

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Monday, September 6** Office Closed for Labor Day

**Tuesday, September 7**  
 9:00 a.m. Preschool  
 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. Board of Deacons (online via Zoom)  
 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon (Commons)

**Wednesday, September 8**  
 9:00 a.m. Preschool  
 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, September 9**  
 9:00 a.m. Preschool

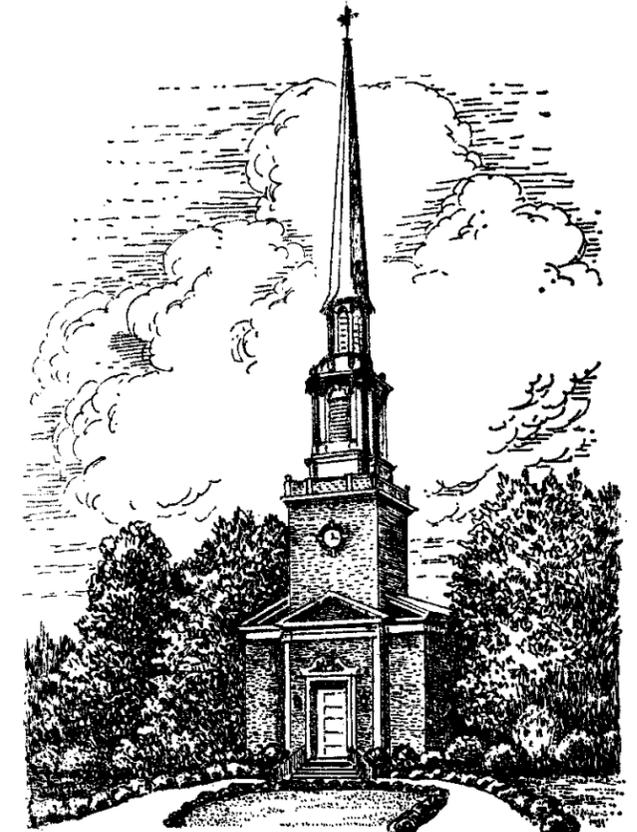
**Friday, September 10**  
 9:00 a.m. Preschool

**Sunday, September 12**  
 9:45 a.m. Rally Day on the church lawn  
 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room)  
 11:00 a.m. Worship (in-person and live-streamed)  
 12:25 p.m. Youth Group Kick-off (Hillman Home)  
 3:15 p.m. Children's Choir rehearsal (Small choir room)  
 4:00 p.m. Candlelight Vigil (Commons)



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CONCORD

# Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

**Sunday, September 5, 2021**

**Class of 2022**

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

**ELDERS**

**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

**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** *Sing Out Earth and Skies* Mary Beth Bennett

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** Chris Hahn, Deacon  
Chair of Habitat Campaign

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is welcoming us to this time of worship. Young and old, rich and poor, all are welcomed.

**People: This is a place where all belong. This is a time when all are accountable to God.**

Leader: Come to sing praises and put your trust in God. Come to prepare yourself to serve in Christ's name.

**People: We bring all our needs to God, our hope. We want to share faith and hope with others.**

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

**\*HYMN 317** *In Christ There Is No East or West* MC KEE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**O God, we confess that our good intentions have gone astray. We favor the people who are like us and honor those we deem to be important. We dishonor the poor, write off those with whom we disagree, excuse our self-serving behavior, and sow injustice on every hand. It is so much easier to give advice than to do good. We would rather point fingers at others who are unfair than to give up our own advantages. O God, we plead for your forgiveness and for a depth of faith that will make a difference in us and in our world. Hear, now, our silent confessions to you....**

### 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

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 146  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** James 2:1-17

**SERMON** Rev. Lynne Keel

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*HYMN 343** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* GERMANY

**\*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.**

### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING** *TEXT TO GIVE: 704-228-7459*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** *Praise the Goodness of God* Allen Pote  
(Sanctuary Choir)

*I will sing, I will praise and glorify your name, I will exalt you my God and King! Every day I will praise and bless your holy name, I will sing forever and ever. For great are you Lord, and worthy to be praised. No one comprehends your greatness, Lord.*

*Every generation shall declare your works. How wonderful you are!*

*The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to everyone with compassion for all that has been made. The Lord is faithful, whose promises are true. God's love is over all creation. The Lord lifts up those who stumble and fall. Let every creature offer praise!*

*Every day I will praise and bless God's name!  
I will sing praise to the greatness and goodness of God!*

**\*DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, om 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)

**Generous God, thank you for these gifts we bring from your abundance. Bless both gifts and givers to show your love to all those in need, through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, healer of the sick, advocate of the afflicted, provider for the poor. Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †

Invitation to the Lord's Table  
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution  
Communion of the People  
Prayer after Communion 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.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**\*HYMN 526** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* LINSTEAD

### \*BENEDICTION

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

**POSTLUDE** *Now the Silence* Charles W. Ore

† *Our communion bread is gluten-free, so that all may share one bread. (1 Cor. 10:17)*

*\*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 Mr. and Mrs. Luther T. Hartsell Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Luther T. Hartsell Jr., and Mr. Luther T. Hartsell III by Sue Hartsell.

**YOUTH GROUP COOKING TONIGHT**—Middle and High School Youth are invited to cook dinner for the Night Shelter clients this Sunday, September 5th. We will gather from 5-6:30 p.m. in Davis Hall. We will also help work on the posters for Rally Day.

**CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**— Next Sunday, 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.

**YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR TO RESUME!** If you are interested in having your child or youth participate in choir this year, please reach out to Jacquie Yost in person after church or through email.: jmym@yaho.com  
More information to follow!