

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 25
4:00 p.m. Officer training *(online)*

Monday, April 26
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

Tuesday, April 27
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Wednesday, April 28
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool
7:15 p.m. Brownie Journey Meeting *(online)*
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice *(sanctuary)*

Thursday, April 29
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts *(Courtyard)*

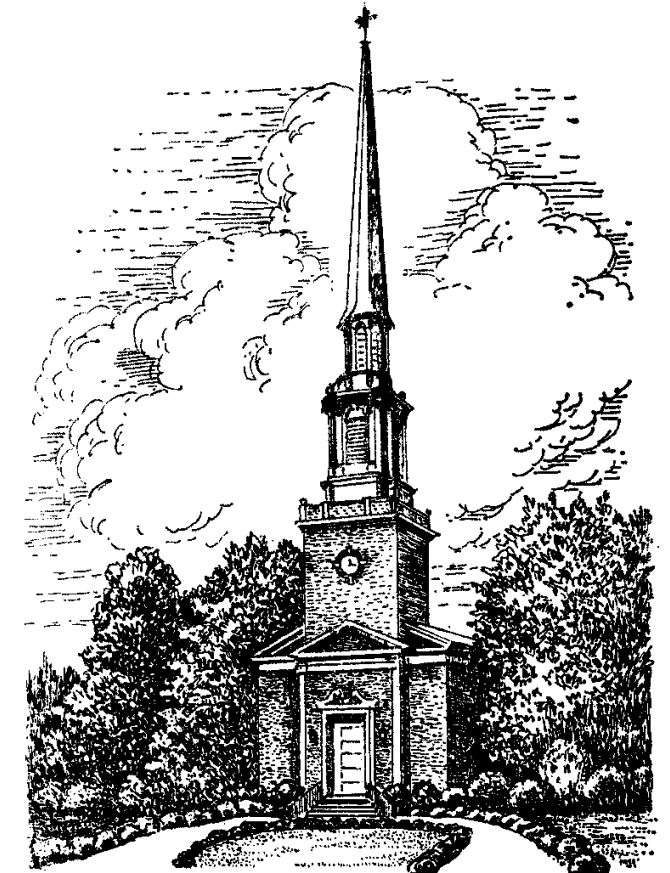
Friday, April 30
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

Sunday, May 2
8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship *(online)*
9:45 a.m. Journey Sunday School *(Sanctuary)*
10:00 a.m. S & D Sunday School *(online)*
1:00 p.m. PW Birthday Event *(online)*
4:00 p.m. Officer Training *(online)*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CONCORD

4th Sunday of Easter



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

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Class of 2021

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

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

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

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 *Trio Sonata no.1, movement 1, BWV.525* J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

People: who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Leader: For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

We acknowledge, Lord God, our share in the world's shortcomings and its tensions. We are wayward creatures, who cannot even love the people closest to us as we want to love them; and we know our lives have been distorted by self-centeredness and by our weak priorities. Grant us Your forgiveness and Your healing. Straighten our confusion so that our energies may be more truly harnessed to You; through Jesus Christ, who died for our forgiveness. (Silent Prayers of Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

MUSIC *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* CONVERSE
(Sanctuary Choir)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 37:1-11 Sallie Dotger, lay reader
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 12 (selected verses)

SERMON Rev Rush Otey
"The Church as a Caring Community: Weeping and Rejoicing"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from I Corinthians 15

This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on third day; and that he appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end, he is our Lord and our God. 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 Want Jesus to Walk with Me* arr. David Cherwien
(Sanctuary Choir)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

O Lord, we pray, send Your Holy Spirit, to cleanse our hearts, to hallow our gifts, and to perfect the offering of our lives in thankfulness. Accept, O Lord, this offering throughout the world this day, and with all the hosts of heaven, praising and blessing and adoring Your holy name forever. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Nunc Dimittis* John Allemeier
(Sanctuary Choir archival recording)

POSTLUDE *Amen* Jacqueline Yost
(Sanctuary Choir archival recording)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION ALL 4TH GRADERS!

Please e-mail a photo of your 4th grader to René Prager at r.prager@firstpresconcord.org by April 30.

Photos will be shared as part of the Christian Education Committee recognition of our 4th graders and the presentation of their Bibles on Youth Sunday, May 9th.

CHURCH GROUNDS WORK DAY MAY 8

There will be a Church Grounds Work Day on May 8 starting at 8:00 a.m. We will work on the main campus so bring your work gloves and gardening tools. We will also tackle the parking lot and vacant lot across Church Street. We need volunteers with power tools to clear out the overgrown area between the lots. If you have any questions, please contact the Building and Grounds Committee - Wade Holland, Jim Holloway and Kathy Pilkington.

YOUTH SUNDAY MAY 9

Mother's Day, May 9th, will be Youth Sunday. Our entire worship service will be youth led and we hope that all of the youth of the congregation can participate. Please take a moment to sign-up here.

Eleven of our Youth gathered on April 18 for planning. If you were not able to attend, please contact René Prager at r.prager@firstpresconcord.org by April 25th so that we can ensure your Youth has a role in worship. Please mark your calendars for 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 2nd, for our next gathering.

SAVE THE DATE

All graduating high school seniors, please save Sunday, May 16th. Beginning at 9:45 a.m., the Presbyterian Women will be hosting a reception to celebrate you! Invitations will be coming soon!