WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 24

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 26

4:00 p.m. Racial Reads Group (Zoom)

Sunday, August 29

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)
2:30 p.m. Rise Against Hunger (Davis Hall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RISE AGAINST HUNGER PACKAGING EVENT - Next 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. Visit the church website to sign-up to help or donate.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - During 2021, the Covid pandemic continues to create financial challenges for Habitat for Humanity. Examples include the loss of \$60,000 due to the cancellation of both a special event and the Collegiate Challenge Build by visiting college students who we normally feed and house during their stay in Concord. In addition, \$200,000 was budgeted for 45 home repairs such as wheelchair ramps and roofs. The immense need for home repairs during 2021 rose from 45 to 96 repairs. This cost \$400,000 requiring Habitat to use funds from their reserves to make this happen.

The Habitat affiliate was founded in 1989 through the leadership of our minister Rev. Jim Holderness and Dr. Peter Chikes, a member of our church. And, for many years we have proudly provided annual gifts and participated in building houses. Today our 2021 Habitat Campaign kicks off with an exciting announcement. Because of the continuing crisis, our Diaconate has agreed to match up to \$5,000 of gifts from our church family to inspire and encourage gifts for Habitat during the next four weeks!

A link below is provided for contributions from the congregation. Please give now so we can help Habitat continue to give people a hand up!

Go to our website to give online . If you would like to pay by check make it payable to FPC, put Habitat in the memo line, and mail to the church's PO Box 789, Concord, NC 28026.



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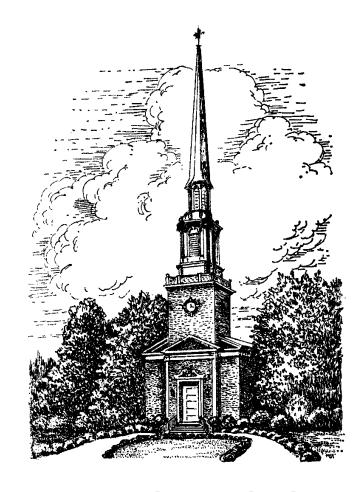
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Sunday, August 22, 2021



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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!

Backpacks may be placed on the chancel stairs before worship begins or during the first or second hymns.

PRELUDE John Bull Variations on a Dutch Chorale

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Bill Shelton, CEO

Habitat for Humanity Cabarrus County

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How lovely is your dwelling place, O God. Leader: Like the sparrow, we find a home with you.

You, O God are our sun and shield. Leader:

Gathered to praise you, People: Leader: Sent out to serve you, You are with us always. People: Let us worship God. All:

OPEN MY EYES *HYMN 451 Open My Eyes, That I May See

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God, our sun and shield: we may long to be in your house, but our deeds show how tough it is for us to live there. Called to follow, we search for paths to take us back to our old ways; given the words of eternal life, we weakly proclaim the gospel to others; offered the path of salvation to walk upon, we stumble down the rocky roads of our

Forgive us, Guardian of our lives. Strengthen us with your Spirit, so we may follow Jesus Christ, the One we have come to believe and know is our Lord and Savior. Amen. [Time for silent confession follows.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! People:

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 84 Jim Monroe, lay reader

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON John 6:56-69

SERMON Rev. Ellen Crawford True

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

ANGEL'S STORY *HYMN 724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

*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.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Leader: As a new school year begins, bless, O God, all who teach and all

People: Bless students with courage, kindness, and curiosity.

Leader: Bless teachers with enthusiasm, imagination, and patience

—with students and with themselves.

People: Bless all who serve in our schools, including bus drivers and crossing guards, administrators and cooks, coaches and aides, counselors and custodians,

with energy and compassion as they help our children learn and grow.

Leader: May every student make a new friend,

People: May teachers find renewed joy in their classrooms, Leader: May schools be filled laughter, wonder, and wisdom.

Bless these backpacks, O God. All:

> May all who carry them know that our prayers and your love travel with them wherever they go, in the name of

Jesus, our Teacher and Lord. 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

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Think On These Things

Beth Elston

(Sanctuary Choir)

Whatever is true, whatever is lovely, think on these things. Whatever is good, pleasant and holy, think on these things.

Refrain: Fix your thoughts on the Lord Jesus Christ. He is love; he is beauty and liaht.

Whatever is worthy of praise is of God.

Whatever is just, whatever is righteous, think on these things. Whatever is pure, noble and faithful, think on these things. Refrain:

Oh Lord, I will sing of your goodness, and tell of your unfailing love. You reign in splendor and majesty. May your name be blessed forever and ever.

Whatever is kind, whatever is gentle, think on these things. Whatever is right, patient and gracious, think on these things. Refrain:

Whatever is worthy of praise, think on these things.

*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)

Receive our gifts, O God, and our lives. May all that we offer bring glory to you as we dedicate ourselves again to following where Christ leads. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 839 **ASSURANCE** Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen in G (Sanctuary Choir) Jacqueline Yost

POSTLUDE Toccata in A

Sweelinck This morning's prayer of confession is adapted from one written by the Rev. Thom Shuman.

> *Those who are able, please stand. CCLI License #11219393