

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 11
 11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting *(online)*
 4:00 p.m. Racial Reads *(online)*

Monday, April 12
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

Tuesday, April 13
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool
 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
 7:00 p.m. Session *(online)*

Wednesday, April 14
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool
 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice *(sanctuary)*

Thursday, April 15
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool
 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting

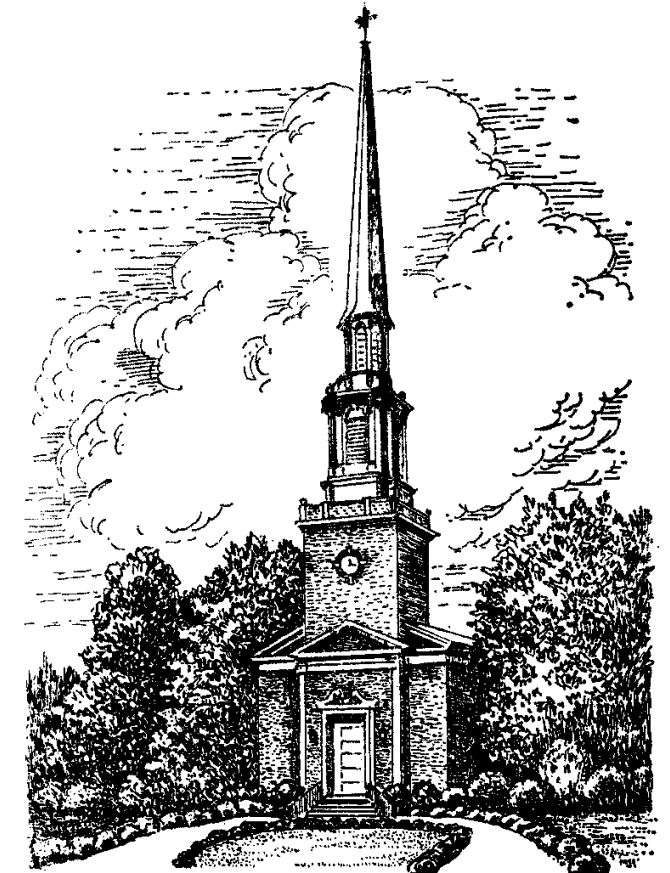
Friday, April 16
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

Sunday, April 18
 8:30 a.m. 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

2nd Sunday of Easter



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

Sunday, April 11, 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 Otteni 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

PRELUDE *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands* J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." This is the day the Lord has made.

UNISON PRAYER

O God, who makes the stars, and turns the shadow of death into the morning: On this day we meet to render You, our Lord and King, the tribute of our praise; for the new life of the springtime, for the everlasting hopes that rise within the human heart, and fo the Gospel which has brought life and immortality to light. Receive our thanksgiving, reveal your presence, and send into our hearts the Spirit of the risen Christ. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) adapted from Karl Barth

O Lord, our God! You know who we are—with good consciences and with bad; content and discontent; certain and uncertain; Christians by conviction and Christians by convention; those who believe, those who half-believe, those who disbelieve. And you know from whence we have come—from the circle of relatives, acquaintances, and friends, or from the greatest loneliness; from lives of prosperity or from manifold confusion and distress; yet alike in that we are all in the wrong with you and with one another, that we all must one day die. We all would be lost without your grace, which is promised in your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

MUSIC *Eternal Life* Olive Dungan/arr. William Stickles
(Jeffrey Price, soloist)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 16 Susan Hannah, lay reader
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 20: 19-32

SERMON "Thomas: Doubts and Easter Faith" 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 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* James Biery

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*) adapted from Kenneth Phifer

O God, help me to feel the touch of resurrection within, to hear the voices of angels and the wild whispers of faith, that because Christ lives I shall live also. I shall live with a new shining upon the dark places of hurt and heartache. I shall live with a new vision of what it means to see daily existence glimmering in the light of an eternal purpose. I shall live, not cringing in fear and abject in sorrow, but renewed in hope and assurance. Thanks be to you, O God, through the Risen Christ. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Joyfully Praise Thee* Schütz
(Sanctuary Choir archival recording)

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Zoom Congregational Meeting today at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of voting on the recommendation by the Pastor Nominating Committee for the new Senior Minister.

OUTDOOR COMMUNITY PRAYER WALL

Following the success of our Advent Community Prayer wall, the Christian Education Committee has brought a fresh, new adaptation (from the Commons) to the front of our campus. Please stop by and see what we are offering you and our neighbors this Spring!