

Worship Notes: This morning's call to worship, prayer of confession, and prayer of thanksgiving were adapted from the PC(USA) *Book of Common Worship*. This morning's affirmation of faith is written using portions of each confirmand's statement of faith.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We are so glad you are here. You are invited to join us for study, service, education, and fellowship in addition to worship. If you have questions or would like to learn more about this community, please speak with one of the pastors following worship.

Sanctuary Safety—In our ongoing efforts to care for all who work, play, and worship on our campus, we are being intentional about access to buildings throughout the week and on Sundays. All sanctuary doors are locked after worship begins on Sunday mornings, with the exception of the main doors leading to the narthex. Worshipers are free to exit by any of the doors at any time. To re-enter, please come through the doors to the narthex.

Children are always welcome here.

We have a wonderful nursery and childcare for infants through preschool each Sunday in the Will Young Building. Worship bags for young children are available in the narthex near the front doors. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

Pew Prep - We invite any kindergarten and first grade children to attend Pew Prep after the Children's Message. Our volunteers will lead the children to the Children's Chapel on the second floor of the Education Building where they will engage in fun activities while learning about different aspects of worship. The goal of Pew Prep is to provide education that allows our young worshipers to understand and fully participate when they are in the sanctuary. Volunteers will bring the children back to the sanctuary during the second hymn and they will return to sit with their family.

Offering our Talents, Time, and Treasure: In response to the Good News of God's saving love in Jesus Christ, we are invited to give of ourselves and our resources. If you are seeking ways to share your time and your talents, please speak to one of the pastors. Financial contributions may be placed in the offering plate or donated by texting 704-288-7459 or by using the "Give" button on the church's website (firstpresconcord.org).

Large Print Hymnals, printed copies of the sermon, and a hearing assistance system are available. We have an AED Machine in the Narthex. Please speak to an usher for assistance with any of these items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving and celebration of the love, laughter and life of Terry L. Brown by his family.

Birth: Congratulations to Andrew & Kristyn Beam on the birth of their daughter, Ava Lily, on February 4 in Boston, MA. Grandparents are Carol and Norman Beam.

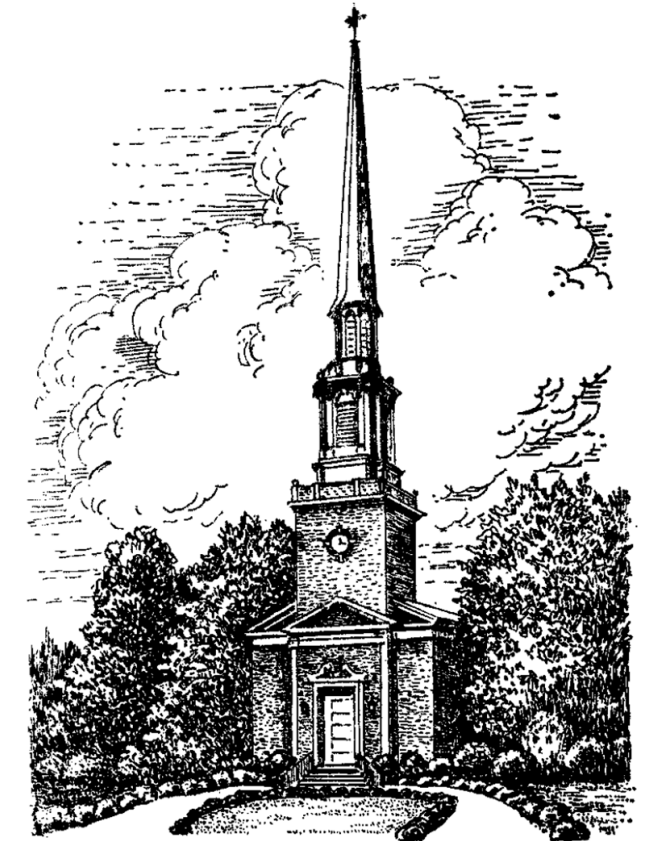
Immediately following worship, our Youth will be at the side door and in the narthex to collect donations for the annual Souper Bowl of Caring. This year, the Youth voted to use all donations to support our Blessing Box and 1Can. Cash and checks made out to First Presbyterian Church, with 1Can in the memo line, are joyfully accepted as we seek to reduce food insecurity in our neighborhood.

