

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<b>Monday, May 24</b> 9:00 a.m.	First Kids Preschool
<b>Tuesday, May 25</b> 9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	First Kids Preschool Cub Scouts Boy Scouts
<b>Wednesday, May 26</b> 9:00 a.m.	First Kids Preschool
<b>Thursday, May 27</b> 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	First Kids Staff Meeting ( <i>Davis Hall</i> ) First Kids Graduation ( <i>Drive-by</i> ) Girl Scouts ( <i>Courtyard</i> )
<b>Sunday, May 30</b> 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 8:45a.m. 8:45a.m.	Choir Practice ( <i>Choir Room</i> ) Worship ( <i>in-person and live-streamed</i> ) Journey Sunday School ( <i>Sanctuary</i> ) S & D Sunday School ( <i>online</i> )

**Market for Mission is Back!** - We've been working getting our storage spaces ready to receive your donations! Our first official drop off day is Tuesday, June 1st 1:30-4:00pm and again Tuesday, July 6th, same time. Starting in August we will be available every Tuesday afternoon 1:30-4p. Drop offs can be made to room 306 in the Will Young Building. If you need assistance (and/or a cart) there will be a cell number posted on the Preschool entrance to call. Please bring items clean and ready to sell (in working order) That really helps!

If you have any questions about what might be 'donate-able,' please call Carrie (704) 467-0962 or Gina (704) 794-2228. Here is a review of items we have sold in the past and a few new ideas:

Home Decor, Housewares, Small Electrics, Outerwear for All Ages, Fall/Halloween Decor, Christmas Items, Linens, Vintage & Collectables, Jewelry and like new Purses & Shoes, Children's Books & small toys, Garden, Lamps, and Art. No books EXCEPT Coffee Table books & Cookbooks. No draperies, curtains or cornices please. At our last sale we had several specialty tables based on donations and that is great too, i.e. Beach, Pet, Bar, Tools. This year because of the pandemic we think a Puzzle table will probably happen!

As a reminder the church wide sale accomplishes three things: 1) Supports the school children of Bayonnais, Haiti 2) Serves as an outreach to our local community and 3) Serves as a bonding experience for First Pres members. We are hoping to make this sale as successful as the 2019 sale that raised over \$12K. And as we cautiously gather together again what a wonderful project to look forward to. Thanking you advance for your support.



