

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 14
12:00 p.m. Girl Scout Drive Up Cookie Booth
4:00 p.m. Racial Reads *(online)*

Monday, March 15
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool
Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, March 16
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Wednesday, March 17
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

Thursday, March 18
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

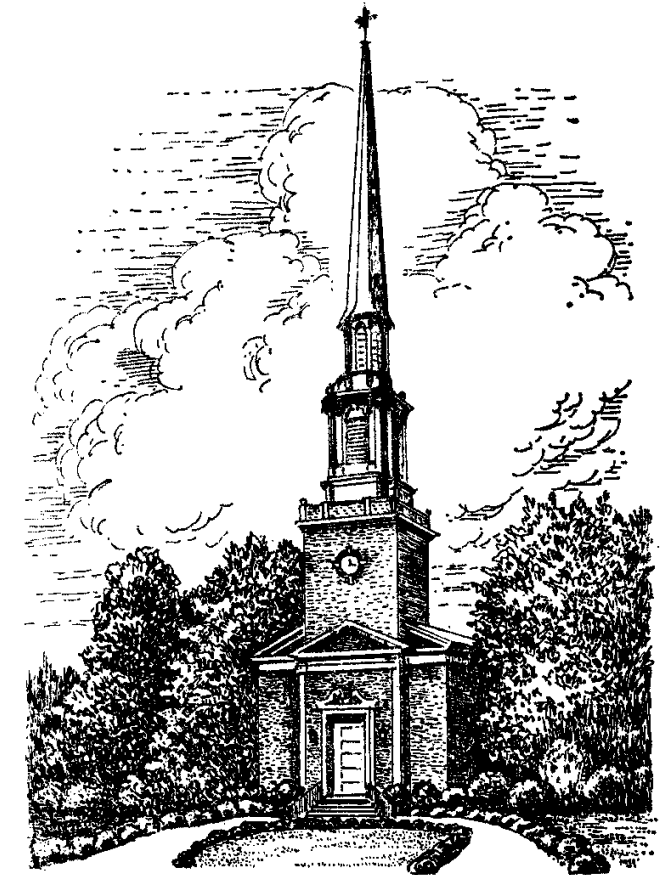
Friday, March 19
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

Sunday, March 21
8:30 a.m. Worship *(online)*
9:45 a.m. Journey Sunday School *(Sanctuary)*
10:00 a.m. S & D Sunday School *(online)*
10:30 a.m. Confirmation Class
12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting *(online)*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CONCORD

Fourth Sunday in Lent



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

Sunday, March 14, 2021

ELDERS

<u>Class of 2021</u> Evelyn Barrier Holly Cagle Wade Holland Carol Hovey Jeff Monroe Chrissy Rotan Dave Sheridan	<u>Class of 2022</u> Peter Chikes Jim Holloway Donna Knorr Margaret Moore Hunter Morrison Kathy Pilkington	<u>Class of 2023</u> Dale Carpenter Merl Hamilton Harris Morrison Amy Murphy Susan Otten Susan Smith
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Gina Goff — Clerk of Session

DEACONS

<u>Class of 2021</u> Ron Barus Susan Brooks Brooks Fulton Mary Garrison Margaret Hillman Anne Morrison	<u>Class of 2022</u> Donna Cline Jessica Garmon Edy Johnston Kate Morrison Dean Phillips Don Seitz Scott Verner	<u>Class of 2023</u> Linda Barnett Tripp Carpenter Kimberly Leatherman Jeff Nelson Ellie Sherrill Dakeita Vanderburg Amanda Williamson
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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

RECOGNITION OF GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

PRELUDE *Praeludium in G minor, BuxWV.149* Dietrich Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 96:1-6

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;
People: **Sing to the Lord, all the earth!**
Leader: Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
People: **Tell of his salvation from day to day.**
Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,
People: **His marvelous works among all the peoples!**
Leader: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
People: **He is to be feared above all gods.**
Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols;
People: **But the Lord made the heavens.**
Leader: Honor and majesty are before him;
People: **Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Almighty God, it is not custom alone that brings us again into this moment of prayer, but our deep sense of need. Forgive us all that we talk too much and think too little. Forgive us all that we worry so often and pray so seldom. Most of all, O Lord, forgive us that, so helpless without You, we are yet so reluctant to seek Your help. Give us grace to seek You with the whole heart, that seeking You we may be found by You, and being found may love You. Loving You, may we keep Your commandments and do Your will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Silent Prayers)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 8:38-39

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

MUSIC *To God be the Glory* Andrew Carter

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 107:1-3,17-22 Spencer Hillman, lay reader
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 3:14-21

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "Jesus and Nicodemus: Born Again?" 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 *I Will Sing Praises* Theola Booker/arr. Andre Thomas
(Quartet: Joy Cook, Carole Shaw, Bob Prescott, Jeffrey Price)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

Deal with us, O Lord, according to Your goodness. Fill our hearts with joy and grace, that as we always have sufficiently of all things, together we grow in every good deed. In Jesus' name, Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* John Rutter
(Sanctuary Choir Archival Recording)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Zoom Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 21, at noon, for the purpose of voting on the 2024 Class of Officers who have been selected by the Congregational Nominating Committee.

TODAY IS GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

On March 12, 1912, Juliette Gordon Low held the first Girl Scout meeting in the United States. Girl Scout Sunday, celebrated on the second Sunday in March, marks this anniversary. The Girl Scouts look forward to hosting their traditional cookies and lemonade reception for the congregation next year. This year, they will host a drive-up cookie booth in front of the sanctuary from noon until 2 p.m. today, March 14th. Please drop by the church to stock up on your favorites before the season ends!

Brownie Troop 323:

Ja'Zari Logan, Abby Rodriquez, Orlandra Wooten

Junior Troop 3142:

Emma Baile, Isabell Bishop, Layla Burkhead

Girl Scout Troop 334:

Madeline Allen, Natalie Banks, Aiyanna Bostian, Spencer Hillman, Amanda King, Elizabeth Logan, Anna Hill Meares, Lily Meskill, Reba-Marie Meskill, Kate Smith

Troop Leaders: René Prager and Megan Rodriquez

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.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please mark your calendars for Friday, April 2nd, 3:30 p.m.- 4:45 p.m., for the Stations of the Cross walk in Concord.

More information to follow. If you are interested in leading a reading during the procession, please contact René Prager (r.prager@firstpresconcord.org).