

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, April 5

6:30 p.m.

Office Closed for Easter Holiday
Circle 1 *(online)*

Tuesday, April 6

6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Cub Scouts
Boy Scouts
Deacons

Sunday, April 11

8:30 a.m.
9:45 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
2:30 p.m.
4:00 p.m.

Worship *(online)*
Journey Sunday School *(online)*
S & D Sunday School *(online)*
Congregational Meeting *(online)*
Circle 5 *(online)*
Racial Reads *(online)*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CONCORD

ELDERS

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

Class of 2021

Evelyn Barrier
Holly Cagle
Wade Holland
Carol Hovey
Jeff Monroe
Chrissy Rotan
Dave Sheridan

Gina Goff — Clerk of Session

DEACONS

Class of 2022

Donna Cline
Jessica Garmon
Edy Johnston
Kate Morrison
Dean Phillips
Don Seitz
Scott Verner

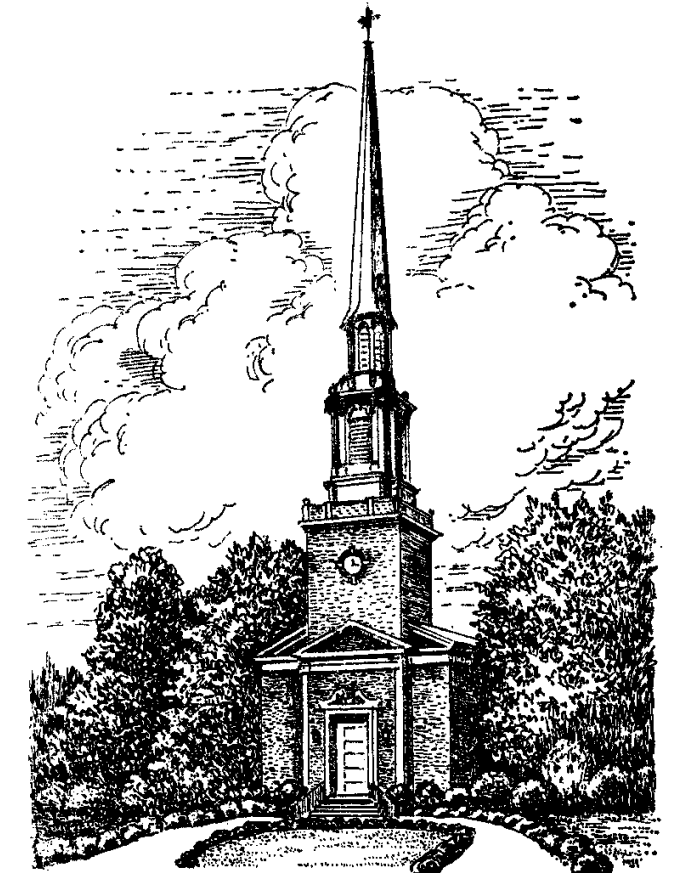
Class of 2023

Linda Barnett
Tripp Carpenter
Kimberly Leatherman
Jeff Nelson
Ellie Sherrill
Dakeita Vanderburg
Amanda Williamson

Class of 2021

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

Easter Sunday



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

Sunday, April 4, 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

THE EASTER GOSPEL John 20:1-18

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!
People: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

MUSIC *Fanfare ala Celtica* Hans Andre Stamm
(Eric Millard, trumpet)

UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God, we come to You this day full of penitence for our sins. Like Judas, we have betrayed You. Like Peter, we have denied You. Like Thomas, we have doubted You. Come to us in blazing power, and affirm again the life to which You have destined us. Lift the small craft of this, Your church, on the swelling tide of your grace and forgiveness. Banish the darkness from our lives, and make us worthy to walk with the risen Christ in paths of freedom and service and light. And sustain us in goodness, that having been assured of his resurrection and abiding presence, we may embrace the future with goodwill and high purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MUSIC *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 148 Cheryl Kelling, lay reader
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MUSIC *Up From the Grave He Arose* CHRIST AROSE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:51-58
Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, the saying that is written will be fulfilled: *"Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?"* The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

SERMON "We Shall Be Changed" Rev. Rush Otey

SOLO *The Trumpet Shall Sound* from G.F. Handel, *Messiah*
(Jeffrey Price)

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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *He Lives!* ACKLEY

DOXOLOGY

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.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *"Hallelujah" from Messiah* G.F. Handel

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE EASTER FLOWER ARRANGEMENT is given to the glory of God from the Journey Sunday School class.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 11, at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom for the purpose of voting on the recommendation from the Pastor Nominating Committee for a New Senior Pastor and the Terms of Call for the Senior Pastor. The Zoom link for this meeting will be emailed to the Congregation at least one hour before the start of this meeting.

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.

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