

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| Monday, March 8 9:00 a.m. | First Kids Preschool |
| Tuesday, March 9 9:00 a.m. | First Kids Preschool |
| Wednesday, March 10 9:00 a.m. | First Kids Preschool |
| Thursday, March 11 9:00 a.m. | First Kids Preschool |
| Friday, March 12 9:00 a.m. | First Kids Preschool |
| Sunday, March 14 8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. | Worship <i>(online)</i> Journey Sunday School <i>(Sanctuary)</i> S & D Sunday School <i>(online)</i> Racial Reads <i>(online)</i> |



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 Otten
Susan Smith

Gina Goff — Clerk of Session

DEACONS

Class of 2021

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

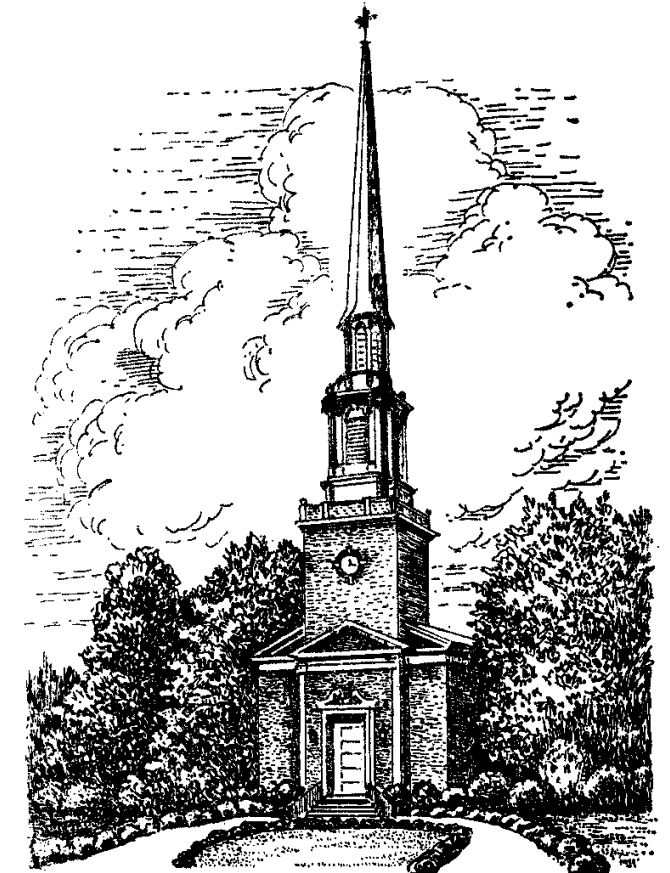
Class of 2022

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

Third Sunday in Lent



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

Sunday, March 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 *Psalm 19* Benetto Marcello

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
People: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, my Rock and my Redeemer.
Leader: Let us worship God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God's law is perfect; it revives the soul.
People: Forgive us, O God, for we obey not Your commandments.
Leader: God's testimony is sure; it makes wise the simple.
People: Forgive us, O God, for we place status above service.
Leader: God's precepts are right; they rejoice the heart.
People: Forgive us, O God, for we take delight in false gods.
Leader: God's commandment is pure; it enlightens the eyes.
People: Forgive us, O God, for we overlook our neighbor's needs.
Leader: God's ordinances are true; they are altogether righteous.
People: O God, have mercy upon us; only You can save us. In Christ redeem us and cleanse us of sin.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON John 3:16-17

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

MUSIC *God of Grace* Paul Manz

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 19 Cathy Floyd, lay reader
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 11:15-19

SERMON "Jesus' Anger and Our Cleansing" Rev. Rush Otey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from "A Brief Statement of Reformed Faith")*
(PCUSA—1990)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God; preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the broken hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depth of human pain and giving His life for the sins of the world. God raised the Jesus from the dead, vindicating His sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Bob Moore
(Joy Cook, Carole Shaw, Bob Prescott, Jeffrey Price)

DOXOLOGY

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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Unison)*

O Lord our God, whose beauty is everywhere around us, whose holiness lays hold of our hearts and minds through what we see: we give wholehearted thanks for the joys of this life, asking only that we be permitted to remember them when darker moments come and Your promising presence is shadowed. We are grateful for the ties of love in our lives, for the roots and tendrils that have fed our freedom, for the tensions and disagreements that have made us measure our accountability, for the caring circle within whose safety we are called to grow in faith in You and love for one another. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Heavenly Light* Alexander Kopylov
(Sanctuary Archival Recording)

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PW SPRING NURTURE TODAY AT 2 p.m. via Zoom.

BOOK OF JOB ZOOM DISCUSSION

There will be a Zoom meeting to discuss the Book of Job on Sunday March 28 at 7 p.m. An invitation to the Zoom meeting will be sent to the Congregation so anyone who wishes may attend. This will be the only live opportunity to discuss this book, not two as originally thought. Thank you.

GIRL SCOUT DRIVE BY COOKIE SALE

The Girl Scout troops of First Presbyterian invite you to join us March 14 to celebrate Girl Scout Sunday during our recorded worship service and with a cookie sale in front of the sanctuary from noon until 2 PM.

RED CROSS CABARRUS COUNTY VIP BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, March 15th, in Davis Hall from 2:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
To schedule an appointment click here and enter 28025 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: Cabarrus VIP Blood Drive