

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, August 16
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Pack 3(Library Conference Room)

Tuesday, August 17
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (Fellowship House)
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (Davis Hall)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Davis Hall)
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon (Commons)

Thursday, August 19
4:00 p.m. Racial Reads Group (Davis Hall)
5:30 p.m. Memorial Garden Assoc -Qtrly (Library Conference Room)
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Advancement Boards of Review (Ed Bldg)

Sunday, August 22
9:00 a.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)
10:00 a.m. Worship (in-person and live-streamed)
11:00 a.m. S & D class (Fellowship House)
11:00 a.m. Journey Sunday School (Ed Bldg)



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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

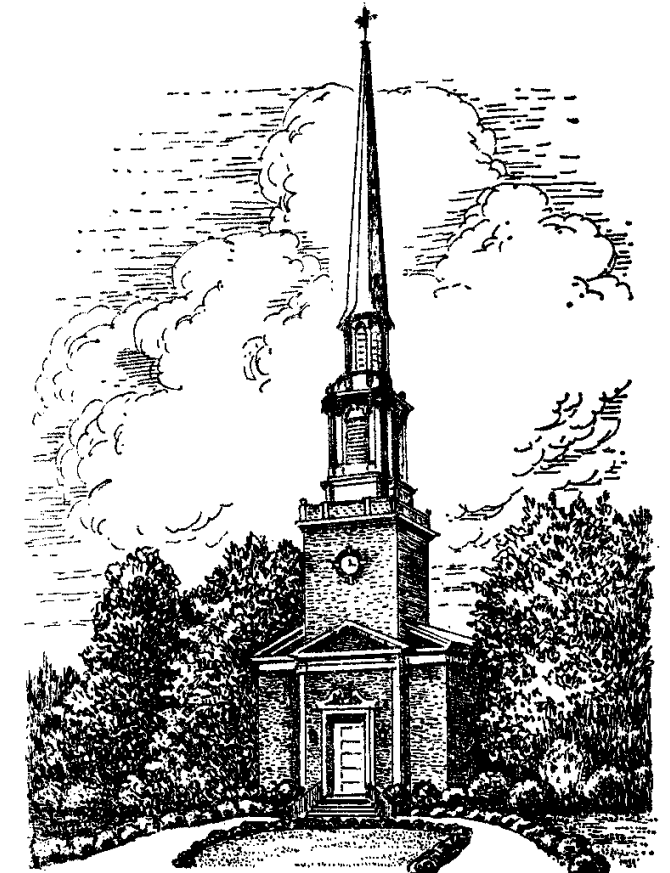
Class of 2023

Linda Barnett
Tripp Carpenter
Kimberly Leatherman
Jeff Nelson
Ellie Sherrill
Dakeita Vanderburg
Amanda Williamson

Class of 2024

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Presbyterian Church
70 Union Street North
Concord, North Carolina

Sunday, August 15, 2021

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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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 *Variations on Amazing Grace* Ronald Besemer

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord!
People: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
Leader: for God's wisdom,
People: for God's grace,
Leader: for God's saving ways,
People: for God's coming to us in Jesus Christ, the Living Bread.
All: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN 620 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God, we confess that we are more comfortable leaning on our wisdom than trusting your faithfulness. Forgive us. Fill us again with gratitude for your abundant care and with awe in the face of your mysterious saving ways. In Christ's name we pray, 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!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Break Thou the Bread of Life* BREAD OF LIFE
Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea. Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord. My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Psalm 111 Jonathan M. Ewart, lay reader

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON John 6: 51-58
SERMON Rev. Ellen Crawford True

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 494 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* QUEBEC

*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 *Bless the Lord, O My Soul* Willis Barnett
(Sanctuary Choir)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, sing praise! He is so great in all the earth, for He is clothed in might and righteousness. He created earth and sky. Lord, how glorious are your works. Lord, how marvelous are your works in the earth!

Let all the earth break forth in joyful song. Sing praise for salvation through Jesus, our Lord. He ransomed His life, an atonement for sin. Open your heart and let Him in. Sing praise to God! Bless the Lord, O my soul!

*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)

For the ways you invite, nourish, challenge, and encourage us in the life of faith, we give you thanks and praise, O God. Take and use our gifts as we dedicate them and ourselves for the work of your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* CORONATION

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *Our God, to Whom We Turn* Don Freudenburg

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mary Kathryn Ewart on the celebration of her birthday from Jonathan M. Ewart.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER PACKAGING EVENT - On Sunday, August 29th, FPC will host an event in Davis Hall from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. We need your support to reach our goal to package 10,000+ meals. Use this link to sign up or donate <https://rah.secure.force.com/events/homepage?id=7013Z000002KmbcQAC>

FIRST KIDS AND HARRIS TEETER are Together in Education - a "painless" fund-raising program for schools in our communities. The program gives schools a chance to earn funds for their school when shopping with a linked VIC card. Any customer can link their VIC card to support up to 6 schools. When customers purchase select Harris Teeter Brands products using their linked VIC card, Harris Teeter contributes a percentage of those purchase dollars to the school/s. You may link your card to First Kids (# 6125) at any checkout register, online, or with your HT app. We would be glad to link it for you if that is easier, just email the name on your card and phone number associated with the card to Frstkids@yahoo.com. 100% of funds earned from the TIE program are placed in our First Kids Scholarship Fund. Thank you for being "together in education" with First Kids.

RACIAL EQUITY READS As part of our ongoing commitment to anti-racism work, our next Racial Equity Reads book will be "I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness" by Austin Channing Brown. Whether you have engaged in this work for a long time or are just curious about this journey, we welcome everyone to join us for open and gracious conversation. We will begin our six week video and discussion series this Thursday, August 19th at 4 p.m. in Davis Hall. As always, we encourage you to purchase your book through black-owned booksellers, if possible. For more information or to sign up to join the discussion, please contact Lynne Keel at lynne.keel@firstpresconcord.org, that she may send you the reading schedule as well as notify you of any changes to meeting times/places