

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

This morning you are invited to receive communion by intinction. Following the communion liturgy, you will be prompted to come forward to the stations at the front of the sanctuary using the center aisle. Please take a piece of bread from the basket and dip it in the cup, eating it after you have stepped away from the cup. If you wish to receive communion in your pew, you will be served a small piece of bread and an individual cup of juice at your seat when you raise your hand. All are welcome to receive communion.

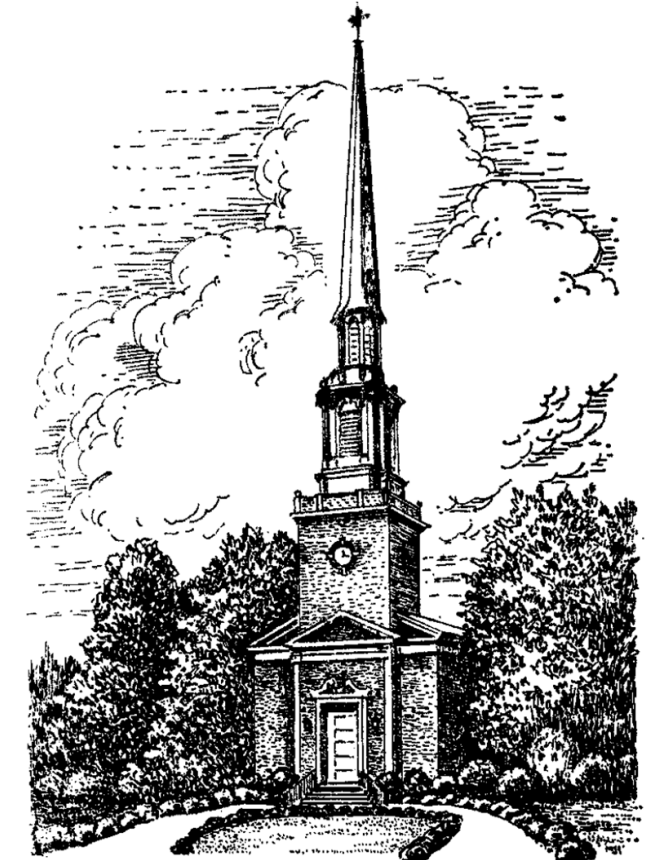
Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of William Shelley and Emily Evans, who will be married on August 10, 2024.

Join us next Sunday, August 11, for the Blessing of the Backpacks!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, August 5 1:00 PM	Library Team Mtg (Library Conference Room)
Tuesday, August 6 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Hospitality Team Mtg (Library Conference Room) Daisy Troop 3631 Parent Meeting (Davis Hall & Youth Room/Will Young Bldg) Brownie Troops 323 Parent Meeting (Youth Room and Davis Hall/Will Young Bldg) Board of Deacons (Library Conference Room) Al Anon (Commons)
Wednesday, August 7 10:30 AM 2:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Bible Study (Library Conference Room) Staff Meeting (FH Sunroom) Buildings & Grounds (Library Conference Room) Christian Ed Mtg (FH Sunroom)
Thursday, August 8 6:00 PM	Troop 334 Parent Meeting (Library Conference Room)
Sunday, August 11 9:45 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 12:15 PM	S & D Sunday School Class (Fellowship House) Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) Called Session (Library Conference Room) Worship with Blessing of the Backpacks (in person and live streamed) Sips and Sweets (front lawn) Pew Prep Parent Meeting (Playground)

**Eleventh Sunday
after Pentecost**



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

Sunday, August 4, 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.

A MINUTE FOR MISSION

Carol Lacy

VOLUNTARY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Move among us, God; giver of life.

People: **We are not alone, saints and angels, invisible, yet in splendor surround us.**

Leader: Teach us, God, to silence our hearts and minds so we may listen for the movement of your word.

People: **Guide us Lord, as we take your word into the world and share it with those who have not heard your voice.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for engaging us in the ministries of your Son.

All: **Thanks be to God. Let us worship God together.**

*HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our salvation, when we return to your loving arms, we realize just how far we have strayed. We have forgotten your commandments and have chosen our own paths. Those we are called to care for we turn away from, and minister to those like us. We love those who love us, we serve those who serve us. Forgive us we pray. Redeem us, restore us, create in us a loving and gracious heart, through your Son, 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 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, Logan Barrier

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 40:8-15

pew bible, page 36

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

Daniel 2:31-49

pew bible, page 820

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Bryan Hovey

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

HALL

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

taken from Iona Abbey Worship Book

Leader: We believe in God,

All: **who is older than eternity and younger than our next breath; who is beyond describing yet knows us all by name; who inspires faith yet cannot be contained by religion.**

Leader: We believe in Jesus Christ, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;

All: **he came in the body to give worth to every human life. He touched the untouchable, loved the unlovable, and endured slander, persecution and death.**

Leader: We believe that God's kingdom comes on earth through Christ's suffering love.

All: **He rose from the grave as living proof that what is laid down in faith will be raised in glory. He ascended to heaven to be present at all times to all people.**

Leader: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

All: **who leads us in truth and freedom, who gives good gifts to all God's children, who works through prayer and politics, through justice, care of creation and the healing of the nations.**

Leader: We celebrate the potential God has given:

All: **the life in our bodies, the yearning in our souls, the promise of good things in store for those who love and serve their maker.**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You

Jay Althouse

(Sanctuary Choir)

Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know. If you should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go? Oh, Lord. Lord, I give my soul to you; I seek your care and love. No other blessings do I need but those from you above. Lord, I ask you: give me faith and help me understand. And, Lord, when I this life shall leave, just hold me in your hand. 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

We praise you and thank you Lord, for the gifts that have been given to your church. Let these gifts be used to serve your people in need and build your kingdom. We pray this in your holy name, 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

taken from Book of Order

Living Christ, as you open the scriptures to us you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread. Let us now go forth from this place, fed at your table and filled by the Spirit to walk with you all the days of our lives, and proclaim the glory of your resurrection to all the world. Amen

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen

DANISH

(Sanctuary Choir)

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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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.