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

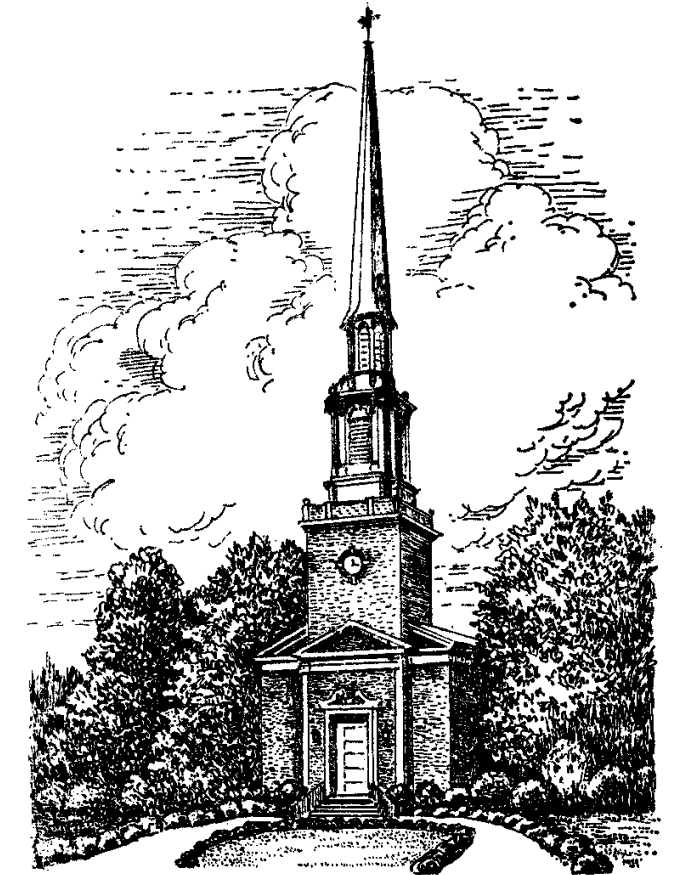
#### Class of 2022

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

# Day of Pentecost



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

**ORDINATION SUNDAY  
Sunday, May 23, 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

**PRELUDE**      *Sheep May Safely Graze - From Cantata BWV 208 Bach-Shelley*  
(Mark Shelley, piano)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The day of Pentecost has come, and we are together. Will the works of God be known among us today? We live in the valley of dry bones. Around and within us is emptiness. God comes to us as a gentle breath or violent wind. Catch your breath, God's breath, and live. There are stirrings deep within that give us hope. There is a Spirit linking us to one another. The fires of love dispel life's shadows. God's Spirit comes to give us new life. Surely God is in this place! May the glory of God be known among us today!

**HYMN 285**      *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*      BRIDEGROOM

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and Merciful God, we do not know how to pray as we ought, and we know too well our constant failures to do as you have commanded and to hold fast to your word. Forgive us for the divisions we nurture, guide us to your way, keep us in your care, and lead us into faith. We trust your word that the Spirit of truth will show us all things and grant us courage and peace. Hear, now, our silent prayers to you....

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

**MUSIC**      *This Train - From Ten Musical Sentences*      Shelley

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST READING**      Acts 2 :1-21      Susan Brooks, lay reader  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**MUSIC**      *Draw Us In - From Ten Musical Sentences*      Shelley

**SECOND READING**      Ezekiel 37:1-14

**SERMON**      Rev. Lynne Keel

**HYMN 408**      *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*      SWEET SWEET SPIRIT

## 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**      *Ride Up in the Chariot*      Larry Shackley  
(Sanctuary Choir)

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of mercy, we give you thanks for all that your bounty creates. The gifts we bring today acknowledge our debt to you and our intent to relieve others of their burdens. Bless what we offer, and bless those who will be shown deeds of power through them; in Jesus' name. Amen

### SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

#### Constitutional Questions for Newly Elected Officers

#### Constitutional Questions for the Congregation—Kathy Pilkington, elder

1) Do we, the members of the church, accept these sisters and brothers as ruling elders or deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

2) Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

#### Prayer of Ordination & Installation Welcome & Charge

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**HYMN 697**      *Take My Life*      HENDON

### BENEDICTION

**RESPONSE**      *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*      SICILIAN MARINERS

**POSTLUDE**      *Gigue - From French Suite V*      Bach

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### 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.*

### NEW OFFICERS TO BE ORDAINED AND/OR INSTALLED

#### Members of Session

Anita Brown, Buddy DeLizza, Kevin Garrison, Kara King \*, Jim Monroe

Harriett Phillips, Aaron Rotan, Valerie Thomas, Amy Woolwine\*

*\*will be Ordained/Installed at a later date*

#### Members of the Board of Deacons

Fritze Leigh Batts, Jenny Chikes, Joy Cook, Chris Hahn, Susan Hannah,

Debbie Harris (at home following this service at noon), Rindy Moore

*\*The Prelude this morning is dedicated to departing choir members Bob Prescott, Steve Ferguson and Molly Morrison. You will always be with us.*

**Special Thanks** to Mark Shelley who is providing our piano music this morning.

**Our Summer Worship** schedule begins a week from this Sunday on May 30, with worship, in-person or live-streamed, at 10:00 a.m. through Labor Day weekend.

**The Journey and S & D classes** will meet at 11:00 a.m. **after** worship, beginning on May 30 when worship moves to the summer schedule of 10:00 a.m.

**First Kids Graduation Parade, Thursday, May 27th at 5 p.m.-** We invite all church members, neighbors and friends to line up along North Union Street to watch the First Kids Graduation Parade as it processes from Forest Hills Church to First Presbyterian Church. Waves, smiles and well wishes would be most appreciated as we celebrate the end of this most unusual school year.

**\*It was good to see faces back on the church grounds and in the Sanctuary this past Sunday! Please note that for the foreseeable future we will continue to require masks and social distancing throughout our campus. Our procedures will be reviewed continuously and we will advise updates as they become available. Thank you.**