

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, May 2**  
4:00 p.m. Officer training (*online*)

**Monday, May 3**  
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

**Tuesday, May 4**  
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool  
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts  
7:00 p.m. Board of Deacons

**Wednesday, May 5**  
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool  
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice (*sanctuary*)

**Thursday, May 6**  
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

**Friday, May 7**  
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

**Sunday, May 9**  
8:30 a.m. Happy Mother's Day  
9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday Worship (*online*)  
9:45 a.m. Journey Sunday School (*Sanctuary*)  
4:00 p.m. S & D Sunday School (*online*)  
Officer Training (*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 Otteni  
Susan Smith

Gina Goff — Clerk of Session

**DEACONS**

**Class of 2021**

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

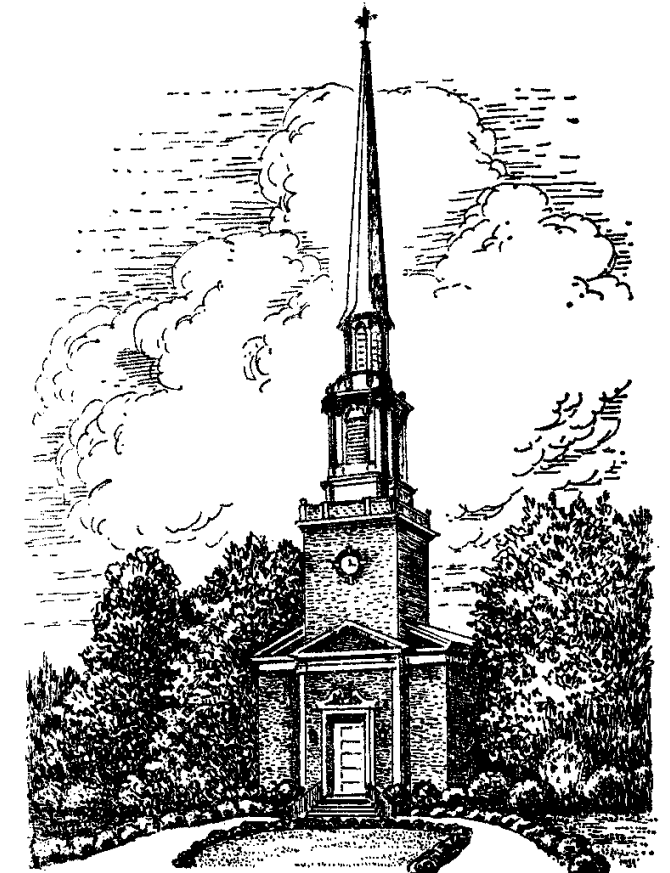
**Class of 2022**

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

# 5th Sunday of Easter



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

**Sunday, May 2, 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**

[www.firstpresconcord.org](http://www.firstpresconcord.org)



[www.firstpresconcord.org](http://www.firstpresconcord.org)

(704) 788-2100

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *All Things Work Together for Good* John Carter  
(Carrie Myers and Bob Prescott, duet)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 139:7-12

Leader: O Lord, where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

**People: If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

Leader: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

**People: even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

Leader: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

**People: even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**God of our salvation, we confess these sins too long kept private, blinding our vision of You: laziness that called the hours useless; indifference that treated need as untouchable; pride that considered self superior to God; gluttony that treated hunger with disdain; prejudice that treated the disturbed as unclean; stubbornness that denied apology its chance. Pardon our shortcomings, lest they go unchecked and we go on far from You. Keep us in Your fold, through our Savior, Christ the Lord. (Silent Prayers)**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**People: God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself—not counting their sins against them—and has commissioned us with the message of reconciliation.**

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

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**MUSIC** *In the Cross* arr. Ken Dosso  
(Sanctuary Choir)

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Psalm 88 Dakeita Vanderburg, lay reader

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Hebrews 11:8-16

**SERMON** "On Death and Dying" 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.**

**OFFERTORY** *TEXT TO GIVE: 704-228-7459*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** *O Day of Peace* Hubert Parry  
(Sanctuary Choir)

#### DOXOLOGY

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

**God of our worship, Lord of our lives, grant such a receptivity of mind and ordering of affections that petty cares offered to You would recede before the vision of Your holiness. Let not our comforts lull us into lethargy, nor our privileges into blindness. Reorient and realign all in us that passes by the persons in need. Make us sensitive to our opportunities. This is our prayer because Your will is the desire of our souls and the highest goal of our lives. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** † Rev. Lynne Keel

Invitation to the Lord's Table  
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution  
Communion of the People  
Prayer after Communion 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** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Mack Wilberg  
(Sanctuary Choir, archival recording)

CCLI License #11219393

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JOURNEY SUNDAY SCHOOL** class is meeting in the regular classroom (2nd floor of the Education Building) on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. following Covid distance guidelines and wearing masks. Beginning this Sunday, and through the month of May, they will be reading and discussing the Christian themes and symbolism present in "The Magician's Nephew" by C.S. Lewis.

**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

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We need YOU! Please consider signing up to help with our 2021 Vacation Bible School program. There are many ways to help and all honor the promise we made to the children of our congregation at their Baptism.

#### MARKET FOR MISSION

Knowing we have all been deep cleaning and clearing out this past year, hold onto your treasures just a bit longer! We will start collecting items for the Market for Mission sale in May. Details very shortly on what and how to donate. Thanks much!!