and final exam week (if known). We will be working on care packages during our February Youth Mission weekend, so please forward student information to René by **February 12th** to be included in the spring mailing. If their address changes during the semester, please let us know!

From Ashes to Easter

On behalf of the Worship and Christian Education committee, we are excited to offer Lent in a Bag for every household, available for pickup in the Fellowship House during office hours beginning Tuesday February 16th! Each bag will contain a canvas with ashes from Memorial Garden to be used in conjunction with the Ash Wednesday service, a devotional, and daily Lenten practice cards designed for all ages to participate. We invite you to join us for this Holy season leading up to Easter.

Racial Equity Reads

Our next Racial Equity Reads book will be "Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents" by Isabel Wilkerson. We will begin our discussions on Sunday, February 21st at 4pm via Zoom with Part 1 (Ch. 1-3). As part of our ongoing commitment to this work, we encourage you to purchase your books through black-owned booksellers if possible. For more information or to sign up to join the discussion, please contact Lynne Keel at lynne.keel@firstpresconcord.org.