

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| Sunday, March 28 4:00 p.m. | Racial Reads <i>(online)</i> |
| Monday, March 29 9:00 a.m. | First Kids Preschool |
| Tuesday, March 30 9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | First Kids Preschool Cub Scouts Boy Scouts |
| Wednesday, March 31 9:00 a.m. | First Kids Preschool |
| Thursday, April 1 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | First Kids Preschool Maundy Thursday Service <i>(online)</i> |
| Sunday, April 4 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. | Easter Sunday Worship <i>(online)</i> Easter Cross drive-by |



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

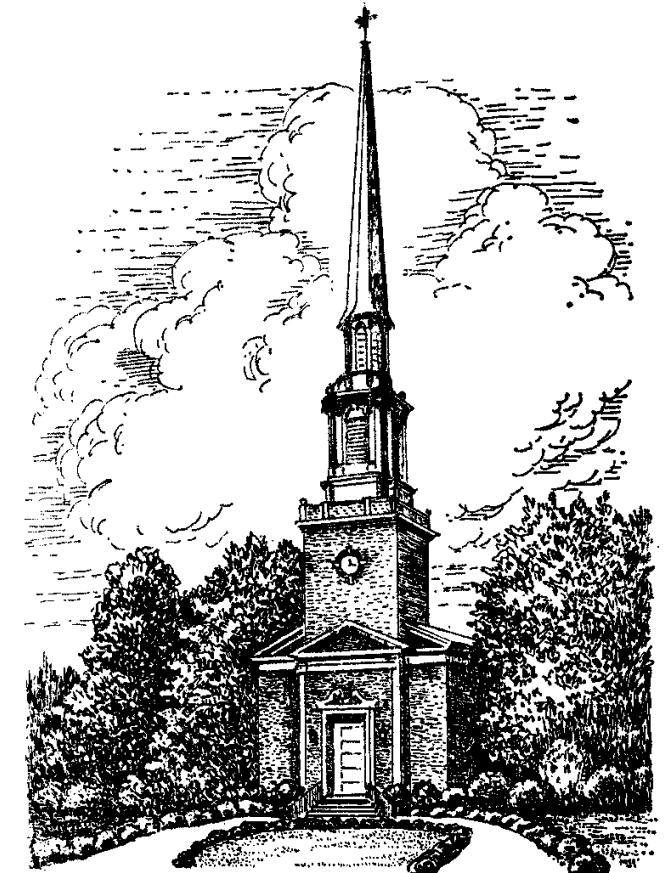
Class of 2022

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

Palm Sunday



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

Sunday, March 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

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *The Palms* Jean Baptiste Faure
(Christopher Smith, trombone)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

People: O Lord Jesus Christ, who on this day entered the rebellious city where You were to die, enter into our hearts, we pray, and subdue them wholly to Yourself. And as Your faithful disciples blessed Your coming and spread their garments in the way, covering it with palm branches, make us ready to lay at Your feet all that we have and are, and bless You. Grant that after having confessed and worshiped You upon earth, we may be among the number of those who shall hail Your eternal triumph, and bear in their hands the palms of victory, when every knee shall bow before You, and every tongue confess that You are Lord, to the glory of God. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

LITANY OF CONFESSION “Adapted from Kenneth Phifer “

Leader: O God of life and of being, I know how it must have been for those people long ago who rejoiced when Jesus came to their city and cried, “Hosanna!” . . .

People: I know how their hearts swelled with good will.

Leader: I know, too, when I look within how the good will faded, and the rancorous ill will grew into the cry, “Crucify Him!”

People: For I, too, am capable of swinging from praise to denial, from singing to cursing. I am not always steady and sure in what I want, in my loves and loyalties.

Leader: O Lord, I wish You did not have to haul me back so often from my erring ways. But I am grateful that You do, and that Your love is as persistent as it is.

People: Give me more of the flavor of Your kind of love in my life, So that I can be more open to others, more creative and responsive to the beauty and splendor that life can afford. Since You refuse to give up on me, help me to refuse to give up on myself. (Silent Prayers)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

MUSIC *Hosanna to the Son of David* Tomás Luis de Victoria

(Quartet: Carole Shaw, Jacquie Yost, Bob Prescott, Jeffrey Price)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Mary Ann Johnson, lay reader

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 11:1-12

SERMON “Tears and Triumph” 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 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Caleb French
(Sanctuary Choir)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Unison)*

God of humble beginnings and triumphant entries, we, Your grateful people, give You thanks and praise for the mighty acts of love revealed to us today and in the Holy Week to come. Like those long ago ones, who saw in You the hope of victory, we know that we sometimes confuse Your ways with our wants. Help us today to find the ways You would have us follow, and use our gifts to further Your will. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Sanctus* Gabriel Faure
(Sanctuary Choir Archival Recording)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOK OF JOB ZOOM DISCUSSION

There will be a Zoom meeting to discuss the Book of Job this evening at 7 p.m. An invitation to the Zoom meeting will be sent to the Congregation so anyone who wishes may attend.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS PROCESSION

The congregation is invited to join the Concord community of faith in the traditional Stations of the Cross procession on Good Friday, April 2nd. The walk will start at 3:30 PM at Grace Lutheran Church, and proceed with stops at St. James Lutheran Church, Memorial Gardens, City Hall, Central United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, and end at Forest Hills United Methodist Church at approximately 4:45 PM.

Please use this link to RSVP: 2021 **FPC: Stations of the Cross Procession** This will allow us to easily communicate any changes in the plan due to inclement weather and/or changes in covid restrictions impacting the procession.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING 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 **here**, 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 First Presbyterian Church P O Box 789, Concord, NC 28026.