

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.

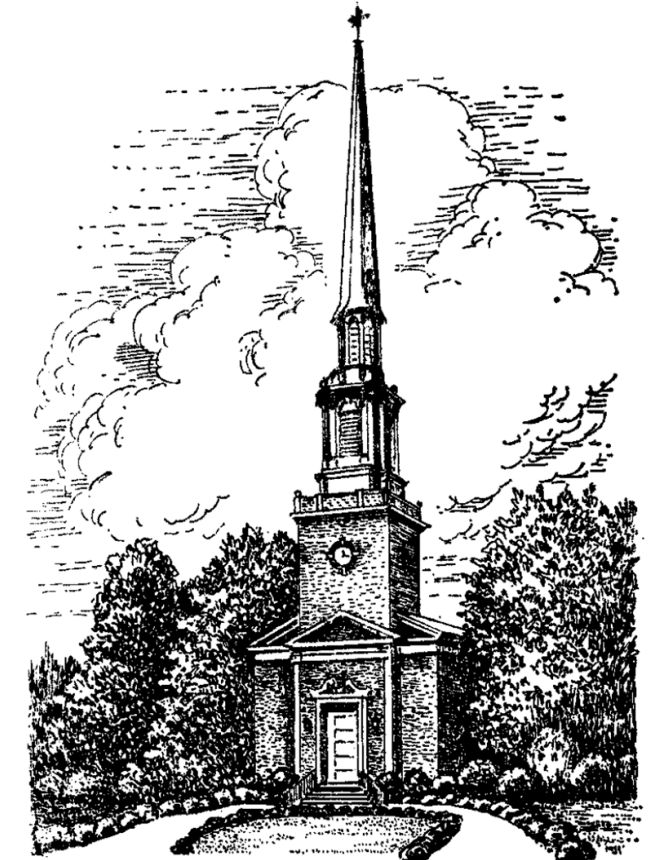
ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome guest cellist, John Mooney.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Later Today 2:00 PM	Table 11 camp set up (Davis Hall)
Monday, July 8 8:30 AM	Table 11 cooking camp (Davis Hall)
Tuesday, July 9 8:30 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Table 11 cooking camp (Davis Hall) Congregational Care (FH kitchen/dining rooms) Al Anon (Commons)
Wednesday, July 10 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Table 11 cooking camp (Davis Hall) Bible Study (Library Conference Room)
Thursday, July 11 8:30 AM 8:30 AM	Table 11 cooking camp (Davis Hall) Academic Learning Center (Library Conference Room and FH Sunroom)
Friday, July 12 8:30 AM	Table 11 cooking camp and dinner (Davis Hall)
Saturday, July 13 8:30 AM	Table 11 clean up (Davis Hall)
Sunday, July 14 9:45 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 2:00 PM	S & D Sunday School Class (Fellowship House) Worship (in person and live streamed) Sips and Sweets (Front Lawn) Table 11 set-up (Davis Hall)

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



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

Sunday, July 7, 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.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art!
Glory to God, #625

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

Largo
(John Mooney, cello) Eccles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Who are we that God is mindful of us?
People: We are God's children.
Leader: God has created us.
People: God has loved us.
Leader: God has redeemed us
People: and made us a new creation in Jesus Christ.
All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

It is a wonder that you continue to love the entire human family, including us, O God. We insist on going our own way and trusting voices that pit us against one another. We nod our heads when we are told that some of your children matter more than others. We spend more time rolling our eyes than gazing up and out at your marvelous creation. Forgive us. Remind us of your unfailing love for us and for all. Point us again toward the staggering beauty of your creation. And lead us in the way of Jesus Christ. 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 1 John 2:28-3:2 pew bible, page 240
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON Psalm 8 pew bible, page 492
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 625 *O Lord My God* HOW GREAT THOU ART

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Declaration of Faith

We believe that at the Lord's supper the community of believers is renewed by the memory of Christ's life and death, by his real presence in the power of the Holy Spirit, and by the promise of his coming again. Christ makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread. He offers us his body broken for our sake and his blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins. We accept his promises and gifts and depend on his life to sustain ours. In turn we offer ourselves in thanksgiving to the risen Lord who has conquered death. So we celebrate his victory here and now and anticipate the joyous feast in his coming kingdom. Reunited around one loaf and cup, we receive strength and courage to continue our pilgrimage with God in the world.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Largo
(John Mooney, cello) Chopin

*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 DEDICATION

Great and giving God, accept these gifts and those who offer them for your work in your world. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...
And so, we join our voices with the faithful of every time and place, joining with choirs of angels and the whole creation in joyful praise...

HYMN 562 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

The prayer continues and then ends with 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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world—because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 361 O Christ, the Great Foundation AURELIA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

† *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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Worship notes: This morning's affirmation of faith is drawn from "**A Declaration of Faith**," adopted by the Presbyterian Church in 1985 as a contemporary statement of faith, a reliable aid for Christian study, liturgy, and inspiration. This morning's prayer following communion comes from the PC (USA) *Book of Common Worship*.

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.