

Worship Notes: This morning's Call to Worship was written by the Rev. Nancy Gowler. This morning's Prayer of Confession and Prayer of Thanksgiving were written by the Rev. John Wurster. 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*.

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.

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

NEW OFFICERS TO BE ORDAINED AND/INSTALLED

Members of Session

Gray Bullard, Elly Steel

Members of the Board of Deacons

Loretta Coltrane, Ginny Hoover

Please join your fellow members on the front lawn following worship today for our June Sips and Sweets.

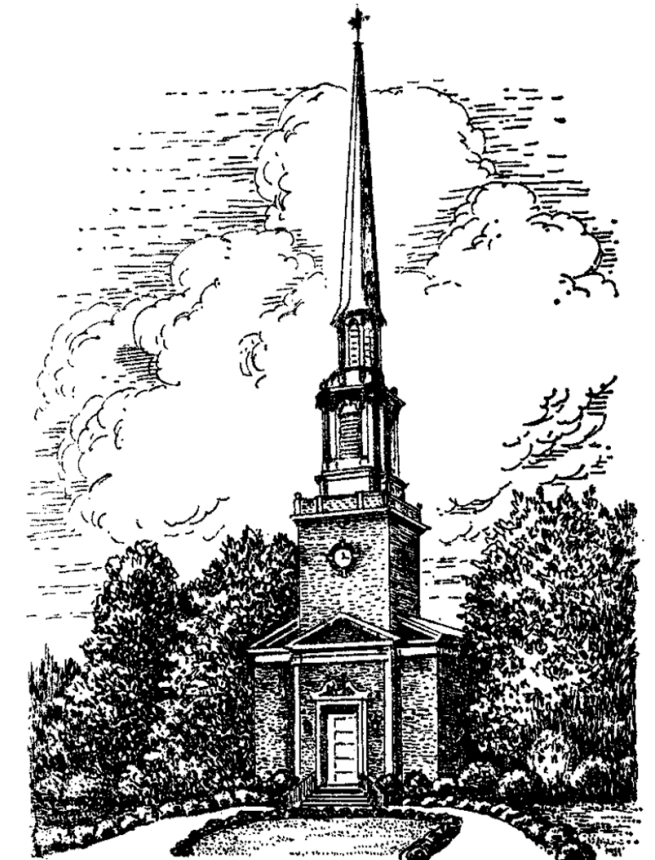
Parking Change for VBS Week, June 10 - 13

We will close the upper parking lot between the sanctuary and the Fellowship House next week, June 10-13, until 1:00 PM each day. This space may be used for Vacation Bible School Recreation space and for our children to travel between stations. Thank you for understanding.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Later today 12:00 PM	Sips and Sweets (Front Lawn)
Monday, June 10 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Vacation Bible School All Saints Episcopal (Commons)
Tuesday, June 11 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Vacation Bible School All Saints Episcopal (Commons) Session (Library Conference Room) Al Anon (Commons)
Wednesday, June 12 9:00 AM 2:00 PM	Vacation Bible School Staff Meeting (FH Sunroom)
Thursday, June 13 9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School
Sunday, June 16 9:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	S & D Sunday School Class (Fellowship House) Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room) Worship (in person and live streamed) Table 11 set up (Davis Hall)

**Third Sunday
after Pentecost**



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

Sunday, June 9, 2024



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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.

So we do not lose heart.
~ 2 Corinthians 4:16

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.

A MINUTE FOR MISSION

VOLUNTARY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lift up your voice and call out to God.

People: We cry out, believing that God hears us.

Leader: Come together and wait for God.

People: We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.

Leader: Surely God's presence is here with us now.

People: We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.

Leader: Come, worship the Lord.

People: We celebrate the power of God that restores us.

***HYMN 815** *Give to the Winds Thy Fears* FESTAL SONG

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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 492** *You Belong to Christ* YOU BELONG TO CHRIST
You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION lay reader, Harrison Entwistle

FIRST LESSON Psalm 130 pew bible, page 573

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 pew bible, page 181

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Ellen Crawford True

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 796** *We Come to You for Healing, Lord* LAND OF REST

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

A Litany of Gifts

Leader: As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own function, so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other.

People: We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.

Leader: If your gift is to hear God's Word,

People: speak it out in faith.

Leader: If your gift is service,

People: live to serve others.

Leader: If your gift is the heart of a teacher,

People: teach what is true.

Leader: Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;

People: let leaders work diligently for the people, and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.

Leader: Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,
All: serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering, constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.

Statement on Ordination

***PROFESSION 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.

Constitutional Questions

Questions to Officers Elect

Questions to the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept these sisters and brothers

as ruling elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

All Ruling Elders and Ministers of Word and Sacrament are invited to come forward at this time for the laying on of hands.

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Welcome and Charge

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 *A Prayer for Humility* Mark Patterson
(Sanctuary Choir)

Mighty God and gentle Lamb, Lord of all creation, how we long to know you, how we strive to serve you, help us now to love you even more. Give us humble hearts to praise you and listening ears to hear you voice, willing hands to serve you, thankful spirits to rejoice. Lord of all, we adore you, and we bring this prayer before you: "Create in us humble hearts." When our thoughts turn proud, remind us of the grace you freely give. When we lose our way, Lord, find us, draw us close to you again. Give us humble hearts to praise you and listening ears to hear you voice, willing hands to serve you, thankful spirits to rejoice. Lord of all, we adore you, and we bring this prayer before you: "Create in us humble hearts." Amen, amen. Amen, amen.

***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

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 826** *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand.*
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