

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 16
 1:00 p.m. Later today:
 3:00 p.m. Blessing Box food drive-by
 5:00 p.m. Circle 5 (Courtyard)
 Youth (Davis Hall)

Monday, May 17
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool
 2:30 p.m. Cabarrus County VIP Blood Drive (Davis Hall)

Tuesday, May 18
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool
 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Wednesday, May 19
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool
 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice (sanctuary)

Thursday, May 20
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool
 5:30 p.m. MGA board (Davis Hall)
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Courtyard)
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Advancement Boards of Review (Ed Bldg)

Friday, May 21
 9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

Sunday, May 23
 9:45 a.m. Journey Sunday School (Ed Bldg)
 9:45 a.m. S & D Sunday School (Church grounds)
 11:00 a.m. Worship with officer installation



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 Otten
Susan Smith

Gina Goff — Clerk of Session

DEACONS

Class of 2021

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

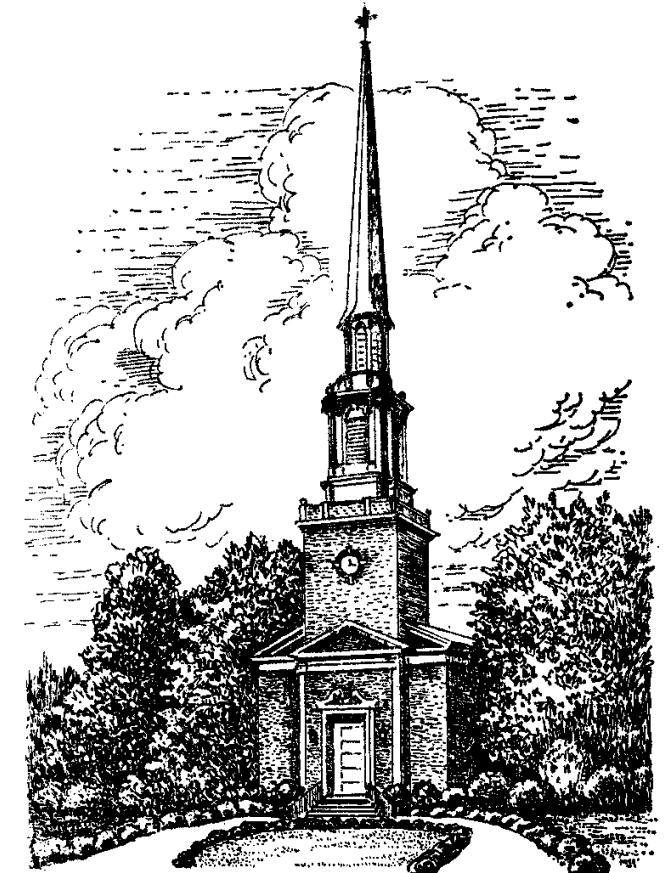
Class of 2022

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

7th Sunday of Easter



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

Sunday, May 16, 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jim Monroe

PRELUDE

Jubilee

Fred Binckes

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Exodus 20:8-11)*

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, or your manservant, or your maidservant, or your cattle, or the sojourner who is within your gates; for In six days the Lord made the heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

People: This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! *(Psalm 118:24)*

HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Erasmus

Almighty God, sever me from myself that I may be grateful to You; may I perish to myself that I may be safe in You; may I die to myself that I may live in You; may I wither to myself that I may blossom in You; may I be emptied of myself that I may abound in You; may I be nothing to myself that I may be all to You.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 84

Susan Smith, lay reader

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 6:24-34

SERMON "Remember the Sabbath Day? To Keep It Holy??"

Rev Rush Otey

HYMN 393 *O Day of Rest and Gladness* ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith*, PCUS, 1976

God bound His people to himself in covenant. Freed slaves became the people of God when they accepted the Lord's covenant. God charged them to respond to His rescuing love by obeying His commandments. Their life together was to express the justice and compassion of their holy God. Since we, too, are the Lord's covenant people, we know we must be holy as the Lord is holy. We must keep God's commandments, not in order to earn or compel the Lord's favor, but to reflect the character of God and to be his grateful and loving people.

RECOGNITION OF 2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

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

Look at the World

John Rutter

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Unison)*

St. Augustine of Hippo

Thanks be to You, my joy and my glory and my hope and my God. Thanks be to You for Your gifts; but do preserve them in me. Thus You will preserve me, and the things You have given me will increase and be made perfect, and I shall be with You; because even that I exist is Your gift. Amen.

HYMN 661

Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

SPARROW

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

POSTLUDE

Presto from Organ Concerto No. 5

G.F. Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Congregation is asked to please refrain from responding and singing at this time. Please remain in your seats during the Benediction until an usher comes to escort you out. Thank you.

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. If you brought items to worship this morning there are carts outside between the church and education building. For those not attending the service, we will have a drive-by drop-off this afternoon 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.

6th – 12th Grade Youth - Join us this evening at 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. to help prepare food for the Night Shelter. We will be in the kitchen in Davis Hall. Please wear closed toe shoes and long hair pulled back. We hope to see you there!

Keep up-to-date on church news – by visiting the NEWS section of the church web site for information on worship and other activities. We anticipate things to change frequently over the next several weeks and will post all updates for the congregation under that section of the website.

Red Cross Cabarrus County VIP Blood Drive - Monday, May 17th, in Davis Hall from 2:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment visit redcrossblood.org and enter: Cabarrus VIP Blood Drive.