

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.

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

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Ava Lily Beam by her family.

We celebrate a milestone for our fourth and fifth grade students today as we present bibles to: Gray Carpenter, Lincoln Castrodale, Mac Clark, Emmaline Moore, Eliza Morrison, Margaret Morrison, Robin Roblero, Ava Stafford, AJ Williamson, and Benny Willis.

The Sacrament of Baptism will be offered this morning to Ava Lily Beam, daughter of Kristyn Swan Beam and Andrew Lane Beam. We welcome Ava into our fellowship and pray for God's blessings on this family.

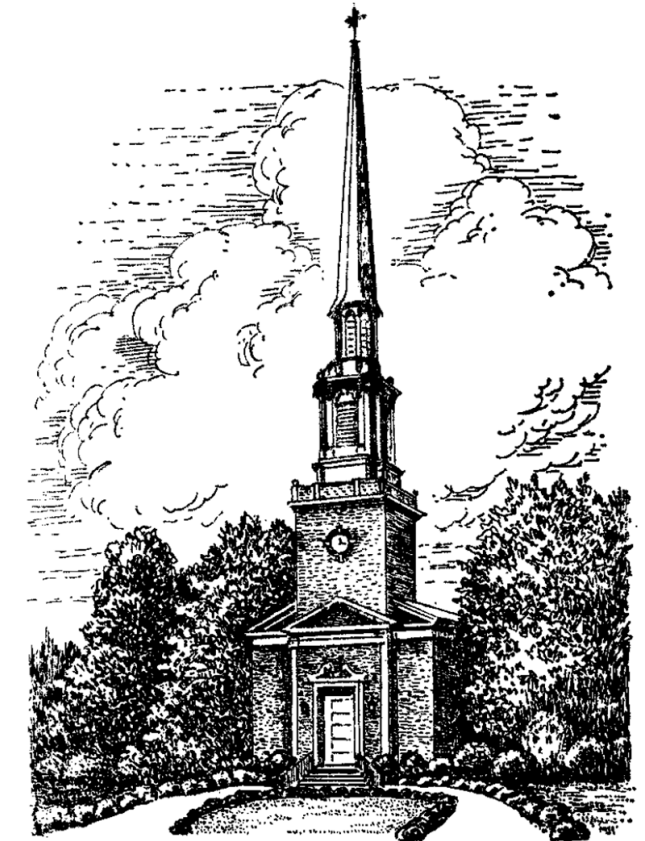
VBS Registration closes at 4:00 PM tomorrow, Monday, May 13th. There is a live link on our website. Don't let time run out!

The Lunch Bunch will meet at Mykonos Restaurant for lunch on Wednesday, May 22 at 11:30 am followed by a special behind-the-scenes tour of the Cannonballers stadium facilities in Kannapolis. (NO Game.) All are welcome! Please let us know you are coming by noon on Monday, May 20 by calling the church reservation line: 704-788-2100 #7. Questions? Email Cathy Floyd : lockefloyd@msn.com

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Later Today 3:00 PM	Circle 5 (Library Conference Room)
Monday, May 13 9:00 AM 9:45 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) First Kids Graduation Practice (Sanctuary) Circle 4 (Off Campus) Staff Meeting (FH Sunroom) Boy Scouts (District Roundtable (Davis Hall)) Boy Scouts (Will Young rm 304)
Tuesday, May 14 9:00 AM 9:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) First Kids Graduation Practice (Sanctuary) All Saints Episcopal (Commons) Circle 3 (Off campus) Session Dinner/Meeting (Davis Hall) Cub Scouts End of Year (Sanctuary) Al Anon (Commons)
Wednesday, May 15 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:00 PM 7:30 PM	Bible Study (Library Conference Room) First Kids Staff Brunch (FH Sunroom) First Kids Graduation (Sanctuary & Davis Hall) Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Sunday, May 19 9:45 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:15 PM	PENTECOST SUNDAY Sunday School Classes (Various Rooms) Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room) Worship with Installation of Officers (in person and live streamed) PW Birthday Lunch (Davis Hall)

Seventh Sunday Of Easter



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

Sunday, May 12, 2024



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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

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.

God of grace,
by the power of the Holy Spirit
you have given us new life in the waters of baptism;
strengthen us to live in righteousness and true holiness,
that we may grow into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

~from the 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRESENTATION OF FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE BIBLES

VOLUNTARY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and worship
the God who answers when we call,
People: the God who lifts up the lowly,
Leader: the God who draws near to those in need,
People: the God who stares down death,
All: and gives us life eternal and good in Jesus Christ.

***HYMN 634** *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We often do not know where to stand, O God. Loud voices demand that we pick sides and threaten us if we pick the wrong one, so we listen. Forgive us, we pray, when we let fear guide our words, our thoughts, or our lives. Forgive us and call to us again. Remind us of your abundant grace in which we stand because of Jesus, our only sure and certain hope. Amen. [*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 readers, AJ Williamson & Emmaline Moore

FIRST LESSON Psalm 138 pew bible, page 577
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Vows of the Parents and Congregation
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing
Baptism and Welcome
Congregational Response

ST. CLEMENT

*Accept, O Lord, our dedication
To fill with love the growing mind,
That in this church and congregation
The young a faith for life may find.*

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 pew bible, page 176
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 236** *The Strife Is O'er* VICTORY

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The 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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Blessed Are They That Wait for Him* W.A. Mozart
(Sanctuary Choir)

Blessed are they that wait for Him, for they shall find delight in Him.

***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 THANKSGIVING

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as 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 257** *The Risen Christ* WOODLANDS

*BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Amen* DANISH
(Sanctuary Choir)

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand.*
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Worship notes: The Apostles' Creed: "Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed reflects the theological formulations of the first century church...In a time when most Christians were illiterate, oral repetition of the Apostles' Creed, along with the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, helped preserve and transmit the faith of the [church]...By the eighth century, the creed had attained its current form." -- from the preface to the Apostles' Creed in the PC(USA) *Book of Confessions*. This morning's prayer of thanksgiving comes from *Touch Holiness*.

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.