

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

<b>Sunday, October 3</b>	LATER TODAY Haiti child sponsorship drive (Front lawn) Children's Choir Rehearsal (Small choir room) Middle School (Davis Hall) High School (Davis Hall)
<b>Monday, October 4</b>	Preschool Circle 4 (Davis Hall) Boy Scouts District Roundtable (Davis Hall)
<b>Tuesday, October 5</b>	Preschool First Kids Preschool Staff Meeting (Fellowship House) Cub Scouts (Davis Hall) Concert (Sanctuary) Deacons (Zoom) Boy Scouts (Davis Hall) Al-Anon (Commons)
<b>Wednesday, October 6</b>	Preschool Bible Study Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday, October 7</b>	Preschool Preschool Board Mtg (Library Conference Room) Preschool Early Dismissal Girl Scouts (2nd Fl Ed Bldg) Mothers of Murdered Offspring (Commons)
<b>Friday, October 8</b>	Preschool
<b>Saturday, October 9</b>	Church Work Day
<b>Sunday, October 10</b>	Sunday School Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room) Worship (in-person and live-streamed) Reception for Todd Hobbie (Davis Hall) CROP Hunger Walk

**CONCERT** -Everyone is invited to attend a concert featuring jazz/classical pianist Willis Delony in our sanctuary this Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Delony will be assisted by UNCC professors Dr. Will Campbell on saxophone and Dr. Joseph Skillen on tuba. The concert will feature classical repertoire by Claude Debussy, Libby Larson, and Florence Price along with original pieces by the pianist and jazz standards by Charlie Parker and Wayne Shorter. Come show your support for these local and guest artists. The concert is free and open to the public!

**CELEBRATE** with us on Sunday, October 10 as Todd Hobbie is being named Pastor Emeritus of FPC during worship. A reception will follow in Davis Hall.

**CROP WALK** - Plan to join us next Sunday, October 10th. The walk starts at 2:00 PM at Forest Hill United Methodist Church in Concord. To make online donations go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021>. Who Can I Contact with Questions? Our church's CROP walk coordinator this year is Edy Johnston. Feel free to email her at [johnstoniip@aol.com](mailto:johnstoniip@aol.com) or call her at 704.796.6230. If you have questions or want to help.



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

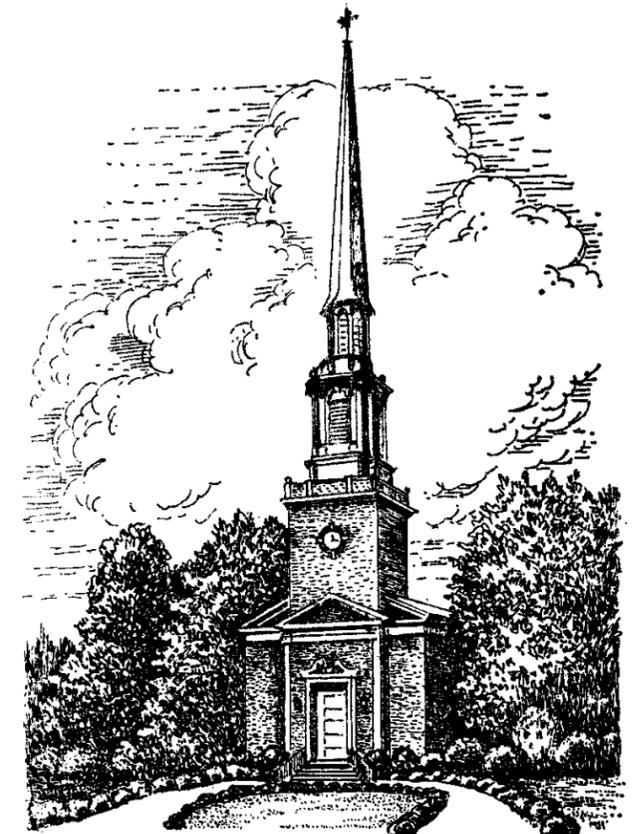
**Class of 2023**

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 Seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**



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

**Sunday, October 3, 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 *Minuet for Musical Clock* Franz Joseph

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Melissa Hoffman, EWO

### CHORAL INTROIT

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We cry out to God for the help we need. How will we know we have been heard?

**People: God stands with us through life's trials and temptations. God sends visions of new possibilities.**

Leader: God's righteousness is everlasting, and God's law is truth. Listen to all God would teach us; hear the Word of God.

**People: We seek to grow in faith and love for one another. We will learn to do good and to work for justice.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 767 *Together We Serve* SAN ANSELMO

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Sometimes, God, we do not know what to confess. We seek to keep your law, but the right course is not always clear. We want to follow your direction, but it is hard to discern what is true. Sometimes it is difficult to care about people whose values are different from ours. How can we be one with those who do not share our beliefs? At times, our own faith is shaken—our faith in ourselves and our faith in you. In this time of silence, we call upon your help so our sins will not have a hold over us...**

### 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 READING Psalm 145 lay reader, Valerie Thomas  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

SERMON "A More Excellent Way" Rev. Lynne Keel

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 300 *We are One in the Spirit* THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

\*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 *The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God* FJ Haydn  
(Sanctuary Choir)

Joy Cook, Pat Crowe, Scott Verner, angel trio

*Choir: The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of His work displays the firmament.*

*Trio: The day that is coming speaks to the day, the night that is gone to following night.*

*Choir: The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of His work displays the firmament.*

*Trio: In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.*

*Choir and Trio: The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of His work displays the firmament.*

\*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)

**Christ, we give our best for the world. Your rule among us, O God, is more to be desired than riches. Therefore, we share what you have allowed us to use, giving thanks for the joy of helping others and entering into partnership with them. In all we do, we will seek to serve you by sharing your love. 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 363 *Rejoice, the Lord is King!* DARWELL'S 148TH

### \*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* Dale Wood

† *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

**BIRTH** -The rosebud in the chancel is in honor of Hayes Elliott Beam, born September 26, 2021, in Davidson. Parents are Elizabeth and Adam Beam and grandparents are Carol and Norman Beam.

**JOIN US TODAY** immediately following worship to sponsor a child in Haiti. Our mission in Bayonnais Haiti, Friends Empowering Haiti, desperately needs our help. 80% of Haitians live in poverty and most families cannot afford to send their children to school. You can help change a life in Haiti by sponsoring a child. Friends Empowering Haiti works with EWO, (Haitian creole for hero), to sponsor children in Bayonnais. A sponsorship costs just \$40 a month and can change a child's life forever. By sponsoring a child you'll get to build a personal relationship with a student through letters, prayer. Your sponsorship will provide everything they need to get their education, from meals to school uniforms. It even gives them access to a medical clinic if needed. For more information on sponsoring a child please visit: <https://www.ewohaiti.org/fpcconcord.php>

**WORK DAY** Saturday, October 9th. Your building and grounds committee will begin working on the church campus at 8:00 a.m. and everyone is invited to join the fun!