

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, September 12**  
12:25 p.m. LATER TODAY  
3:15 p.m. Youth Group Kick-off (Hillman Home)  
4:00 p.m. Children's Choir rehearsal (Small choir room)  
Prayer Vigil (Commons)

**Monday, September 13**  
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool  
11:00 a.m. Circle 4 (Davis Hall)  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout District Roundtable (Davis Hall)

**Tuesday, September 14**  
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool  
1:30 p.m. Circle 3 (Courtyard or Davis Hall)  
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. Session (Zoom)  
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon (Commons)  
7:00 p.m. PW CT Meeting (Zoom)

**Wednesday, September 15**  
9:00 a.m. Preschool  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, September 16**  
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool  
4:00 p.m. Racial Reads (Zoom)  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Advancement Boards of Review (Ed Bldg)  
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (2nd Fl Ed Bldg)  
7:00 p.m. MMO (Commons)

**Friday, September 17**  
9:00 a.m. First Kids Preschool

**Sunday, September 19**  
9:45 a.m. Journey Sunday School (Ed Bldg)  
9:45 a.m. S & D Sunday School (Fellowship House)  
9:45 a.m. Todd Hobbie Sunday School (Davis Hall)  
11:00 a.m. Worship (in-person and live-streamed)  
3:15 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal (Small choir room)  
4:15 p.m. Middle School Choir Rehearsal (lg choir room)  
5:00 p.m. Middle School Youth baking for market for mission (Davis Hall)  
5:15 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal (lg choir room)  
6:00 p.m. Youth baking for market for mission (Davis Hall)



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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

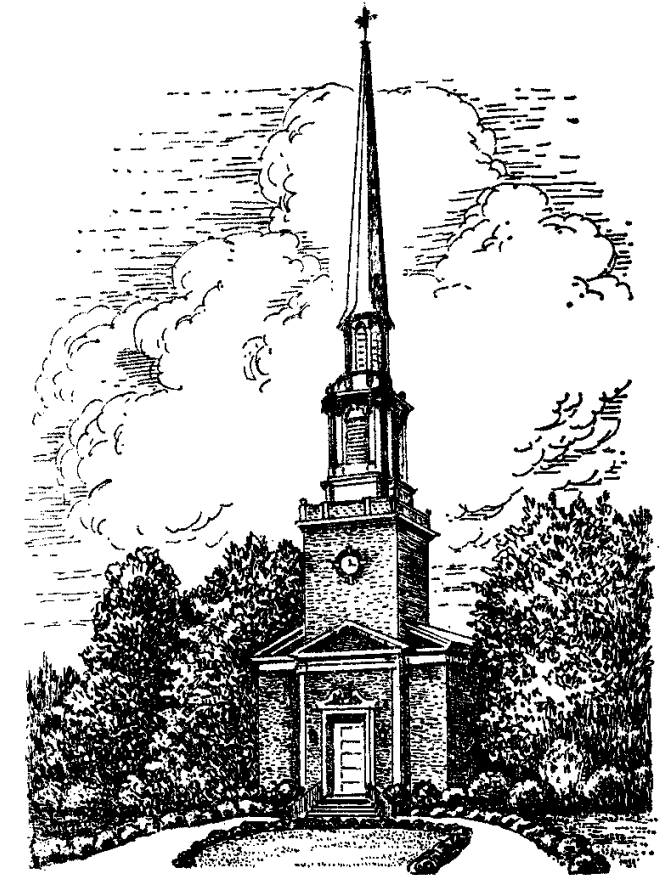
Class of 2023

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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

**Sunday, September 12, 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** *Gig Fugue* Dietrich Buxtehude

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** *Come, Let Us Sing* Jacqueline Yost  
(Sanctuary Choir)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *inspired by Psalm 19*

Leader: Heaven declares God's glory;  
**People: The sky proclaims God's handiwork.**  
Leader: Without words, their praise stretches beyond the ends of the Earth.  
**People: We, too, want to declare your glory, O God.**  
Leader: We, too, want to proclaim your handiwork,  
**People: with our words,**  
Leader: with our lives,  
**People: and with our very breath.**  
**All: Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN 41** *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* LYONS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**We want to please you, God. We want to be bold in our faith and courageous in our faithfulness. But most days, we confess, we are not. In your mercy, forgive us. Free us to follow Christ wherever he calls us to go. Amen.**

### 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** Psalm 19 lay reader, Donna Knorr  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND LESSON** Mark 8:27-38

**SERMON** Rev. Ellen Crawford True

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*HYMN 718** *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said* BOURBON

**\*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** *Come, Share the Spirit* Robert Hobby  
(Sanctuary Choir)

*Come, share the Spirit, God has called us to ventures in the life of faith, to bring good tidings to the needy, to tell of victory over death: Christ speaks and all of life is new; God's word is pure and it is true.*

*Come, drown your sins beneath the waters where life flows from the granite rock. The stone from which our Lord has risen, our cornerstone and building block. Christ speaks and raises from the dead all those who hear the living word.*

*Come, God invites us to the banquet that every people soon will share, with shouts of joy and loud thanksgiving before God's throne we will appear. Christ speaks and bids us sit and dine; His body, bread, His blood, the wine.*

*Come, let us tell the gospel story, how God has given us new birth and raises us to live for others, to speak good news throughout the earth. Christ speaks, and life is come again. Good news, good news for everyone.*

**\*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)

**For your abundant grace, we give you thanks, O God. Use all that we offer and all that we are for the work of your kingdom in the name of your son, Jesus the Christ, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**\*HYMN 625** *How Great Thou Art* HOW GREAT THOU ART

### \*BENEDICTION

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

**POSTLUDE** *The Heavens are Telling* Benedetto Marcello

*\*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 J. Roy Davis Jr. and Sue Davis.

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

**FINAL WEEK OF CAMPAIGN - 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!

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.