

**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 by scanning the QR code on the card in the pew rack, or by texting 704-228-7459.

**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

**We welcome Michelle Tipton**, Director of Communications/Special Events for Habitat for Humanity Cabarrus County, to our worship service this morning. She will present our Minute for Mission as we begin our annual fundraising campaign for this vital community outreach program.

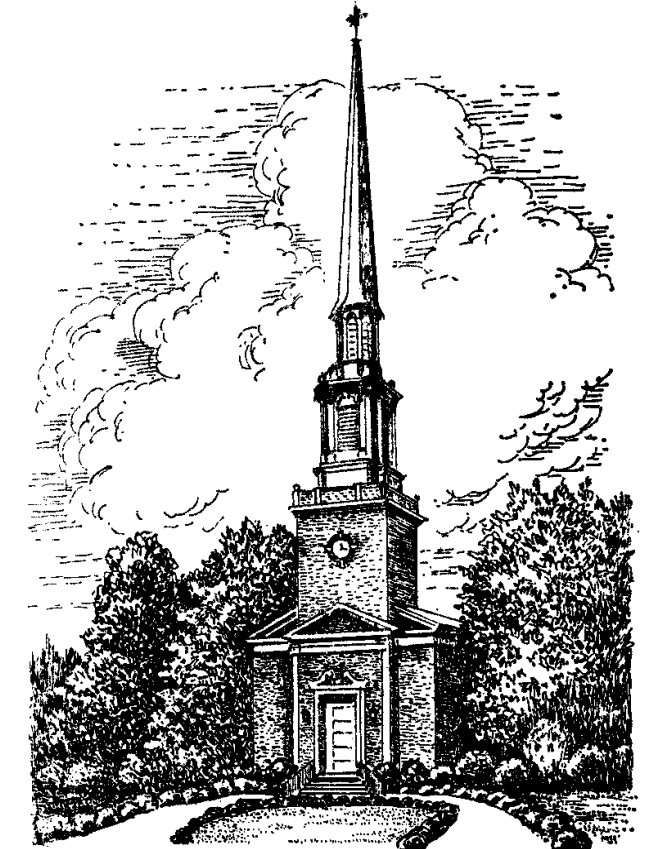
**Our "Noisy" Offering** received during the Message for Children will benefit the Backpack Program at Coltrane-Webb Elementary.

**We will not** have Bible Study this week. It will return on May 8.

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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|--------------------------|--|---|
| <b>LATER TODAY</b>       | 5:00 PM<br>6:30 PM   | Combined Youth (Davis Hall )<br>16+ Youth to Night Shelter  |
| <b>Monday, April 29</b>  | 9:00 AM<br>2:00 PM<br>7:00 PM  | First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)<br>Staff Meeting (FH Sunroom)<br>Boy Scouts (Will Young rm 304)  |
| <b>Tuesday, April 30</b> | 9:00 AM<br>3:00 PM<br>7:00 PM  | First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)<br>Finance & Stewardship (FH Cakeroom)<br>Al Anon (Commons)  |
| <b>Wednesday, May 1</b>  | 9:00 AM<br>11:45 AM<br>1:00 PM<br>5:30 PM<br>6:00 PM<br>6:45 PM<br>7:30 PM | First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)<br>First Kids Mother's Tea (Davis Hall)<br>Library Committee (Library Conference Room)<br>Deacon Mixer (Southern Strain)<br>Building & Grounds (Library Conference Room)<br>Christian Ed (FH Library)<br>Choir Practice (Choir Room) |
| <b>Thursday, May 2</b>   | 9:00 AM<br>11:45 AM<br>5:30 PM<br>6:00 PM                                  | First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)<br>First Kids Mother's Tea (Davis Hall)<br>Girl Scout Troop 334 (Off campus)<br>GS Daisy, Brownie & Junior Troops (Ed Bldg & Courtyard)  |
| <b>Friday, May 3</b>     | 9:00 AM  | First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)  |
| <b>Sunday, May 5</b>     | 9:45 AM<br>10:30 AM<br>11:00 AM<br>12:00 PM<br>5:30 PM                     | Sunday School Classes (Various Rooms)<br>Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room)<br>Worship (in person and live streamed)<br>4th & 5th Grade Bible Class (FH Sunroom)<br>Combined Youth (Davis Hall)   |

# Fifth Sunday Of Easter



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

**Sunday, April 28, 2024**



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CONCORD

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**Rev. Ellen Crawford True**, Senior Pastor  
**Rev. Casey Aldridge**, Associate Pastor  
**René Prager**, Director of Christian Education  
**Rev. Bryan Hovey**, Parish Associate  
**Dr. Jacqueline Yost**, Director of Music and Organist  
**Dr. Jeffrey W. Price**, Choirmaster  
**Amy Woolwine**, Clerk of Session  
**Jenny Chikes**, Moderator, Board of Deacons

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# 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.

### 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.*

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Habitat for Humanity, Michelle Tipton

### VOLUNTARY

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song.

**People: We will sing to the Lord, with all of creation.**

Leader: Sing to the Lord; bless God's name;

**People: We will sing a song of God's salvation today and every day.**

**All: Sing to the Lord a new song!**

Leader: Peace be with you!

**People: It is right for us to live together in unity.**

Leader: Seek us out Lord and enlighten us on what it means to live in harmony,

**People: to love and serve the Church of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Guide us as we journey outside the walls of your church.

**People: Sharing your message of the joys of Christian unity.**

**Come, let us worship God together!**

### \*HYMN 370

*This Is My Father's World*

TERRA BEATA

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, we confess that we do not always promote unity. We have cut ourselves off from others, following our path instead of the path the church has provided. The trust we once had in your Word does not serve us any longer. We reject the love and care from our Christian brothers and sisters and turn to others who promise a satisfying life. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your promises of love and grace as we seek togetherness in the community of faith, through our Lord, Jesus Christ.** *[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 240** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* ALLELUIA NO. 1

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name. Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

lay reader, Doug Phillips

### FIRST LESSON

Psalms 122

pew bible, page 571

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Noisy Offering

### SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

pew bible, page 165

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

### MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*HYMN 213

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

RATHBON

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from the PCUSA, A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

### 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

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Hallelujah, Amen*  
(Sanctuary Choir)

G. F. Handel

Hallelujah, Amen. O Judah, rejoice in songs divine with cherubim and seraphim harmonious join. Hallelujah, Amen.

### \*DOXOLOGY 609

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Through these gifts, Lord God, we ask that your loving Spirit be felt by those who doubt, comforted by those in need, and enlightened by the communities of faith where there is struggle.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*HYMN 321

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Amen*  
(Sanctuary Choir)

DANISH

### POSTLUDE

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

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**Worship notes:** This morning's affirmation comes from **A Brief Statement of Faith** which was commissioned to celebrate the reunion of two of the largest Presbyterian churches in the United States in 1983 and "our rediscovery that for all our undoubted diversity, we are bound together by a common faith and a common task." (From the Preface to the *Book of Confessions*)

**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 Doxology and they will return to sit with their family.