

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, July 27**

6:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

Cub Scouts (Davis Hall)  
Boy Scouts Pack 3(Davis Hall)

**Sunday, August 1**

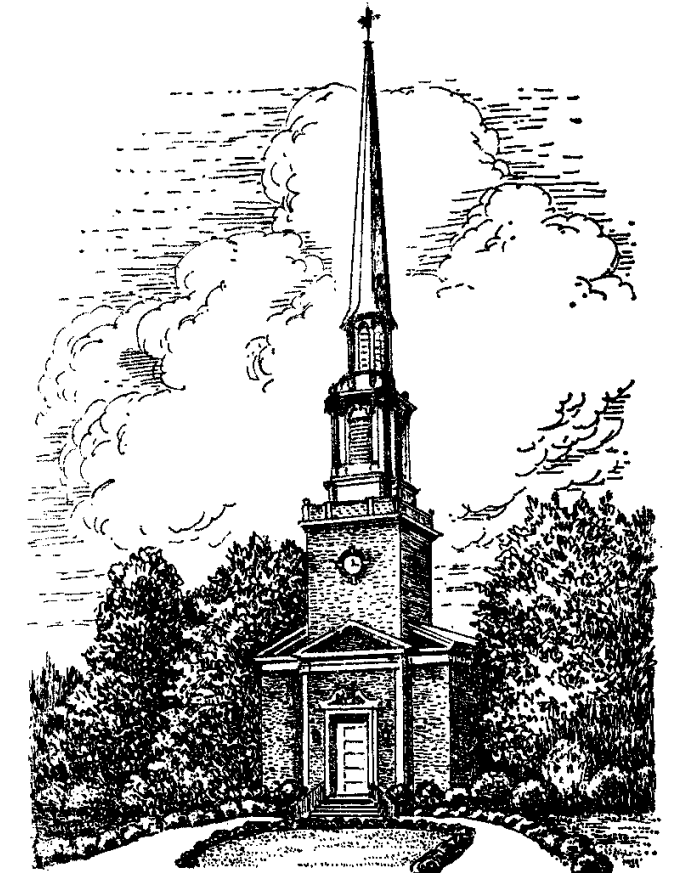
9:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
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Choir Practice (*Choir Room*)  
Worship with communion (*in-person and live-streamed*)  
S & D class (*Fellowship House*)  
Journey Sunday School (*Ed Bldg*)



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CONCORD

# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

**ELDERS**

**Class of 2022**

Peter Chikes  
Kevin Garrison  
Jim Holloway  
Donna Knorr  
Margaret Moore  
Hunter Morrison  
Kathy Pilkington

**Class of 2023**

Dale Carpenter  
Merl Hamilton  
Jim Monroe  
Harris Morrison  
Amy Murphy  
Susan Otteni  
Susan Smith

**Class of 2024**

Anita Brown  
Buddy Delizza  
Kara King  
Harriett Phillips  
Aaron Rotan  
Valerie Thomas  
Amy Woolwine

Gina Goff — Clerk of Session

**DEACONS**

**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

**Class of 2024**

Fritze Leigh Batts  
Jenny Chikes  
Joy Cook  
Chris Hahn  
Susan Hannah  
Debbie Harris  
Rindy Moore

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**Rev. Ellen Crawford True, Senior Pastor**  
**Rev. Lynne Keel, Associate Pastor for Care and Mission**  
**René Prager, Interim Youth Projects Coordinator**  
**Dr. Jacqueline Yost, Director of Music and Organist**  
**Dr. Jeffrey W. Price, Choirmaster**

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**Sunday, July 25, 2021**

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation. Following the service, greet one another with joy!*

**PRELUDE** *Vivace from Cello Sonata in G major* Sammartini  
(John Mooney, cello)

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *inspired by Psalm 145:8-9*

Leader: Let us worship the Lord who is gracious and merciful,

**People: the God who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord who is good to all,

**People: the Lord who shows compassion for all of creation.**

**All: *Let us worship God!***

**\*HYMN 42** *Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure* WINCHESTER NEW

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Most Holy God, we confess to you and to each other that we are rarely just in all our ways, and far from being kind in all our doings. What we want to be and what we actually are, are two different things. Please grant to us, loving God, the grace of a new beginning and the joy of a greater love for you. Give us a passion for your loving ways. Through Christ Jesus our Redeemer. Amen. [Time for silent confession follows.]**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Vows of the Parents and Congregation**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing**

**Baptism and Welcome**

**Congregational Response**

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*Accept, O Lord, our dedication  
To fill with love the growing mind,  
That in this church and congregation  
The young a faith for life may find.*

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST LESSON** Psalm 145:10-18 Jerry Dyer, lay reader  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** *What Shall I Bring to the Lord?* Robert Lau  
(Sanctuary Choir and John Mooney - cello)  
*What shall I bring to the Lord when I come to worship Him?  
Shall I bring my best as offering to Him? What shall I bring?  
Will the Lord require something special from me? Oh, what shall I bring for a  
King?  
I could bring riches, power; now is the hour to lift our voices and sing.  
I could bring wisdom, glory; I could tell the story of Jesus, my King.  
But hear what the Lord says: "Do justice; have mercy, and walk humbly with your  
God."*

**SECOND LESSON** John 6: 14-21

**SERMON** Rev. Ellen Crawford True

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*HYMN 465** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* CONVERSE

**\*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

#### 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** *Prière, op.158* Camille Saint-Saens  
(John Mooney, cello)

**\*DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH  
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here  
below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**Your blessings are abundant, O God. Your love surrounds us always.  
Your grace sustains us through the storms. Accept our gratitude and  
our gifts, including our very lives. May all that we offer be used for  
your saving work in the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**\*HYMN 270** *O Lord, You Are My God and King* JERUSALEM

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Amen in G* Jacqueline Yost  
(Sanctuary Choir)

**POSTLUDE** *Bergamasca* Samuel Scheidt

*This morning's Prayer of Confession is adapted from one written by the Rev. Bruce  
Prewer.*

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** will be offered this morning to Holden Timmins and Emma Cates McMullan, son and daughter of Salem and Sean McMullan. We welcome Holden and Emma into our fellowship and pray for God's blessings on this family.

**WE WELCOME** back cellist John Mooney who will provide special music in today's worship. John has performed with us many times including several virtual services. He is a recent graduate of UNC-Charlotte.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED** Please be sure to consider helping and fill out the bulletin insert. If you aren't sure today but want to respond during the week, send an email to: info@firstpresconcord.org.