

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world, through Christ our Lord. Amen

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD**

*HYMN 767 Together We Serve SAN ANSELMO

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Amen in E Yost

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.
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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.

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.

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

Todays flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Saul and Pauline Steel and Cornell and Jane Gurley by their family.

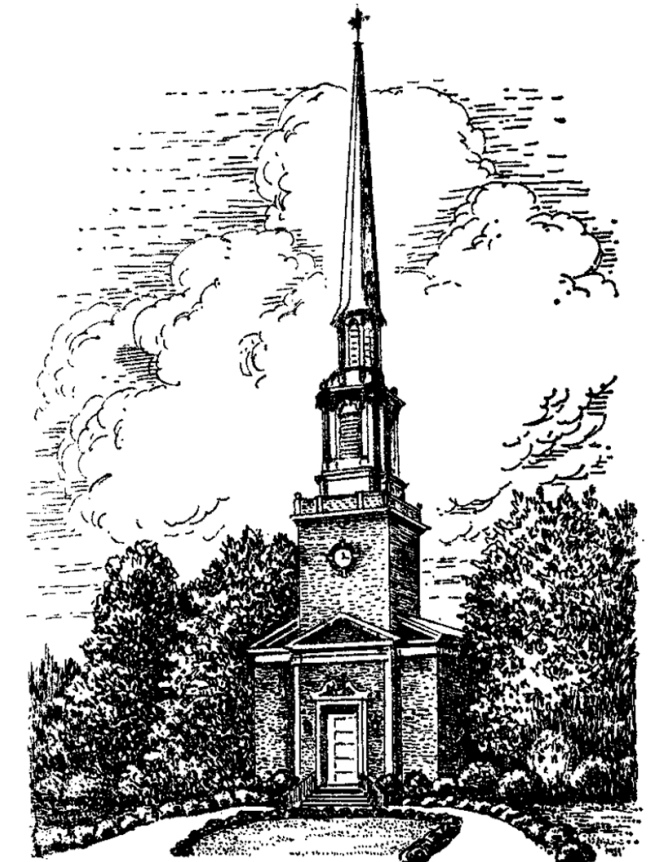
Birth- The rosebud in the chancel today is in honor of Woods Michael Fry born on September 16, 2024 in Belmont, NC. Parents are Mary Katherine Fry and Zac Fry, grandparents are Mary Margaret and Bob Underwood.

Grace of Place Matthew 6:19-21. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth....For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." At First Presbyterian Church, how do we keep the lights on? keep our Commons open and safe for those in need? keep our music leaders fed, happy, and musical? keep the Banner newsletter communicating opportunities for Christian life and service together? Come and find out during the service Sunday, October 6, as we begin our stewardship season. Perhaps you'll learn a few new facts about our church.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Later Today 12:00 PM 4:30PM	College of Elders Lunch (Davis Hall) Combined Youth (Davis Hall)
Monday, October 7 9:00 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) Circle 1 (Fellowship House) Racial Equity Reads (Zoom)
Tuesday, October 8 9:00 AM 9:20 AM 1:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) Circle 3 (Davis Hall) Library Committee (Library Conference Room) Cub Scouts (Davis Hall) Session Meeting (Library Conference Room) Al Anon (Commons)
Wednesday, October 9 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 2:00 PM 7:30 PM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) Bible Study (Library Conference Room) Staff Meeting (FH Sunroom) Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, October 10 9:00 AM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)
Friday, October 11 9:00 AM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)
Saturday, October 12 1:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial Service for Bob Fulghum (Sanctuary/Davis Hall) Free Concert, Matthew Black (the Commons)
Sunday, October 13 9:00 AM 9:45 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 12:15 PM 2:00 PM 3:00 PM	Peace Increase (the Commons) Sunday School Classes (Various locations) Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room) Worship (in person and live streamed) Lemonade & Cookies (FH Front Lawn) Confirmand Meeting (FH Sunroom) Crop Walk (off campus in Kannapolis) Circle 5 (Library Conference Room)

**Twenty Seventh Sunday
In Ordinary Time**



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

Sunday, October 6, 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.

To your name, Lord Jesus,
help me to bow the knee and all its worshipping,
bow the head and all its thinking,
bow the will and all its choosing,
bow the heart and all its loving. Amen.
~ PCUSA *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

Stewardship

VOLUNTARY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 116:12-13

Leader: What shall we return to the Lord
for all the good things God has done for us?
People: **We will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

*HYMN 511

Come Behold! The Feast of Heaven

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through 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 410 *God is Calling Through the Whisper* W ZLOBIE LEZY

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs, through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise. Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder. God is calling, can you hear? God is calling, can you hear?

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

lay reader, Logan Barrier

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 106:1-9,19-23

pew bible, page 557

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

Exodus 32:1- 14

pew bible, page 78

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 529

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

*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 ANTHEM

O Love, How Deep
(Sanctuary Choir)

Everett Titcomb

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake. For us He prayed; for us He taught. For us His daily works He wrought, by words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not Himself, but us. All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad: the Trinity Whom we adore forever and forevermore. Amen!

OFFERTORY

***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

For all your good gifts, we give you thanks and praise, O God. May all that we offer with our hands and our hearts bring hope to the world, in Jesus' 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: Blessed are you, strong and faithful God.

People: **All your works, the height and the depth, echo the silent music of your praise.**

Leader: In the beginning your Word summoned light, night withdrew, and creation dawned.

People: **When the earth had grown full in abundance, you created humanity in your image, stewards of all creation.**

Leader: You gave us breath and speech, that all the living might find a voice to sing your praise, and to celebrate the creation you call good. So now, with all the powers of heaven and earth, we sing the ageless hymn of your glory...

HYMN 562

Holy, Holy, Holy

Leader: All holy God, how wonderful is the work of your hands!

People: **When sin had scarred the world, you entered into covenant to renew the whole creation.**

Leader: As a mother tenderly gathers her children, as a father joyfully welcomes his own,

People: **you embraced a people as your own and filled them with longing for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail.**

Leader: Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom.

People: **From them you raised up Jesus, your Son, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers are satisfied.**

Leader: He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though death would hunt him down.

All: *With a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit. Gracious God, as we offer you our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we commemorate Jesus, your Son. Death could not bind him, for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness and exalted him as Lord of creation.*

Leader: Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and cup, that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him.

All: *May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all peoples will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who teaches us to pray together:*

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