Join us in the Fellowship House following worship for cookies and juice in celebration of our confirmands: Griffin Tanner Cagle, Hugh Holt Morrison III, Theodore Douglass Peterson, Andrew Walker Willis.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

LATER TODAY	12:00 PM 3:00 PM	Reception for confirmands (Fellowship House) Circle 5 (Library Conference Room)
Monday, February 12	9:00 AM 11:30 AM 2:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) Circle 4 (Off Campus) Staff Meeting (FH Sunroom) Boy Scouts (Will Young rm 304) Boy Scout District Roundtable (Davis Hall)
Tuesday, February 13	9:00 AM 11:30 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) Circle 3 (Davis Hall) Cub Scouts (Davis Hall) Session (Library Conference Room) Al Anon (Commons)
Wednesday, February 14	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) Bible Study (Library Conference Room) Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary) Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday, February 15	9:00 AM 2:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) Thursday Connections (Commons) Girl Scouts Troop 334 (Ed Bldg) GS Daisy, Brownie & Junior Troops (Ed Bldg)
Friday, February 16	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) National Association Mental Illness (Commons)
Saturday, February 17	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Brannan Funeral (Sanctuary/Davis Hall) Rory Chambers Live Karaoke (Commons)
Sunday, February 18	9:45 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM	Sunday School Classes (Various Rooms) Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room) Worship w/Confirmation (in person and live streamed) Lenten Luncheon (Davis Hall)

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



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

Sunday, February 11, 2024



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For a comprehensive list of officers, visit the church website:



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

As the music plays, you are invited to pause, reflect, and pray silently as we prepare for worship.

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son
you confirmed the mysteries of the faith
by the witness of Moses and Elijah;
and in the voice from the cloud
you foreshadowed our adoption as your children.
Make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory,
and bring us to enjoy its fullness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

~ PC(USA) *Book of Common Worship*

PRELUDE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Friendship Pad found on the center aisle of each pew and pass it to your neighbor.

VOLUNTARY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God,
who revealed the law to Moses.

**People: The Lord our God is holy!
Blessed is the Lord our God,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

Leader: The Lord our God is holy!
Blessed is the Lord our God,
who came to us in Jesus Christ.

**People: The Lord our God is holy!
The one who spoke and called light out of darkness
now shines in our hearts.**

Leader: The Lord our God is holy!
The one who comes and does not keep silence
now speaks in our midst.

People: The Lord our God is holy!

Leader: The Lord our God is holy!

**All: Now we have seen
the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.
The Lord our God is holy!**

*HYMN 189 *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair* DEO GRACIAS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait.

Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 662 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* RATISBON

Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the true, the only light; Sun of Righteousness, arise; triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

lay reader, Cindy Wise

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 50:1-6

pew bible, page 519

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

Mark 8:27-9:8

pew bible, page 43

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Ellen Crawford True

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Leader: Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to nurture these young people by word and deed, with love and prayer? Do you?

People: We do.

Leader: Will you encourage them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church? Will you?

People: We will.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

QUESTIONS TO THE CONFIRMANDS

Leader: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil
and its power in the world? Do you?

Confirmands: I do.

Leader: Who is your Lord and Savior?

Confirmands: Jesus Christ

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? Will you?

Confirmands: I will.

Leader: Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?
Will you?

Confirmands: I will.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

written by the 2024 Confirmation Class

I believe in God, my best friend and loving mentor.

I believe that God is the creator, the source of everything.

I trust in Jesus Christ, who is my savior.

I believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and the one whom redeems us all.

I believe that we should listen to Jesus and live as he has directed us to live.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who comforts me and is always with me.

I believe that the Holy Spirit guides us but does not control us, leading us on a journey of growth within the church.

I believe that everything on this earth is part of God's creation and should be respected and cared for.

I believe that we are all God's children, whether Christian, of another faith, or no faith.

I believe that my mission is to reduce suffering, regardless of circumstance.

I am grateful for how the church shows unity, despite differences.

And I am excited about being a member of this church community.

PRAYER

THE BAPTISM

LAYING ON OF HANDS

WELCOME

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

TEXT TO GIVE: 704-228-7459

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* Tom Fettke
(Sanctuary Choir)

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers, the moon and stars suspended in space: oh, what is man that You are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. But what is man that You are mindful of him? O Lord our God, the majesty and glory of Your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

***DOXOLOGY 606** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessing 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 THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand. Use all we offer for the work of your coming kingdom, and send us forth to reflect your light, proclaiming your saving death and resurrection until you come again in glory. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 156

Sing of God Made Manifest

SALZBURG

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen in F

(Sanctuary Choir)

Jacqueline Yost

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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