

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 21
 12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting *(online)*
 4:00 p.m. Racial Reads *(online)*

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

Tuesday, March 23
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool
 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

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

Thursday, March 25
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool
 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting

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

Sunday, March 28
 8:30 a.m. Palm Sunday 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 *(FH)*
 4:00 p.m. Racial Reads *(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 Otten
 Susan Smith

Gina Goff — Clerk of Session

DEACONS

Class of 2021

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

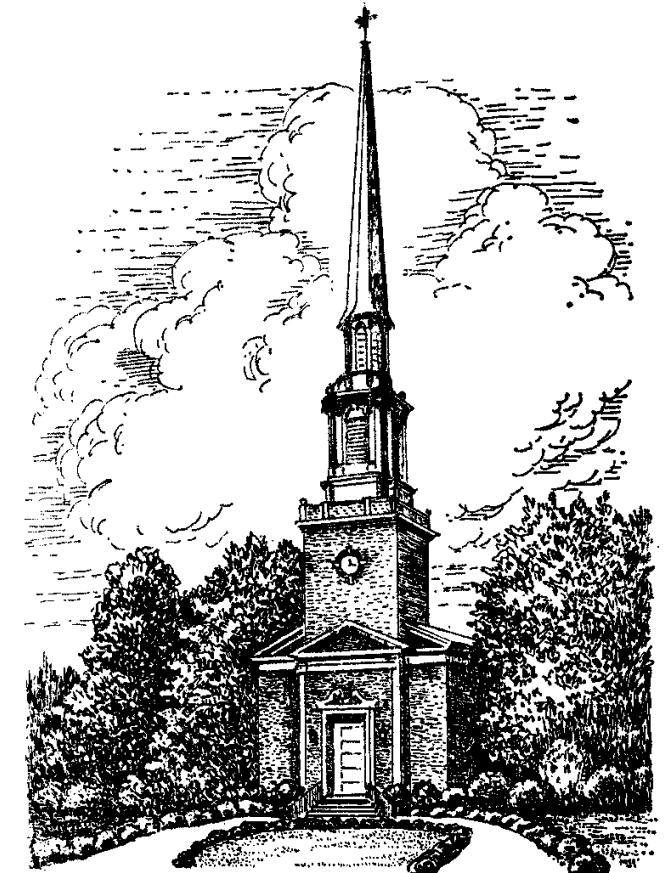
Class of 2022

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent



First Presbyterian Church
70 Union Street North
Concord, North Carolina

Sunday, March 21, 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 Allegro Moderato *from Sonata no. 1* Felix Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Be still!

People: We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

Leader: Be still and know . . .

People: we come to discern the Word that can set us free.

Leader: Be still and know that God is . . .

People: our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

Leader: Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart and have not loved our neighbors as we ought; we have strayed from your commandments. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more, through Christ our Lord. Here, now, our silent confessions to you...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

MUSIC *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross* Andrew Carter

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 119:9-16 Grace Morrison, lay reader

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34

SERMON *"The Days are Surely Coming..."* Rev. Lynne Keel

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 *Create in Me a Clean Heart* Carl Mueller
(Quartet: Joy Cook, Carole Shaw, Bob Prescott, Jeffrey Price)

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

Holy God, we dedicate these offerings to the proclamation of your word, the teaching of your ways, and the living of your will for all humankind. May our gifts offer faith as well as food, hope as well as housing, joy as well as justice to those who struggle all around us. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee* Jean Berger

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

S & D SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The S & D Sunday School Class will be starting a new study in the next couple of weeks. We will be studying "The Apostles Creed For Today" by Justo Gonzalez. Gonzalez explores not only what the creed meant in the early centuries, but also why it is important and relevant for our faith today. All are welcome. If you'd like to join us, call Todd Phillips or Sallie Dotger for further information. We meet at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning 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.

EASTER COLLECTION

The annual special collection for Easter Sunday is One Great Hour of Sharing. You can give to this using the drop down option on our website once you have chosen giving, by texting 704-228-7459 and selecting it in the drop down option, or by mailing a check to the church and putting One Great Hour of Sharing in the memo line. If you are mailing a check please send it to : P O Box 789, Concord, 28026

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