

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, March 1
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool Early Dismissal
 12:00 p.m. First Kids Staff Training (*Davis Hall*)
 6:30 p.m. Circle 1 (*Zoom*)

Tuesday, March 2
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool
 7:00 p.m. Board of Deacons (*Zoom*)

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

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

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

Sunday, March 7
 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

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

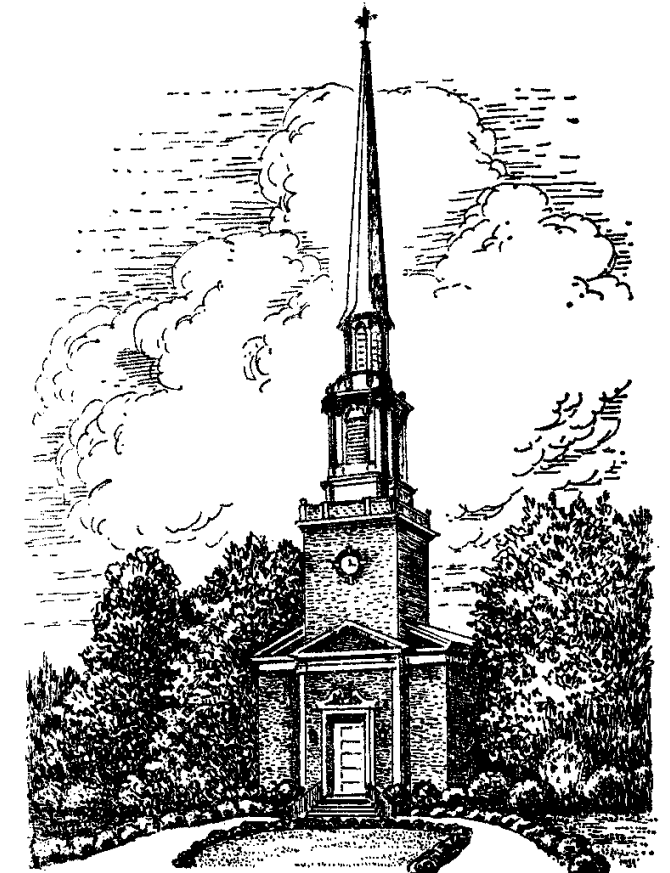
Class of 2022

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

Second Sunday in Lent



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

Sunday, February 28, 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 *O Lamb of God, I Come* Edward Broughton

CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON) Isaiah 43:1-3

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) (adapted from William Barclay)

Lord, do not let us do more, if in doing less we might do it better. Do not let us acquire more, if in living with less we might know You better. We are easily swayed by size, equating quantity with quality, wealth with security, and applause with excellence. Forgive us for spreading ourselves thin for the sake of appearances. Permit us to amend our ways lest we miss the baby in the stable, the lad in the carpenter's shop, the teacher on the hillside, and the Christ on the Cross. Amen (Silent Prayers)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON John 3:16-17

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

MUSIC *Sing to the Lord* Giuseppe Pitoni
(Quartet: Carole Shaw, Bob Prescott, Jeffrey Price, Jacquie Yost)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 22:23-28 Peg Morrison, lay reader
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 8:31-38

SERMON "Take Up the Cross" 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 , CONCLUDING WITH 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 *Cross Medley* Roger House

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

We pray You, our Father, to deepen and increase our faith. Call us into ever new endeavors and achievements, and supply us richly with insight to make them useful for human needs, and with vision for us to follow through. May the focus of our faith tomorrow be the strong Son of God whose triumph over sin and death proved the finality and integrity of Your goodness and power. Above all we ask for grace commensurate with the demands and struggles of the days and months ahead. Establish now within us your dwelling, and may Your inner reign reflect from us an outward radiance that will encourage those who have lost their fire and nerve. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER
(Sanctuary Choir Archival Recording)

POSTLUDE *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross* Andrew Carter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RACIAL EQUITY READS UPDATE

It's not too late to join in our Racial Equity reads group. We had our first meeting last Sunday, but as we continue this week you can quickly catch up on the conversation on our book: "Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents" by Isabel Wilkerson. For more information or to sign up to join the discussion, please contact Lynne Keel at lynne.keel@firstpresconcord.org.

JACQUELINE 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 here 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.

[Click here](#) for more information and to view the announcement.

EASTER HAMS FOR OPERATION BREADBASKET

The S & D Sunday School class invites the congregation to join us in providing Easter hams to families in-need, served by Operation Breadbasket. Brian Moore is purchasing 110 hams and, along with S & D class members, will shop and deliver those hams to Operation Breadbasket in time for their Easter distribution. If you would like to donate, please make your check out to Brian Moore and either drop it off at the church office, or mail to him: 2401 Bethlehem Church Rd, Gold Hill, NC 28071. Thank you!