

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 19	LATER TODAY
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)
Monday, September 20	
9:00 a.m.	First Kids Preschool
2:30 p.m.	Cabarrus County VIP Blood Drive (Davis Hall)
Tuesday, September 21	
9:00 a.m.	First Kids Preschool
2:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting (Fellowship House)
5:30 p.m.	PW Kick-off Event (Courtyard)
6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts (Davis Hall)
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Davis Hall)
7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon (Commons)
Wednesday, September 22	
9:00 a.m.	First Kids Preschool
7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 23	
9:00 a.m.	First Kids Preschool
4:00 p.m.	Racial Equity Reads (Zoom)
7:00 p.m.	Mothers of Murdered Offspring (Commons)
Friday, September 24	
9:00 a.m.	First Kids Preschool
Saturday, September 25	
2:00 p.m.	Memorial Service for Judy Holloway (Sanctuary)
Sunday, September 26	
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)
10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room)
11:00 a.m.	Worship (in-person and live-streamed)
12:00 p.m.	Exodus—Market for Mission to Davis Hall
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 baking for market for mission (Davis Hall)
5:15 p.m.	High School Choir Rehearsal (lg choir room)
6:00 p.m.	High School 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

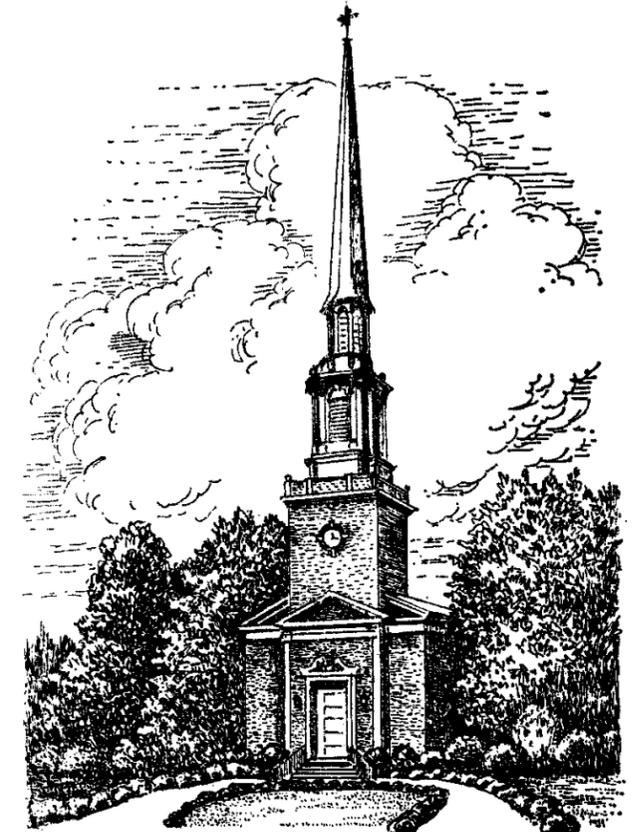
Class of 2023

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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Presbyterian Church
70 Union Street North
Concord, North Carolina

Sunday, September 19, 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 *Procession on Adoro Te Devote* Leon Boelmann

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Carrie Myers, Market for Mission

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

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

Leader: Come and worship the God who gathers us here,
People: the God who gives us every good gift,
Leader: the God who guides us in wisdom and compassion,
People: the God who meets us in Jesus the Christ.
All: Come and worship!

***HYMN 457** *How Happy Are the Saints of God* WAREHAM

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy One, we confess that we want to be great, to be esteemed, to be remembered. We forget that you measure greatness differently than we do. Forgive us. Call us back to your holy work of welcome and service. Show us once more how to be great on your terms. In Christ's name we pray. Amen. [Time for silent personal 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 Psalm 1:1-3 lay reader, Jim Monroe
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON Mark 9:30-37

SERMON Rev. Ellen Crawford True

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 720** *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* GALILEE

***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 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* arr. Eric Nelson
(Sanctuary Choir)

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come.*

*What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting...
Leaning, leaning safe and secure from all alarms; leaning on the everlasting arms.*

***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)

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 731** *Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm* REPTON

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *Allegro Maestoso* Felix Mendelssohn

This morning's prayer of dedication was written by Edwin E. Beers and comes from *Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship*.

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PW -We hope that all Presbyterian Women will join us in the church courtyard for our Kick-Off Event this Tuesday, September 21 at 5:30 p.m.!

MARKET FOR MISSION— The market to support our friends in Bayonnais, Haiti is fast approaching. Donations continue to come in (and can thru Tuesday, September 21st) We enlisted help for the October 2nd sale at last week's Rally Day (THANK YOU!!)

Today's plea is for Sunday, September 26th, the EXODUS of sale items. Immediately following the 11 a.m. service, helpers will be dispersed to 3 separate storage areas to move items to Davis Hall. Wear comfy shoes and clothing that day, bring a 2 wheeler if you have one (put your name on it) and make one trip or several. In 2019 it took a little over an hour to get everything moved. There will be items of all different weights, including light weight lamps and stuffed animals! This assistance is invaluable in getting us ready for the final week of sale prep and will be SO appreciated! Please join us next Sunday, September 26th, following worship, and Saturday, October 2nd to attend or work the sale!