

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 21
 11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting *(online)*
 4:00 p.m. Racial Reads *(online)*

Monday, February 22
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

Tuesday, February 23
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

Wednesday, February 24
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

Thursday, February 25
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

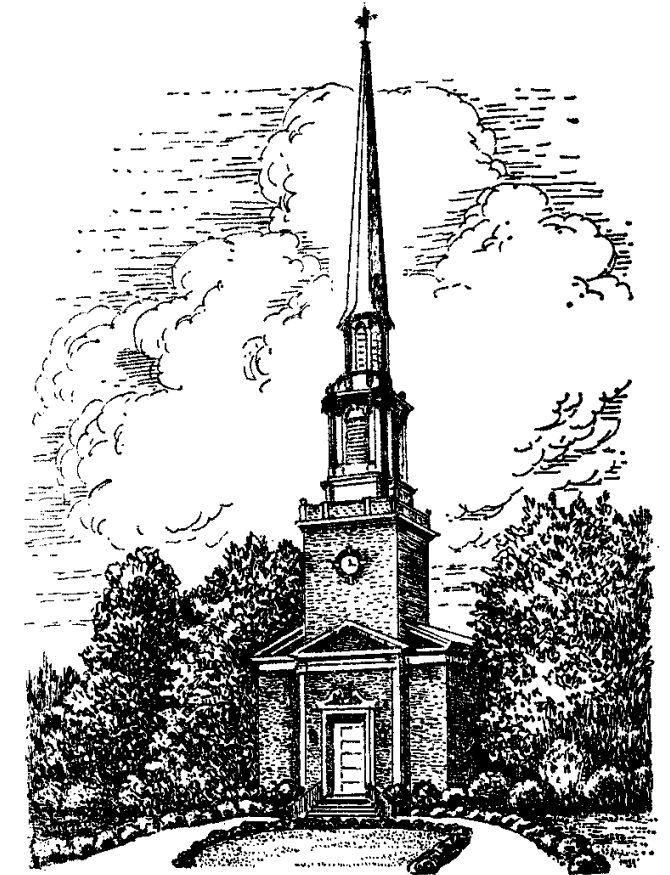
Friday, February 26
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

Sunday, February 28
 8:30 a.m. Worship *(online)*
 9:45 a.m. Journey Sunday School *(Sanctuary)*
 10:00 a.m. S & D Sunday School *(online)*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CONCORD

First Sunday in Lent



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

Sunday, February 21, 2021

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

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 *Von Gott will ich nicht lassen* (I will not abandon God)
Dietrich Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP Hebrews 4:14-16

Leader: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

People: **For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning.**

All: **Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

LITANY OF CONFESSION (adapted from Kenneth Phifer)

Leader: Good Lord, deliver us from slavery to schedules, lists and deadlines; from the tyranny of the phones; from the pharaohs of franticness and fragmentation; from bondage to busyness and bondage to all things that simply must be done before we stop to think or feel or care.

People: **Good Lord, deliver us and make us free to be human.**

Leader: From that which keeps us willing to remain enslaved, the insulation that shuts out the painful sights and sounds of desperate human need, our worship of a mediocre yet comfortable way of life, our uncertainty about the power of Your spirit, and our terror before the shadowy, violent powers that seem to be in charge of things; our fear of failing, hurting, dying. From these and from the countless arguments we use to rationalize our staying safe in our timidity.

People: **God Lord, deliver us, and make us free to lose and find ourselves in caring as You do for the redemption of the whole wide world. Amen. (Silent Prayers of Confession)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON John 3:16-17

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

MUSIC *Gloria Patri* Greatorex
(Sanctuary Choir)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 25:1-10 Sallie Dotger, lay reader
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 1:9-13

SERMON "Jesus' Temptations, and Ours" 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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING *TEXT TO GIVE: 704-228-7459*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Now, Know I that the Lord Helpeth* William Croft
(Trio: Scott Verner, Jeffrey Price, Jacquie Yost)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

God, our Maker, we believe that Your Church is Your people, and that we are called to bring to the world knowledge of Your greatness, Your mercy, and Your love. We praise and thank You for the beauty of Your creation; for the richness and variety of the world in which we are set; for the lives and minds of other people; and for the truths You show to us in worship, in the reading and preaching of Your Word, and in the church's celebration of the sacraments. Especially we thank You now for the human gifts which have gone into the making of this church; for the vision to plan; the skill to design; the ability to build; and then generosity to provide and serve. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Here O My Lord* Gilbert Martin
(Sanctuary Choir, archival recording)

O Jesus I have Promised ANGEL'S STORY
(Jennifer Preslar Newton, summer recording)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY AT 11!

There will be a Zoom Congregational Meeting today, Sunday, February 21, at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the 2021 budget and 2020 statistical report. Watch your inbox for the Zoom link information to come out about 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. **We hope you will join us for our first full congregational Zoom meeting!**

BLESSING BOX DRIVE UP COLLECTION

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, February 27th, 2 p.m.-3 p.m. The Youth of the church will be hosting a drive-up collection for the Blessing Box during their in-town Mission Weekend. Items collected will be used to restock the Blessing box over the weekend and throughout the month of March. The most needed items are ready-to-eat foods and basic toiletries.

JACQUIE YOST IN CONCERT

We are blessed at First Presbyterian Church to have Dr. Jacqueline Yost, who is renowned as one of the finest classical musicians in the area, as our organist. On March 1 we will have an opportunity to hear Jacquie play an all-Bach organ concert at Davidson College Presbyterian Church as part of the annual Bach Birthday Bash at Davidson College. The concert will be available to the public via live streaming.