

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, May 10	
9:00 a.m.	First Kids Preschool
11:00 a.m.	Circle 4 online
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Districk Roundtable
Tuesday, May 11	
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, May 12	
9:00 a.m.	First Kids Preschool
7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice (<i>sanctuary</i>)
Thursday, May 13	
9:00 a.m.	First Kids Preschool
6:30 p.m.	Junior Troop 3142 (<i>Ed Bldg</i>)
Friday, May 14	
9:00 a.m.	First Kids Preschool
Sunday, May 16	
8:30 a.m.	Worship with High School Senior Recognition
9:45 a.m.	Journey Sunday School (<i>Sanctuary</i>)
9:45 a.m.	S & D Sunday School (<i>online</i>)

Nature Sings to God By Sally Woolwine

The trees slowly blow in the wind as if singing to God
Soft songs that show their love to God because he created them.

The lush bushes move ever so slowly you can't even tell,
But God sees it and knows it's there.

As the frogs croak at night, they sing to God,
As they are thanking him for another night to feast.

The pretty pink flowers let their petals blow in the wind and let the petals sing the
song.

All for their creator, God.

God loves everything from the big pear trees to the beautiful blueberries we eat.

God even loves you and me! He loves us with the same amount of love, no matter
the sins we've done.



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

6th Sunday of Easter



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

Youth Sunday

Sunday, May 9, 2021



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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*
René Prager, *Interim Youth Projects Coordinator*

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ruthie Hillman,
Henry Garrison

PRELUDE

Sonata in C major, K.545, movement I W. A. Mozart
(Eli Famer, piano)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 139:7-12 Caroline and Dylan Batts

Leader: Sing to God a new song.

People: God has done marvelous things!

Leader: Make joyful music and sound the trumpets.

People: We celebrate God's steadfast love.

Leader: Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

People: Let us clap our hands and sing with joy!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Katharine Morrison

We pray in confidence of the mercy of God from everlasting to everlasting. Loving God, we have not loved you nor each other with our whole hearts. You have called us friend and have been faithful to us, yet we have not done the same. Forgive us, and help us forgive those whom we call friend. We confess that we have excluded others and judged them by standards that we do not even keep ourselves. Lead us back to you and to our friends. Help us to safely gather and spend time with one another again. Please show us how to appreciate the wonders of the outdoors and spend time in nature, Where you renew our spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen (Silent Prayers of Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Henry Garrison

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!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Heidi Johnston

MUSIC

Thine is the Glory G.F. Handel
(Chloë Cline, violin)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 98

Dylan Batts, lay reader

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

FOURTH GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

Sally Woolwine

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 15:9-17

Grace Morrison, lay reader

SERMON

“Love” Betsy King and Anna Claire Watson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CONFIRMATION of Sam Davis

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, *Apostles' Creed*

John Morrison

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

Eli Farmer,
Nate Woolwine

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

Spencer Hillman

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Here I Am, Lord
(Molly Morrison, solo)

Daniel Schutte

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

Spencer Hillman

Holy God, in Christ, you have chosen us to be friends, and to know your will in the world. Therefore we pray in Jesus' name that these offerings will spread your love roaring sea to roaring sea. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD

INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

Mack Morgan

POSTLUDES

Indian Dance
(Andrew Garrison, piano)

Bastien

I Danced in the Morning
(Chloe Cline, violin)

SIMPLE GIFTS

Solace
(Eli Farmer, piano)

Scott Joplin

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's worship has been prepared by the Youth of First Presbyterian Church. Our Fourth graders will be presented with their Bibles and Sam Davis, a member of the 2020-2021 confirmation class, will make his public profession of faith. Youth and families are encouraged to read The Banner each Wednesday for announcements and opportunities to serve. On Sunday, May 16th, the Middle and High School Youth will gather to prepare dinner for the Salvation Army Center of Hope Night Shelter clients.

Registration for Vacation Bible School is open to two year olds through rising 5th graders. Please use the link in the Banner to register today. Rising 6th-8th graders are reminded to sign-up and make their deposit for the Middle School camping retreat July 9-11. We would also like to wish a Happy Mother's Day to our moms and all of the mothers joining us this morning.

The cover art on today's bulletin: “Deep Roots and Blooming Sky” by Mabry Morgan. Inspired by today's scripture readings, Mabry describes her piece as “an accurate reflection of where we are in the life of our church right now. Such deep roots (strong foundation) but the sky is the limit on our growth going forward. Our church family is “blooming” with new opportunities and new memories to be made.”

Today, we recognize our fourth graders: Deva Nicole Austin, Miller Paige Finney, Andrew Earle Garrison, John Dickson McMillan IV, Edward Roberson Morrison, Anne Caroline Reese, Dalton Lee Sloop, and Jackson Thomas Williams

Blessing Box Food Drive

Our Blessing Box is being restocked by the women of Circle 1 for the Month of May. Every four days the box will be checked, cleaned and restocked to support the needs of the hungry.

On May 16th our first Sunday back in the Sanctuary, we ask that members bring items for the box to the service. Carts will be outside between the church and education building. For those not attending the service, we will have a drive by on Sunday, May 16, from 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the drop off between buildings. The best items for the Blessing Box are foods that can be eaten on the go, including: tuna packets, Beanie Weenies, Vienna sausages, potted meat, canned pasta, granola bars, crackers, nuts, raisins, cereal bars, protein bars, small Gatorade bottles, and juice boxes. Hygiene items including deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, and feminine products are helpful. Diapers, wipes, and socks are also appreciated. Feel free to contact Dakeita Vanderburg at 704-793-8972 for any questions. We thank you in advance for your support of this important mission of our church.