

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 31

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, September 2

10:00 a.m. First Kids Open House (Parking Lot)
4:00 p.m. Racial Reads (Zoom)
5:00 p.m. First Kids Open House (Parking Lot)
5:30 p.m. Building & Grounds (Library Conference Room)

Sunday, September 5

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)

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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CONCORD

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

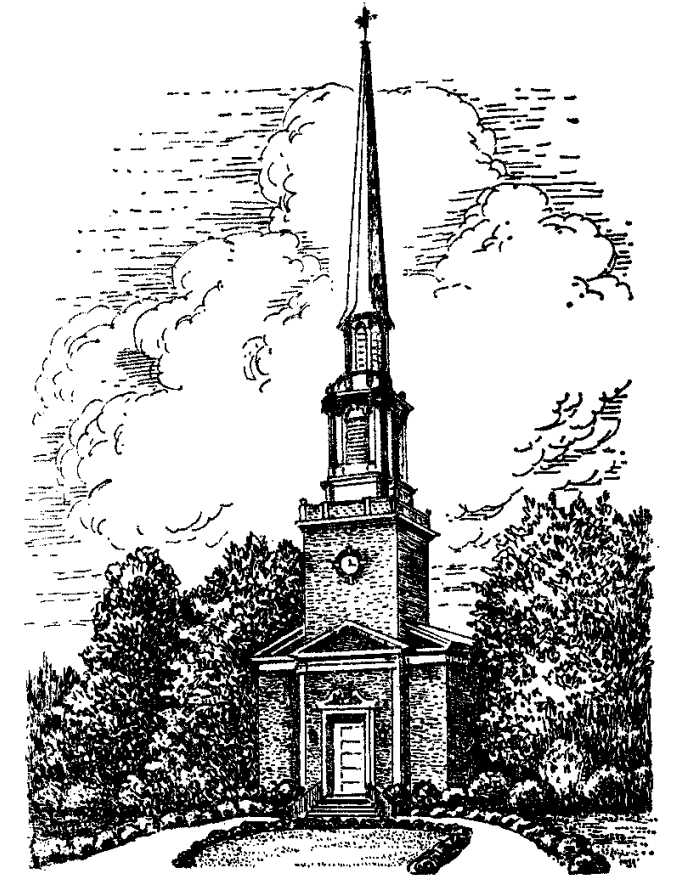
Class of 2023

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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Sunday, August 29, 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 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Wayne L. Wold

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Dr. Peter Chikes, Board Member
Habitat for Humanity

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us and gathers us,
People: and reminds us that we are beloved.
Leader: Let us lift our voices and praise our faithful, loving God,
People: our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer.
All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 267** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

You are quick to grant us mercy, O God, and still, we fail to offer mercy to others. We long for grace when we do not measure up, and yet, we are slow to offer that same grace to others when they let us down. Forgive us, dear Lord, and continue to shape us into your gracious people in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, the one whose grace saves us. 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 *Go with Us, Lord* TALLIS' CANON
Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Song of Solomon 2:8-13

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

SECOND LESSON Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SERMON Rev. Ellen Crawford True

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 442** *Just As I Am Without One Plea* WOODWORTH

***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 *Catch the Vision! Share the Glory!* Carl Schalk
(Sanctuary Choir)

1. *Blessed children, saints, elect of God, globe-encircling cloud of witnesses: We have heard the Christmas angels, we have seen the Easter sunrise, Cried with joy when Christ began His reign. Catch the vision! Share the glory! Show the captives, tell them: Christ is here!*

2. *Universal Body of the Lord, chosen, called, made just, and glorified: Ours the faith, and ours the triumph, ours the peace the world is seeking; Who on earth as privileged as we? Catch the vision! Share the glory! Show the captives, tell them: Christ is here!*

3. *Heirs together of the grace of life, all baptized into the death of Christ: Born again, in love maturing, from the altar free and cheerful, Caring, winsome family of God. Catch the vision! Share the glory! Show the captives, tell them: Christ is here!*

4. *For this time and place have we been born, gifted by the Spirit, trained, and sent: With the eyes of Jesus seeing, with the hands of Jesus helping, With the words of Jesus bringing life. Catch the vision! Share the glory! Show the captives, tell them: Christ is here!*

***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)

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 377** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *Lo, the Winter is Past, op.18, no.4* Marcel Dupré

This morning's prayer of dedication comes from "Life in Liturgy."

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

RISE AGAINST HUNGER PACKAGING EVENT - Our packaging event is this afternoon 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 donate.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING— September 12 immediately following worship for the purpose of approving Ellen's amended terms of call with the actual moving expenses.

REMEMBER THE MARKET FOR MISSION sale October 2nd. Get your items to the church (clean and in working order) Tuesdays from 1:30-4pm. Mark **Sunday, September 26th** on your calendar to help move items to Davis Hall. And consider helping the day of the sale. We will need early morning help setting up, morning sale helpers, afternoon helpers and clean up. All leftover items are donated to Habitat, CVAN or Goodwill and extra hands at that point are most welcomed.